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Virtual Learning Partnership Announced Between the Neville Public Museum and the Ashwaubenon School District

Green Bay, WI---December 17, 2015---On Friday, December 11, 2015 the Neville Public Museum in partnership with the Ashwaubenon School District launched a new digital initiative: connecting museum collections to students using Google Hangouts. With Hangouts, Ashwaubenon elementary students were able to connect with museum staff from their classroom. Students were given a behind-the-scenes look at artifacts that aren't usually available to the public. The next Hangout will take place on Friday, January 15, 2016 at the Neville with four more Hangouts in the works for 2016 that will be archived digitally on YouTube.

"Our museum Hangouts are a perfect example of a community partnership. Through this partnership with the Neville Public Museum our Ashwaubenon students are experiencing an authentic learning opportunity, taking advantage of the awesome artifacts and content experts that the Neville provides. We are very appreciative of our partnership with the Neville and excited to see how it grows," says Jamie Averbeck, Instructional Technology Coordinator Ashwaubenon School District.

"I'm really looking forward to being able to consistently check in every month and answer questions right away during our chats and even afterward via email with the teachers," said Ryan Swadley, Education Specialist at the Neville Public Museum. "In the future I think this type of virtual learning will be a great way to prepare kids for their visit to the museum and help to reach groups who can't physically visit."

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