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Ashwaubenon Schools Name Bodager As New Coordinator Of Senior Volunteers

Ashwaubenon, WI – September 28, 2011 – The Ashwaubenon School District is pleased to announce Debbie Bodager as their new Coordinator of Senior Volunteers. Bodager will oversee the district’s ‘Seniors in our Schools’ program, replacing Joanne Krcmar who retired this past summer. The ‘Seniors in our Schools’ is a successful program currently involving 125 Ashwaubenon senior citizens who share their time and talents in a variety of ways.

Bodager is an Ashwaubenon resident who has had two sons graduate from Ashwaubenon and a daughter currently attending Ashwaubenon High School. She has a Bachelors and a Masters degree in education and, has worked in both the college and K-12 education arena. In addition, Bodager has been involved in various Ashwaubenon School District committees and activities, served as a Sunday School Superintendent and is currently the President of the Green Bay Area Reciprocity Board.

Bodager replaces Joanne Krcmar who was the district’s first Coordinator of Senior Volunteers. Krcmar took on that role a couple years after retiring as an Ashwaubenon teacher. She was instrumental in developing and growing the ‘Seniors in our School’ program. The program blossomed from 30 volunteers serving three schools through a joint venture with Ashwaubenon’s Park and Recreation department in 2009 to a focused school district function with over 125 volunteers serving all five district schools in 2010.

Ashwaubenon School District’s goal of senior citizen involvement is to increase the community's understanding, confidence, and engagement in the district’s operation and success. It is a way to connect with the growing senior citizen population in the district. ‘Seniors in our Schools’ offers Ashwaubenon senior citizens, 50 years old and above, a means to remain active in the schools. Some senior volunteers work on a regular weekly basis, helping students master reading, writing, math, and spelling skills while others help as their schedules permit. Opportunities can include helping in elementary school libraries, preparing projects, serving as guest readers, ushering for musical performances, proctoring AP tests, and judging academic competitions. Anyone interested in joining the ‘Seniors in our Schools’ program can contact Debbie Bodager at 492-2905 extension 2005 or dbodager@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us.

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