

WASB Business Honor Roll

Recognize Your Business Partners

The WASB invites member school boards to submit the names of up to five local businesses, including newspapers or other media, that have been helpful to your school district over the past year.

Tell us who they are and what they have done for your schools, and we will help you promote your business partnerships.

- All nominated businesses will be posted on the WASB website.
- Districts will be provided a sample press release and a personalized certificate to present to the business(es).
- Select nominees and the stories of their successful partnerships will be featured in the *Wisconsin School News*.

Businesses help Wisconsin school districts in many ways, including: donating to scholarship programs, providing mentorship opportunities to students, delivering presentations to classes or schools, volunteering in schools, etc. These are just a few examples of how businesses partner with schools – let us know how your local business supports your schools.

The nomination period for the 2019 Business Honor Roll is open until Friday, Aug. 16.



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Greetings:

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The purpose of this brief communication is to inform you of the programs and services Cochrane-Buffalo City Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10406 and Auxiliary provides or has provided in the past to C-FC schools:

1. **Voice of Democracy (VOD):** This is a patriotic essay writing and CD recorded oral presentation program available to students in grades 9-12. Attached is an info flyer and application form. We provide \$600.00 total prize money to the top three place winners each year and advancement in the VFW system of at least the first-place winner. Deadline is 31 Oct each year.
2. **Patriots Pen:** This is a patriotic essay writing program that we sponsor for students in grades 7-8. We provide \$175.00 in cash prize money total to the top three place winners each year and advancement of at least the first-place winner in the VFW system. Deadline is 31 Oct each year.
3. **Teacher of the year:** This program recognizes the teacher that we feel best promotes/teaches patriotism in the classroom, school and our community. We are presently taking applications for a teacher in the Senior High. We provide \$300.00 cash prize for the winner each year.
4. **We give two sizable scholarships, with amounts that historically increase year to year, to graduating seniors.** One to a student going to a 4-year college program and one to a 2-year program. Deadline is 1 May each year. Our Auxiliary offers 4 scholarships each year.
5. **Conduit to the Wisconsin VFW Frank N. Brown Scholarship Program.** A \$500 Scholarship in which the applicants must be a grandson, granddaughter, son or daughter of a VFW or VFW Ladies Auxiliary member. Applicants must reside in Wisconsin and their eligibility must come from Wisconsin VFW/VFW Auxiliary members. Deadline is 1 April each year as we must forward them to State no later than 30 April.
6. **Vets in Classrooms:** This self-explanatory program makes combat veterans, members of our VFW available to speak to your students. We have veterans available from the Korean War (1950—1953) thru the conflicts we are engaged in today. These “pieces of living history” could augment your text books in a very personal and meaningful way.

Additionally, we have provided, sponsored or assisted with the following:

1. Memorial Day Program.
2. Veterans Day Program.
3. Presentation of Colors at requested sporting events or school events.
4. Veterans and assistance at the fall football Veterans Appreciation Night.



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5. Flags and flag maintenance as requested, in the class room-Most classroom flags have been donated by the VFW.
6. Use of our facility in Cochrane, WI for educational purposes.
7. Scouting programs sponsorship.
8. Post Prom donations by the VFW and Auxiliary.
9. Quilts of Valor sponsorship.
10. Donation of monies to requesting school related organizations, individuals or events as requested.
11. Other events, assistance, or donations as officially requested by school faculty, administration or school board relating to the education or enhancement of patriotism and/or veteran related activities.

Please reach out at any time to me or any member of VFW Post 10406 for further assistance. My phone number is (507)-459-3238 or krist_beseler@yahoo.com . Please leave a message if I do not answer so I know to return your call. Additionally, you may contact Al Kochenderfer our current Youth Activates Coordinator, at (608)-769-7107 or acavtrooper@mwt.net .

Krist Beseler
VFW Post 10406
Commander

Jay & Dee's Special T's

Jay & Dee's Special T's supports C-FC school and district in many different ways. Each year we work with many different organizations on projects and activities to provide clothing, promotional items or advice for events. We provide assistance to students when creating and design new logo's for sports teams and class projects. In 2003 Jay & Dee's helped the 4th grade class establish a school fan store. We continue to work with the 4th grade teachers and students to produce quality products they can sell to not only earn money, but also gain knowledge of business workings, while promoting school spirit! We offer quick turnaround time for teams and organizations to accommodate short deadlines, when a team qualifies for State – could be as short of a deadline as 2 days! Jay & Dee's can often be found supporting many different fundraisers for scholarship programs, arts and athletics, from making monetary donations to door prizes and auction baskets! We have volunteered at many different school functions such as judging for FBLA competitions. Jay & Dee's Special T's is proud to support and continue to work with Cochrane Fountain City School District.

Itechra

Itechra, Inc. has played an essential role in improving the technology landscape at Cochrane-Fountain City School District. When the Information Technology Director resigned mid-year, Itechra stepped in. Instead of providing an individual replacement, they offered a team of experts in different areas of IT including desktop support, server administration, network engineering, security and IT management. In addition to supporting the district's technology needs, they have been a generous supporter of several programs that serve the school including the backpack mail program, the Crow's Nest (in school food pantry and free clothing store), athletic and academic programs.

Their initial efforts focused on clearing a backlog of support tickets and pressing projects including assisting the district with implementing technology to be used for virtual learning days to make up snow days, iPad deployments in elementary classrooms, assisting the school in securing \$6500 in grant funding for computers, and a number of summer infrastructure reorganization projects to prepare for the upcoming school year. In addition they have assisted us by creating detailed asset inventory records that can be used for the creation of a capital improvement and IT sustainability budget. The school has already saved costs by eliminating the need for 3rd party consulting services.

Itechra also formed an IT User Group Committee that consists of staff and teachers which helps align today's technology with the goals and needs of the school. Itechra's dedication and commitment to making Cochrane-Fountain City a leader in IT infrastructure has allowed the district to be more confident than ever in the stability and security of its IT systems.