Nita M. Lowey
21st Century Community Learning Centers
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Nita Lowey was a long time champion of out-of-school time programs. Her name is now used in recognizing our 21st Century Community Learning Centers and the remarkable work that is done in supporting students and their families.
As we begin the new 2020-2021 school year, things are surely looking a little different than previous years. It is my hope that we will all do our very best to keep our students, our colleagues, and ourselves healthy throughout the year. Hats off to the administrators, teachers, and their staff personnel as you all work through an unprecedented time in our country. I do know that if anyone is up to this challenge, it is anyone in the education circle. That being said, it is important that we all keep in mind that the 21st Century Community Learning Centers’ obligation is to first serve our students and families with whatever it is that they need at this time. Meals and childcare will take priority with educational support during this school year also a main focus.

I would like to thank Nevin Lubarski and some of the students at SAC for the work they did on the 21CCLC Video Snapshot of their center and its activities during the past year. This youtube video is posted on their school website if you would like to view the video. My hope is that each center will be able to put together something similar to showcase their projects and events by the end of this calendar year. We can help each other with this project, reach out and ask for help!

Here’s wishing all of you a great 20-21 School Year! #6feetapart #wearamask #washyourhands
21CCLC News!!

• Summer Programming took place in all of our centers. Focusing on Child Care and Meals for families were top priority. Centers also managed to fit in some gardening, outdoor nature activities, and virtual educational events.

• As we get started in this new school year we once again have partnered with 4H from the U of M. They will be making visits to our centers every month to bring new classes to our students.

• Two new classes of CNA students also graduated this summer as well! Congratulations to Nurse Julie and her students!

* Our video project with Senior Citizens is on hold for the moment. We’re hoping for a winter start date.
Congratulations to some new “Frontline Worker” faces!
Thank you Nurse Julie!
Fall leaf art project!
A falling leaf is nothing more than the summer waving goodbye!
Congratulations to the students who grew a magnificent garden and then canned their veggies! Nice Job!
... and then the ‘Undies Challenge’!

Join the Soil Your Undies Challenge!
plant by July 1–harvest & report by September 15

Whether you’re on crop, range or forestland, the quick and easy way to test your soil health is by “planting” a pair of clean, cotton underwear in the site you’re curious about—t at least 60 days, then dig them back up—the more the undies are deteriorated, the healthier your soil!

More information and to register:
ps://z.umn.edu/soilyournwmnchallenge

Put your soil to the test!

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Foundation for Natural Resources Education in Minnesota and the Minnesota 4-H program.
Remember your civic duty to vote on November 3!
**Information on registering to vote:**

- Register online at MNVotes.org to print your ballot or
- You can request a paper form to be mailed to you.
- You may return by mail or in person to your county courthouse

**Why Vote?**
- It’s our duty, living in a democratic system.
- People have fought and died for the right to vote.
- Be an example to others, including children and new citizens.
- Voting get you what you want: good roads, good schools, lower taxes, certain freedoms.
Resources: MNVotes.org (Dates, forms, ballot information)

What's on the Election Day ballot in 2020?

All voters will have these races on their general election ballot:

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Judicial seats

Voters may also have one or more of these races on their ballot:

- County Officials
- City Officers
- School Board Members
- Township Officers
- Local ballot questions

Voter registration applications

Download and print copies for a voter registration drive or other outreach effort.

The pre-registration deadline is October 13, 2020, please instruct voters how to register on Election Day.

Absentee ballot applications

Download and print copies for voters who want to vote by mail. Any voter in Minnesota can vote early by absentee ballot, regardless of whether they will be home on Election Day.

Vote by mail or in person

September 18 through November 2

Register in advance by

October 13 to save time on Election Day

Election Day
2020
We’re all in this together!
Stay calm, listen, and offer reassurance.

• Be a role model. Children will react to and follow your reactions. Be the adult.
• Be aware of how you talk about COVID-19. Your discussion can increase or decrease your child’s fear.
• Explain social distancing and mask wearing and why it is important. We don’t know how long it will take to reduce the number of people infected.
• Focus on the positive. Celebrate having more time to spend with family. Even going to school with social distancing and masks is exciting!
• Establish and maintain a daily routine. Regular schedules are good for everyone. It provides a sense of control, calm, predictability, and well-being.
• Identify projects that might help others. Focusing on others help us forget about our frustration.
• Offer lots of love and affection to your family members.