



At Horace Mann Middle School...

The Wausau School Foundation stopped in for a valuable lesson – “sparking innovation” is about to arrive in the form of technology and renewable energy lessons just got more interesting and fun!



Wausau School Foundation awards \$2,500 Reach for the Stars Grant

Horace Mann Middle School 7th grade students are very proud of their science teacher, Ms Natalie Gajewski awarded a \$2500 Reach for the Stars Education Grant - “*sparking innovation for student success.*” WSF Director, Kristine Vanden Heuvel, along with Principal, Julie Sprague and Board members Barb Klofstad, Jann Slayton and Barb Peterson Voigt made a surprise visit to her classroom on Friday to announce the news. The grant specifically purchases 10 Google Chrome Books for the renewable energy science curriculum.

The Chrome Books that will enhance learning using a new Chrome App Database developed by the WSD middle school IMC directors. Throughout the year the students will use the devices to develop technology-rich presentations through database research, virtual tours, and Web 2.0 tools. The “Books” will be a tool adding a whole new dimension to the science curriculum for 21st century learning. Incorporated into these learning experiences will be community speakers, wind turbine kits, solar panel kits and possibly visits to the Wausau East Wind Turbine project.

The Wausau School Foundation (WSF) is a non-profit organization that turns donor dollars into “sparking innovation” opportunities for students of all ages throughout Wausau School District classrooms. In almost 15 years, the WSF has provided over \$402,000 in support of innovative education projects through the REACH FOR THE STARS grant program.

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