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Ashwaubenon Fifth Graders Learn To Make Bread For A Good Cause

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 12, 2010 – On Tuesday, May 4th, fifth grade students at Ashwaubenon’s Valley View and Pioneer elementary schools took part in a Life Skills Bread Baking Program sponsored by the King Arthur Flour Company. The program provides students with the skills necessary to make bread from scratch utilizing math and science. The students then donated the bread to three local food pantries – The Stocked Shelf, Paul’s Pantry and The Marion House.

Paula Gray from King Arthur Flour did the instructing while students, Ryan Johnson and Skyler Lund, did the actual measuring, mixing and kneading to create a ball of dough. The dough was then divided into two parts, one of which was braided into a fancy loaf of bread. With the other part, Ms. Gray showed the students how they could make cinnamon rolls, soft pretzels or pizza crust.

After the presentation each fifth grade student was given a kit enabling them to bake two loaves of bread at home. The students could keep one loaf to enjoy and bring the other loaf to school as a donation. By the following Monday, 181 loaves of bread were donated to the food pantries.

According to Carey Gamble, 5th Grade Teacher, “The aroma of fresh baked bread drifting down the hallways was enhanced by the warm feeling that helping others can bring. This program was not only educational, but also a fun, family activity and a great opportunity to give back to the community.”

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