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Ashwaubenon Connects High School And Elementary Students Using Digital Reader Hangouts

Ashwaubenon, WI – December 9, 2013 – By implementing a new Digital Reader Hangout program, Ashwaubenon High School (AHS) student leaders are reading picture books to primary classrooms within the school district. On Wednesday, December 11th from 9:05 to 9:30 AM, AHS students located in the school library's Idea Lab will read to students in Mrs. Horst's class and Mrs. Carstens' class at Cormier School and Early Learning Center.

For the past few Wednesdays during their homerooms, AHS students who were nominated by their coaches or club leaders have been using Google Hangouts to read to classrooms at Cormier, Valley View and Pioneer elementary schools. Google Hangouts is an online conferencing tool that allows multiple users to interact with each other via their computer. This Digital Reader Hangout program started as an idea between Jamie Averbek, the school district's Technology Integration Specialist, and Mark Jonas, AHS varsity football coach. The program is mutually beneficial to both the high school and the elementary students, helping to promote literacy in the district.

For more information about the Digital Reader Hangout on Wednesday, December 11th, please contact Jamie Averbek, Technology Integration Specialist, at 920-492-2905 extension 5355 or javerbeck@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us.

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