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Ashwaubenon High School Parent Network Receives Grant From Partners In Education

Ashwaubenon, WI – April 29, 2010 – Ashwaubenon High School’s Parent Network received a grant for \$2,000.00 to be used to sponsor alcohol and drug free events such as post-prom and graduation activities. The Parent Network, co-chaired by Mary Brunette and Karen Starkweather, joined with Partners in Education (PIE) to promote their “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” and “Parents You Matter” programs. These PIE programs communicate the importance of parent involvement and communication in order to deter the underage use of alcohol and experimentation with drugs.

The AHS Parent Network invited Rebecca Deschane, Youth Development Manager for PIE, to speak at the Athletic Rules Meeting this past March and again at the Freshman Orientation this coming August. She informs her audience of the many statistics, facts and laws regarding underage use of alcohol as well as the risks to parents who provide alcohol to minors or host parties involving minors and alcohol. Ms. Deschane also provides tips to parents of teens regarding the promotion of safe, drug and alcohol free parties while encouraging a healthy lifestyle at the same time. In addition to the school district’s two police liaison officers being present to answer questions, the Parent Network also had the Junior and Senior Class Advisors, Val Hodgson and Amy Bunkleman, distribute related information in their prom and graduation activity packets.

The AHS Parent Network is an informal group of parents of freshman through senior students that help plan, fundraise and sponsor school events. These events help connect parents and students, creating a sense of community and school pride while providing actual funds for activities such as Homecoming, Post-Prom and the Senior Breakfast.

For more information about the AHS Parent Network, please contact Mary Brunette or Karen Starkweather at 920-494 4093 or tykare@new.rr.com.

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