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### **Valley View Students Enjoy Free Books and Senior Volunteers at Read-in Program**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – December 19, 2011** – On Tuesday, December 13th all students at Ashwaubenon’s Valley View School participated in a Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) celebration. Every student at the school received a free book of their choice. In addition, all the classrooms were visited by a senior volunteer who read a holiday story to them to further celebrate the day.

The fifth grade classes listened to a special Reader’s Theater presentation of Aaron Shepherd’s script entitled, “The Christmas Truce”. Senior volunteers read parts from the story taking the roles of four soldiers during World War I when thousands of soldiers on the British and German front put down their weapons to celebrate peace at Christmas. It is believed that the truce sprang up spontaneously and independently, rather than by a special initiative.

This will be the third year that senior citizens have participated in the special December RIF program. Coordinators for the day were Valley View Associate Principal Andrew Bake and the school district’s Coordinator of Senior Volunteers Debbie Bodager. The Valley View Support Team made the free book distribution possible.

For more information please contact Debbie Bodager, Coordinator of Senior Volunteers, at 920-492-2905 extension 2005 or [dbodager@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us](mailto:dbodager@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us).

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Senior volunteers Mark Castonia, Randy Johnson, Dennis Schatt and Tom Selk read ‘The Christmas Truce’ to Ashwaubenon’s Valley View Elementary School students.

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Senior volunteer Lois Mauermann reads a holiday story to Ashwaubenon’s Valley View Elementary School students.

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Senior volunteer Bernie Selk reads a holiday story to Ashwaubenon’s Valley View Elementary School students.

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