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Alburgh Community Education Center Receives Technology Grant from Vermont Lottery

Grant Program Provides iPads to Vermont Schools

BARRE – The Vermont Lottery and Vermont Agency of Education announce Alburgh Community Education Center, of Alburgh, Vermont, a K-8 public school, as the Fall 2015 winner of the Educate/Innovate Grant Program. This is the second round of what is now a twice-annual award.

The program, funded by the Vermont Lottery, will provide a cart of Chromebooks to the school in support of their proposal, which has intermediate grade students working with a nationally recognized program, Journey North, to study Whooping Crane migrations. The project proposed will integrate multiple core curriculums as the student's research, graph and exhibit their understandings of Whooping Crane migration patterns. Through Journey North, it will also be possible to connect with scientists and researchers directly involved in the migration study.

The winning proposal states:

"This unit weaves science, writing, reading, technology, math, mapping, geography, and art. It teaches empathy as we face the realization that this species is endangered, and empowerment as we realize how human endeavor and commitment can have a positive impact on our world. There is much that can be learned through cross-curricular activities and projects like this."

The plan is to engage students in the process as the Whooping Cranes migrate South. Connections with other schools along the way will also be possible with the influx of the technology. The Vermont Lottery will be working closely with school leaders in the next month to arrange for delivery of the devices and schedule a press event at the school to celebrate the start of this exciting endeavor.

The Agency of Education and Vermont Lottery will keep abreast of the project progress. There will be another opportunity for schools to be part of this grant program this Spring. Future lottery marketing campaigns may feature the schools' use of the new technology.

The goals of this grant program are twofold: to build public awareness on how the Vermont Lottery supports education, and to aid schools by providing technology that can support student learning.

For information about the program, call or email Executive Director Greg Smith at the offices of the Vermont Lottery. gsmith@vtlottery.com or (802) 476- 0100.

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