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Belgrade- Brooten-Elrosa Awarded Grant from Prairie Lakes Coop



Photo: Left to Right: Matt Bullard, Josie Dingmann, Justin Schmitz, Jared Sorenson, Tia Halvorson, Taylor Gregory and Paul Anderson

Monday, January 05, 2009– Elrosa, Minn. – Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa seventh and eighth grade teacher Mrs. Dingmann recently received a \$750 grant from Prairie Lakes Coop as part of the company’s Community Pride School Inspiration Grant.

The Community Pride Committee selected Mrs. Dingmann’s application to receive \$750 towards the departments’ objective of providing students with graphing calculators to take home. Currently there are students who do not have graphing calculators available at home for various reasons.

Dingmann states in her application, “[To] offer an opportunity for all students to complete their homework by having the correct materials available to them. Extended learning opportunities can also be developed more frequently if all students have access

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to the graphing calculators. With technology [costs] on the rise, we do not want any students from the Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa area to fall behind due to economic struggles at home.”

Applying schools have to indicate their plans for the School Inspiration grant money, supply general information about the school, project, and purpose of the request, along with specific financial needs and projected outcomes.

“We want all students have a strong base in education and be prepared for their future employment opportunities. This grant money gives students a base to grow on,” says Tim Harvey Prairie Lakes Coop Board Member.

“We feel the students using these graphing calculators will have a more positive and successful learning environment by having the materials and technology available for them,” says Paul Anderson, Prairie Lakes Coop Board Chairman.

Prairie Lakes Coop awarded a \$750 grant to Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa seventh and eighth grade teacher Mrs. Dingmann on behalf of local member owners. Prairie Lakes Coop (prairielakescoop.com), a division of CHS, provides products and services in the agronomy, energy, and grain markets to meet the needs of its patrons. Prairie Lakes Coop has locations in the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood and Starbuck creating relationships with customers in agronomy inputs, fuels, and grain marketing.