

MCCU Donates to Wattles Park Elementary School through Mini-Grant Program

Marshall Community Credit Union recently made a donation of over \$300.00 to Wattles Park Elementary School through their Mini-Grant program. WPE 2nd grade teachers, Rhonda Smart, Jodi VanSyckle and Alisha Hantz, submitted the application stating that the funds would be used to purchase and send home a new book to every 2nd grade student each month. Books would be selected from the Scholastic Book Club \$1 books. "Students need books to read at home for practice and enjoyment, and not every family can afford to purchase books," said Smart. "By providing students with at least one new (free) book each month, we can help build their library at home," she continued.

"We are excited to be able to grant requests such as this one. Helping schools purchase books for kids to read at home is a great way to help build reading skills students need to succeed at school," states Andrea Tucker, MCCU's Financial Education Coordinator.

MCCU's mini-grant program is available for teachers, administrators and school staff at any of their partner schools (those that participate in the credit union's CU In School program, an in-school, student run credit union branch). Participating schools include Mar Lee, Marshall Academy, Marshall High School, Marshall Middle School, Walters, Hughes and Gordon Elementary, as well as Wattles Park Elementary and Harper Creek Middle School. Mini-Grants can be used for items or services that participating schools do not normally purchase through funding resources. For more information regarding MCCU's Mini-Grant program, or to receive an application, contact Andrea Tucker at <u>andrea.tucker@marshallcommunitycu.com</u> or 269.781.9885 x203.

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