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Bear Care Receives $1,000 Grant

EVELETH-The Eveleth Area Community Foundation recently presented a check for $1,000 to the Eveleth-Gilbert School's Before and After Care School Program (Bear Care). The grant will be used to purchase art and crafts materials, recreational activity equipment, educational games, books and supplies to enhance the activities of the Bear Care program.

"The Eveleth Area Community Foundation is excited to assist our local school district with a project that will benefit the children from our area for years to come," said Louise Bonach, EACF Secretary.

Bear Care provides a comprehensive before and after school program in a safe, nurturing, and fun learning environment where students can explore a wide variety of activities and learning experiences as well as providing parents with affordable school age child care. The supervised program is for children in kindergarten through grade four. The program starts at 6:00 a.m. until school begins, and after regular school hours until 6:00 p.m. The program offers supervision and leadership in a variety of areas including, homework help, special interest projects, reading, and indoor and outdoor recreational activities.

In the Before and After School Program students are given the opportunity to:
· Engage in activities in a safe and relaxed atmosphere.
· Receive Homework Help
· Make choices to engage in active or quiet activities
· Participate in educational projects such as arts and crafts and literacy programs
· Strengthen social skills and personal relationships
· Enjoy a healthy afternoon snack.

The Bear Care program will be held at the Franklin Elementary where the students are enrolled creating consistency with the children and easing the burden for parents. The costs are $2.75 per hour per child. (Partial hours will be charged in 30 minute increments) After 6:00 P.M. the charge is $1.00 per minute.

Families can use this program every day, once a week, or only occasionally. The program is currently averaging 20 students in attendance per day. Parents interested in Bear Care should contact the Franklin Elementary School at: 218-744-7709.

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The Eveleth Foundation fund was created to enhance and improve the quality of life of the citizens in the Eveleth-Gilbert area and to encourage others to do the same. As an affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, the EACF enjoys the investment and tax benefits of the region's largest Community Foundation. Parties interested in learning more about the EACF and how it may assist them with their charitable interests should visit the website at: www.evelethareacommunityfoundation.com.