

My name is Jan and I am the PFE coordinator for the North Aurora SDA School. There is nothing better than helping children and being a PFE coordinator is one of the best ways I know to help children. The benefit is twofold: tuition assistance and making friends with a mentor. I have been a coordinator for two years and a mentor for one year. I served on the school board for many years. Our former chairman heard about PFE and asked me to check into starting the program at the North Aurora Seventh Day Adventist School. It was a no-brainer because I love children and care about Christian education. As a coordinator, I work with the mentors to identify activities to do



with the children. Covid interrupted some of our plan but innovative kids and mentors had breakfast together over zoom and played games. Some pairs work on developing relationships with animals. Some pairs work on gardening

and memorizing Bible verses. Others read to their mentors, do homework with their mentors, learn to sew, garden, and make greeting cards. The program is a win-win for mentors, coordinators and most of all, the children.







Students and mentors at North Aurora

## **Spring Activity Suggestions**

- 1. Start a garden
- **2.** See the cherry blossoms
- 3. Have a picnic
- 4. Exercise outside
- **5.** Go on a hike
- **6.** Ride bikes
- 7. Visit a farm to see baby animals
- 8. Play mini-golf
- **9.** Make and fly a kite
- 10. Blow bubbles
- 11. Climb trees
- 12. Find a playground and swing
- **13.** Feed ducks at the pond (not bread)
- 14. Sidewalk chalk
- **15.** Skip stones



## **Newspaper Publication**

Do you have a PFE story that you would like to share with your community? Submit your story to the local newspaper and if it is published, you will receive a gift card from us!



8 Tips for Submitting an Article to the Local Newspaper

- 1. Submit the article to the proper person
- 2. Respect deadlines
- 3. Include your contact information
- 4. Keep things short, simple, and to the point
- 5. Avoid using jargon, slang, or insider words
- 6. Explain acronyms (Example: write 'Partnering for Eternity' first and then you can use 'PFE' in the rest of your article)
- 7. Double-check spelling and grammar
- 8. Thank the newspaper for their consideration

## How to Submit the Article

Find a local newspaper (online or physical) that you like and look for sections where your PFE story would fit well. Recommended sections to look for are local news, neighborhood news, community, etc. The newspaper will include a note on how to submit your article. You may need to email it or drop it off inperson.

<u>Press Release Template</u>

Do you know of any SDA schools that are not currently in PFE?

Every SDA school in my area is in PFE.

I know of some that are not in PFE and will reach out to them to see if they want to join!

## Reminders

- Virtual visits are discontinued (includes letter writing, text, Zoom, etc.)
- K-8 program: a parent/guardian must be with you for the entirety of each visit.
- Send us your stories and pictures!





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