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THE PORT OF GREEN BAY HEADS TO THE CLASSROOM

New education materials show the port's connection to the world

(Green Bay, WI) – The Port of Green Bay is known for creating a substantial economic impact in our local economy. But the port is now making an impact in area classrooms as well, through two new education programs.

A Port of Call for All! is a complete unit of lesson plans and resources for 4th and 6th grade classrooms. Each curriculum focuses on the importance of the Great Lakes, shipping and commerce, geography, ecosystems, mapping skills and the history of the waterways. “We wanted to provide a way for teachers and students to learn about the port and how it connects to the Great Lakes and the world,” stated Dean Haen, manager for the Port of Green Bay. “Our goal is for students to understand the importance of the waterways so the next time they are on the Fox River Trail or walking along the City Deck, they know that the port is much bigger than a ship coming in. The port is about our history as well.”

The education materials provide educators with information, lesson plans, resources and ideas for teaching students about the port of Green Bay and the Great Lakes. Teachers can use the unit in its entirety or as separate lessons. In addition, both units fulfill Wisconsin Academic Standards and Brown County school curriculum standards.

The materials were developed with support from the Wisconsin Maritime Museum and the Ashwaubenon school district. “We are very fortunate to have such supportive partners involved in this project,” Haen stated. “Together we were able to develop a sound education piece for teachers to use that will really engage their students.”

A Port of Call For All! curriculum is available for free at www.portofgreenbay.com. Click on the school curriculum heading for all the lesson plans. Teachers that use the curriculum are encouraged to complete the teacher feedback form and send in photos or video of students using the materials in the classroom. “The port hopes to build a strong base of supporters for the curriculum,” Haen stated. “We are looking forward to sharing the progress with teachers throughout Brown County.”

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