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WAUPUN AREA JUNIOR/HIGH SCHOOL "ADDING DRAMA TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT" PROJECT

WINS WISCONSIN RETIRED EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION AWARD

- Waupun Area Junior/Senior High School (Waupun) and Seventh/Eighth Grade language Arts Teacher, Tori Hagen for "Adding Drama to Increase Engagement" project. We are seeking funding to provide our Language Arts department with high-quality dramatic play resources to transform our classrooms into stages for active learning. These resources will be used for 'read alouds.' By embodying roles and reenacting scenes, students move from rote memorization to deep, embodied learning. By literally stepping into the shoes of another, students gain a window into the lives, emotions, and needs of others. We aim to invest in durable accessories, props, and backdrops that can be shared across the department. By funding these resources, you are helping our students to take on new characters, build their fluence, and, most importantly, wear the confidence they will need for the rest of their lives.

STONE BANK MIDDLE SCHOOL "MS STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL" PROJECT

WINS WISCONSIN RETIRED EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION 2ND PLACE AWARD

- Stone Bank School (Oconomowoc) and Activities & Events Coordinator, Sarah Beneker, for "MS Student Leadership Council" project. What makes this program especially innovative is its emphasis on student leadership at a grade school level. Students take an active role in identifying community needs, planning service initiatives, organizing events, and reflecting on their experiences. Our students have worked to raise both money and awareness for individuals who are less fortunate, individuals with disabilities, and military veterans. The program has also inspired an exceptional commitment to service among our students. Award funding would allow the student Leadership Council to further expand its initiatives and deepen its community partnerships. Funds would support service projects, transportation, materials, and outreach efforts, enabling students to reach more organizations and address additional community needs.

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 regional districts that comprise WREA. From year to year, the awards are rotated from elementary schools to middle schools, to high schools, every third year.

Waupun Area Junior/Senior High School is one of five innovative middle 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), Meadowview Middle School (Sparta) and Kickapoo Area Schools (Viola).

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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