



## Beyond Pencils & Crayons Grants 2011-12 School Year

The Community Foundation is proud to award the following Beyond Pencils and Beyond Crayons Grants from the Wausau-Marathon County Fund for the 2011-12 school year:

### **ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL: \$900**

#### **Experiential Learning through Community Gardens**

Students will design and build raised garden beds that will be planted and cared for by the students to provide healthy food for their families and the local food bank

### **D.C. EVEREST MIDDLE SCHOOL: \$2,360**

#### **Food for Thought...Building Family Bonds**

The Family and Consumer Education Department will host four "food centered" evenings that will include activities that will focus on food related topics

### **D.C. EVEREST SCHOOL FOREST SCHOOL FOREST: \$5,000**

#### **Changing Environments, Changing Climates: Lessons from the Past**

Sixth grade Environmental Enrichment students will research how the environments of central Wisconsin have changed in geologic history and how ecosystems are changing today. The creation of a large-scale mural reflecting Wisconsin's geologic history, designed by students and created in conjunction with a local artist, is a part of this project.

### **EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL: \$1,000**

#### **Cents of Reality**

An interactive financial literacy simulation to reinforce students' money management and budgeting skills

### **EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL: \$250**

#### **Mentoring with Puppets**

Environmental biology students will create and perform a puppet show with an environmental message

### **EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL: \$500**

#### **Immunology In-house Field Trip**

A biotechnology lab will engage students in high-tech exploration to detect the presence or absence of antibodies in chicken eggs

### **EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL: \$100**

#### **Food, Ecology and Local Economy: What's the Connection**

Environmental Biology and Culinary Arts students will experience the impact of sustainable agriculture and the local food economy through a visit to a local community supported agriculture farm

### **EDGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL: \$600**

#### **Hands-on History**

Students will be involved in extensive research and presentation of historical events to be showcased to their peers, parents, and the community through the National History Day program

### **JOHN MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: \$900**

#### **From Seed to Sandwich: Integrating Plant Sciences into the Curriculum**

Students will be involved in a hands-on gardening experience and plant study that will include growing lettuce, spinach and tomato seeds, using these experiences in their reading, writing, and math lessons

### **MOUNTAIN BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: \$4,500**

#### **The Arts: An Expression of Creativity**

Artist-in-residence, Joel Tanis, will teach students about imagination, creativity, and problem solving through the design and production of a 71-foot mural in the school

### **MOUNTAIN BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: \$2,011**

#### **Enrichment Activities for Math Instruction**

Teachers will utilize "Zupelz" and "Think Tanks" as resources to meet the needs of students at various math skill levels in terms of enrichment while instructing through a new differentiation model

### **NEWMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT ST. MARK: \$1,625**

#### **Future Scientist Program**

Building on children's natural curiosity, teachers will develop mini-science exploration activities and centers that will stretch their knowledge and imagination of the world around them and beyond

### **ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL: \$485**

#### **Dive Into Literacy**

Students will be introduced to basic literacy concepts through fun themes and concepts in a variety of ways

### **ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL: \$344**

#### **For the Birds**

Life science lessons will be enhanced through the study of incubating duck eggs and a visit by an owl educator

**STRATFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: \$3,300**

**"I Don't Want to Work, I Want to Bang on the Drum All Day"**

Students are sure to become excited to learn in the music classroom by using new barred instruments that not only teach musical concepts but also develop life-skills and confidence

**WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT: EAST, WEST, JOHN MUIR & HORACE MANN: \$2,560**

**Rhythm Nations: Developing the Rhythmic Abilities of Students through the Study of World Music**

Through the study of the music of Ghana, students will have the opportunity to learn basic African drumming techniques, new approaches to rhythm, and polyrhythm, and connect comparisons with the role of music in their own culture with that of Ghana. The unit will culminate in a joint concert of all four schools

**A WALK IN THEIR SHOES: \$2,500**

**"First They Killed My Father"**

Students from several school districts will gather in April to hear Loung Ung share her story of surviving the genocide in Cambodia as part of their social studies curriculum