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SECOND THANK A TEACHER DAY SET FOR MAY 3

Volunteers to deliver treats for teachers and staff in the School District of La Crosse as part of a community demonstration of appreciation for educators

LA CROSSE, WI, April 19, 2016– If you can “solve for X” in a basic equation, and know the importance of the Underground Railroad in American history, or still laugh when recalling the whitewashing episode from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, chances are you have a teacher to thank.

The community is being asked to join May 3 in a show of appreciation for teachers and all school staff during the second annual Thank a Teacher Day in La Crosse Public Schools.

Volunteers organized by the La Crosse Public Education Foundation will fan out to 15 locations, delivering muffins, donuts and fresh fruit for the staff as part of Thank a Teacher Day.

Treats for nearly 1,000 employees of the School District of La Crosse will be provided via grant support from the La Crosse Community Foundation’s Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund. Other community volunteers will participate, including representatives from the District Wide Parent Committee, as well as Rotary Interact Clubs from Central and Logan high schools.

“We can all think of a teacher who left a lasting impact on our lives,” said David Stoeffler, Executive Director of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation. “It seems the least we can do is thank them – and all the teaching assistants, food service staff, custodians, administrative assistants, nurses, principals and other staff who make a difference every day.”

Parents and students, as well as members of the general public, are encouraged to join in the celebration – whether joining LPEF volunteers to help hand out treats before school, or making other personal gestures to Thank a Teacher. If you can’t join the festivities at your neighborhood school, consider sharing your thanks or reflections on favorite teachers in social media, on Facebook or Twitter, using the hashtag #thankateacher. The local event coincides with National Teacher Appreciation Week, sponsored by the National Education Association.

LPEF’s mission is to enhance learning opportunities for students and to promote community support for public education. For more information, contact the LPEF office at 787-0226, or email Executive Director David Stoeffler at: david@lacrosseeducationfoundation.org.

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