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Brookfield Education Foundation Supports Shakespeare at WMS

"But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks?
It is the east, and Juliet is the sun."

Shakespeare is coming to the Whisconier Middle School, thanks to a grant from Brookfield Education Foundation.

On Monday, April 2, two performers from Hudson Valley Shakespeare Artist-in-Residence Program will work with fifth and sixth grade humanities students as a supplement to their Shakespeare Unit. Students will explore the social and historical context for Shakespeare's plays in a learning environment just like a professional play rehearsal.

The actors will engage students in various scenes from Shakespearean plays. They will help the students focus on in-depth text analysis, character and plot development. The students will learn about exaggerated performances that were in style in the Elizabethan period.

At the end of the Shakespeare Unit, students will perform their own version of *Romeo and Juliet* for family and friends.

Brookfield Education Foundation, through its Mini-Grant Program, supplies the funding for the Shakespeare Artist-in-Residence. Mini-Grants provide funding for classroom or library educational projects that enhance classroom experiences, stimulate interest in learning, foster creativity, and encourage the exploration of concepts, ideas and principles beyond the core curriculum. Mini-Grants are for projects that have a cost of under \$500.

The mission of the Brookfield Education Foundation is to marshal and provide resources for lifelong learning by Brookfield residents of all ages. The Foundation identifies worthwhile projects and makes them come to life through aggressive fundraising. Funding comes from individuals, organizations and companies. The

Foundation finds donors interested in funding specific projects. Since there are no administration fees, 100% of every dollar goes to educating Brookfield residents.

The Brookfield Education Foundation welcomes inquiries and requests for grants, large or small, from any community organization that promotes projects which educate and empower residents. For more information, call Carol Does at 775-8965 or see our website (www.brookfieldeducationfoundation.org).