

Arlington Public Schools

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Supportive Information Sheet

Subject: DONATION – PUMPKINS FOR LITERACY GRANT

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Background Information:

Yearly, schools in the Arlington School District receive funds from the Pumpkins for Literacy Foundation for the purchase of books to be included in each library's collection. The Marysville Rotary facilitates this successful program as they work to promote literacy in our community. Representatives from the Arlington Public Schools attended a ceremony on October 25, 2008, at which time the money was granted. Money was divided as follows:

Presidents Elementary: \$1000.00
Eagle Creek Elementary: \$1000.00
Kent Prairie Elementary: \$1000.00
Pioneer Elementary: \$1000.00
Trafton Elementary: \$500.00
Stillaguamish: \$500.00

Administrative Consideration:

The intent of this grant is for purchasing library books for each school. Furthermore, the funds are frequently allocated to purchase leveled books that support the incentive-based Accelerated Reader Program. Some schools focus on books at reading levels where we have few selections, but high need. Also, there may be a focus on either non-fiction or fiction, depending upon the needs of each individual building and their learning improvement plans.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

That the Board approves the donation of \$5,000.00 from the Pumpkins for Literacy Foundation to six different schools of Arlington Public Schools for the purpose of buying library books.