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Bringing the Neville Museum to Ashwaubenon Schools Through Google Glass

Ashwaubenon, WI – February 3, 2014– Ashwaubenon School District 4th grade students will be participating in a virtual field trip with the Neville Public Museum on February 5th at 10:45 AM. Using Google Glass, Google’s new wearable technology (<http://www.google.com/glass>), students will be able to interact with artifacts at the Neville without leaving their classroom. The Ashwaubenon School District (ASD) Technology Integration Team and Jason Dreier, Ashwaubenon High School Social Studies Teacher, have both been accepted into the Google Glass Explorer Program for early adopters, which allows access to this new technology.

As early adopters of Google Glass, the ASD tech team and Mr. Dreier will be researching ways Google Glass could be used in an educational setting. One of the exciting ways they are using Glass is to bring the outside world into the classroom. On February 5th, 4th grade students will be participating in a virtual field trip. Jamie Averbeck, Technology Integration Specialist, will be wearing Google Glass and participating in a hands-on tour of early French fur trade artifacts with Kirsten Smith, Education Specialist at the Neville Public Museum. Through Google Glass, the 4th graders will see, hear, and ask questions via their classroom projector.

Google Glass was first made available for public BETA testing in February, 2013. There are currently between 10,000 and 60,000 pairs of Google Glass in the world, two of them in the Ashwaubenon School District. The purpose of the Explorer program is to test and gauge how consumers would use Google Glass. The Ashwaubenon School District’s interest is to see how this technology could benefit their teachers and students. The school district is excited to partner with the Neville Public Museum as a way to not only test the technology, but to highlight the historical artifacts and exhibits the museum has to offer.

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