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MEADOWVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL "EXPLORATION ROOM EXPANSION" PROJECT

WINS WISCONSIN RETIRED EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARD

- Meadowview Middle School (Sparta) and Sixth Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher, Eric Pederson, for "Exploration Room Expansion" project. Students are given choices of experiences. The goal with this initiative is to take what students learn in school and apply it to their personal lives. This proposal would provide the funds necessary to purchase specific experiences such as Spin Tronics, Turing Tumble kits, ecosystem and biome books and science experiments on adaptations and predator and prey relationships. They would also develop a one-room school-house exploration experience kit. We want to use these funds to offer more potting supplies, soil, and seeds to start a new indoor garden. Your funding will continue to move us forward for the benefit of all the students in our middle school and provide positive involvement in our community.

Meadowview Middle School is one of five innovative elementary school projects to be awarded \$2,000 this year, for a total of \$10,000 donated by the WREA Foundation. The other projects awarded were Tomahawk Middle School (Tomahawk), Bessie Allen Middle School North Fond du Lac), Waupun Area Junior/Senior High School (Waupun), and Kickapoo Area Schools (Viola).

The financial award is part of an annual "Challenge Award" program sponsored by the WREA Foundation. It recognizes ten schools each year, in each of the five statewide regions that comprise WREA. From year to year, the awards are rotated from elementary schools to middle schools, to high schools, every third year.

In addition to the first-place winners, three second place winners were awarded \$250.00 each for their innovative projects. The schools include Tomahawk Middle School (Tomahawk), Laconia Middle School (Rosendale), and Stone Bank School (Oconomowoc).

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