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Ashwaubenon Educational Foundation Awards Grants to Teachers

GREEN BAY, Wis. – The Ashwaubenon Educational Foundation, a Field of Interest Fund of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, has awarded grants to four educational programs in the Ashwaubenon Public School District. The Ashwaubenon Educational Foundation supports the development and continuation of innovative opportunities to enhance Ashwaubenon Public School student experiences in order to develop them as model community and world citizens. Field of Interest Funds, such as the Ashwaubenon Educational Foundation, are established to support particular interest areas, specific program initiatives, and causes or geographic areas.

Grant applications are accepted each spring and can be submitted by any Ashwaubenon School District, parent, staff or administrator, parent association, or community member partnered with professional School District staff.

The grants awarded from the Ashwaubenon Educational Foundation for the 2011-12 school year are:

Camp Smarts: This \$1,200 grant, awarded to Pioneer Elementary School, will provide training materials for teachers to develop *Camp Smarts*, which offers students in grades one through three the opportunity to discover their uniqueness as a child and learner while using multiple intelligences to experience learning different concepts during a summer camp.

Family Math Night: This \$1,000 grant will enforce the home/school math connection by offering two family evenings when students and parents will engage in math activities to increase student math proficiency at Pioneer Elementary School.

Teacher Chat: This \$600 grant will fund a *Teacher Chat* with Linda Holliman, a well-respected author and teacher, for interested kindergarten teachers and staff at Cormier School and Early Learning Center, and follow-up for teachers to develop activities and discuss the implementation of activities in class. This web-conference workshop will focus on literacy, writing activities and literature extensions.

Writing Workshops: The Ashwaubenon Educational Foundation will partially fund the Elementary Literacy Team of Cormier School and Early Learning Center, Pioneer Elementary School, and Valley View Elementary School with a \$2,000 grant to coordinate an elementary writing project. This project will provide an opportunity for all elementary students in Ashwaubenon to meet in writing workshops with a published author, develop their storytelling and creative thinking, and participate in a family reading night.

Additional details can be found online at www.ggbcf.org.

About the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation

Established in 1991, the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that manages more than 500 funds, and distributes grants to between 400 and 500 nonprofits each year. Community Foundation grants provide funding for programs and services that improve the quality of life in Northeast Wisconsin, supporting human services, education, arts and culture, the environment, and more. Our mission is to inspire and encourage charitable giving in Northeast Wisconsin by connecting people who care with solutions that strengthen our community. For more information, please visit our website: www.ggbcf.org.