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WCS teachers awarded more than \$4,500 in grant funds by Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan

Warren, MI – The Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan recently awarded five Warren Consolidated teachers with more than \$4,500 in grant funds to be used for special classroom projects.

Chris Maras - Title I teacher from Harwood Elementary, and Holden Elementary teachers Amanda Wezner - resource room, Jen Pisha-Rude - second grade, Karrie Michael – first grade, and Judy Franklin – media specialist, received the *Link to Creative Teaching* grant to offset classroom projects in the areas of reading, arts, math, science, technology, and behavioral modification.

Maras plans to use the funds to start the Young Entrepreneur Club at Harwood. He plans to purchase Kidpreneur text books to teach students to become entrepreneurs.

Wezner, who works with special education and general education students, plans to purchase ball chairs, seat cushions, and t-stools for her resource room to promote movement in the classroom.

Pisha-Rude plans to use her grant funds to purchase two laptops for her classroom to help increase Mathematics and typing skills through online learning.

Michael will use her funds to help with reading growth and engagement by creating The Last Love and Literature Program. She plans to provide a cozy reading space in her classroom with new furniture, an updated listening center and hands on activities and games.

Franklin plans to purchase 60 hardcover non-fiction books for the media center at Holden Elementary. She also plans to create a Facts Rule Reading Club.

“The district is extremely grateful to the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan for awarding our teachers with the funds to bring these special projects to their classrooms,” Chief Academic Officer Joseph Konal said. “Our teachers are always looking for ways to enhance student learning and achievement and the grant funds assist in this endeavor.”

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