



To: Board of Education
Fr: Matt Gibson
Re: **April 6, 2011 Together We Celebrate Success**

A. 2011 Wisconsin Hills Middle School of the Year

The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) selects three middle schools each year (large, middle-sized, and small) for their middle school of the year award. Wisconsin Hills is the winner of the large middle school award this year and it is the second time they have won this award. As indicated by the attached, the award is based on outstanding student achievement. Principal Robyn Martino will be here to be honored on behalf of the Wisconsin Hills school community. I recently had the privilege of being there when this award was presented at an AWSA conference in Lake Geneva. **Congratulations, Wisconsin Hills Middle School and Principal Robyn Martino!**

I will introduce the award and then ask Robyn Martino to briefly comment on the factors that contributed to this success.

B. 2011 Herb Kohl Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients

Elmbrook has three recipients this year. In addition to the recognition, \$1,000 awards are given to each excellent recipient, each fellowship recipient, and to the school of the fellowship recipient.

Excellence student scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond. Excellence student scholarship recipients for 2011 are Elizabeth Stief from Brookfield Central and Kathleen Cashin from Brookfield East. **Congratulations, Elizabeth Stief and Kathleen Cashin!**

Fellowship staff recipients are chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and for their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Fellowship staff recipient for 2011 is Elyce Moschella from Brookfield Central. **Congratulations, Elyce Moschella!**

I will introduce these awards and then ask the winners to briefly comment on the factors that contributed to their success.

Recommended Board Action – None.

Attachments – Available further information on the awards.

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Honoring Wisconsin School Leaders

Conferences feature award presentations that highlight school principals making a difference

Every day in every community in the state of Wisconsin, school leaders are working diligently, with passion and resolve, to ensure that our students receive an education that will prepare them for the 21st Century and beyond.

AWSA and the Department of Public Instruction are joined by WEAC, WASDA and WASB in honoring AWSA members who have

demonstrated exemplary school leadership skills that have resulted in a positive learning culture and a focus on continuous improvement in student achievement.

The 2010 principals of the year and 2011 associate principal of the year were honored at the AWSA grade level conferences held in late January and February. The DPI's Tony Evers, Mike Thompson and Scott Jones were on hand to congratulate the award recipients and laud the work that Wisconsin principals do every day.

The AP of the Year and Principal of the Year are selected by a panel of judges representing the DPI, WEAC, WASDA, and WASB. The judges score applications based on a rubric and then, scores are tallied to produce a total score that indicates the award

winner. Judges are finalizing their scores for the 2010 Principal of the Year Award. The winners of this year's awards will be announced in the April newsletter.

The Principal of the Year, AP of the Year and Middle Level Awards are supported at the state level by AWSA's corporate partners. A list of corporate partners and links to company websites can be found at the AWSA website.

The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators and Department of Public Instruction instituted the Middle School Award Program in 2007 through AWSA's Middle Level Advisory Committee to recognize the good work that middle schools are doing.

Criteria for the first level of recognition, Exemplary Middle Schools, include one or more of the following:

- rapid improvement in reading and/or math scores in the past school year; and/or,
- reading and/or math scores in the top 10% in the past year; and/or,
- rapid improvement in scores in reading and/or math for schools with a high poverty population.

Each exemplary middle school is encouraged to apply for one of four Middle School of Excellence awards, given to a large, medium, small, and high poverty school. A panel of judges, including middle school principals and a representative from the Department of Public Instruction, judge the applications. They examine the schools' efforts and accomplishments in the areas of collaborative leadership and professional learning communities; personalization and the school environment; and curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

A total of four awards were presented at the Middle Level Principals Conference in Lake Geneva. A complete list of exemplary middle schools and middle schools of excellence is available on the AWSA website under Information/Recognition and Awards/Middle Level Awards. ■



*Middle Level
Barry Kamrath*



*Elementary
Myra Mises-
Khrin*



*AP
Michael Moore*



*High School
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HERB KOHL FOUNDATION LUNCHEON
TO HONOR AREA STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

MILWAUKEE - A luncheon to honor the achievements of southeastern Wisconsin students and teachers will be held Sunday, April 3, 2011 at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced today.

On March 1, the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation and the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced the recipients of \$1,000 Initiative Scholarships, Excellence Scholarships and Fellowships. The April 3 luncheon will recognize the accomplishments of the area's outstanding students and educators. Twenty four teacher Fellowship recipients, 27 Excellence Scholarship recipients, and 15 Initiative Scholarship recipients will be honored. Kim Marggraf, spokesperson for the Herb Kohl Foundation, said that U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, representatives of co-sponsoring organizations (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, Wisconsin Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, and Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation), and the families and friends of southeast Wisconsin award recipients will be part of this program.

"The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation believes that it is important to publicly acknowledge and applaud the efforts of Wisconsin's leading teachers and students. We are very pleased to have Senator Kohl join us for this special recognition of excellence in education," Marggraf said.

The Herb Kohl Foundation **Excellence Scholarship** was established by Herb Kohl to provide scholarships to graduating Wisconsin high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding leadership, citizenship, community service, integrity, and other

special talents. The Herb Kohl Foundation **Fellowship** rewards teachers who have demonstrated superior ability to inspire love of learning in their students, have motivated others, and have provided meritorious service both inside and outside the classroom.

The Herb Kohl **Initiative Scholarship** was established to recognize students who have demonstrated a high level of motivation to achieve, have shown strong promise for achieving success in college and beyond, have overcome significant personal obstacles or adversity, and have not yet received other academic based scholarships.

"Senator Kohl will be making formal award presentations to the recipients at the luncheon," Marggraf said. The Herb Kohl Foundation will issue the \$1,000 Excellence and Initiative Scholarship grants to the postsecondary institution that each student will attend. Each teacher will receive a \$1,000 Fellowship and an additional \$1,000 grant will be awarded to the teacher's school for use in innovative educational projects. The Kohl Educational Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship program was established by U.S. Senator Herb Kohl in 1990. To date the foundation has provided \$7.4 million to Wisconsin educators, students and schools. The foundation annually awards 181 scholarships and 100 fellowships throughout the state.

The Milwaukee event is one of five regional award programs sponsored by the Herb Kohl Foundation. The reception is scheduled to begin Sunday, April 3, at 12:00 noon at Pius XI High School, 135 N. 76th Street, Milwaukee. The award program will commence at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Media availability may be arranged before or after the award presentation. Contact Kim Marggraf at 920-946-3640 or marggraf@excel.net. Following is a list of Elmbrook Award award recipients.

Excellence Scholars:

Kathleen Cashin, Elm Grove
Brookfield East High School, Brookfield

Elizabeth Stief, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Teacher Fellow:

Elyce Moschella, Milwaukee
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield