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Ashwaubenon School District Staff Raises \$2,500 For Scholarships

Ashwaubenon, WI – March 5, 2010 – The Ashwaubenon School District staff has raised over \$2,500 to support their Gift of Education program, a partnership between the Ashwaubenon Education Association, Support Professionals Association, and Substitute Teachers Association. The Gift of Education Program aims to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior of Ashwaubenon High School each spring.

To raise this money, members of the Ashwaubenon learning community were encouraged to order homemade pasties. After accepting orders for over 750 pasties, sixty staff members from all five Ashwaubenon schools got together after school on March 1 to make the pasties from scratch.

“In addition to raising money to grant a scholarship to a deserving Ashwaubenon senior, another important goal of this program is to get the staff of our schools together to do something good for our community, and to have fun doing it,” said Andrew Bake, one of the program’s organizers. “We accomplished a lot, making over 800 pasties in one night, and we had a great time doing it.”

As a result of this hard work and the dedication of Ashwaubenon staff to the students of the district, two \$1,000 Gift of Education scholarships will be awarded this spring, a feat which far surpasses the program’s goal. This is the third year the program has been in existence, and the first year that such a large amount of money has been raised. A committee of staff members will begin reviewing applications and select the two scholarship winners, with their names being announced at Ashwaubenon High School’s Senior Night in May.

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