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A NEW WAVE OF EDUCATION

Port of Green Bay's education programs shows 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. The port is now also making an impact in area classrooms through two education resources. “The port has a long and rich history and continues to be an important element in our community and the region,” stated Dean Haen, manager of the Port of Green Bay. “The port offers a great learning opportunity for area students.”

[A Port of Call for All!](#) is a complete unit of lesson plans and resources for 4th and 6th grade classrooms. The materials focus on the importance of the Great Lakes, shipping and commerce, geography, ecosystems, mapping skills and the history of the waterways. “Our goal is to provide a way for teachers and students to learn about the port and how it connects to the Great Lakes and the world,” Haen stated. “We worked closely with area teachers and museum professionals to develop a sound and effective teaching tool and we are excited to hear what educators think.”

[The Great Lakes Shipping Trunk](#) is another resource being offered to educators teaching grades K-12. The trunk brings the importance of the Great Lakes maritime transportation industry to life through comprehensive materials that can be adapted to a teacher's classroom needs. The trunk, which was developed by the Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education, includes books, CDs, DVDs, and an interactive floor map. “We feel the items in the trunk can be used to enhance a student's learning,” Haen stated. “The trunk includes resources that make learning about the Great Lakes fun and engaging.”

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Haen says another goal of the port education program is to help provide a younger generation with a better understanding of what the port does. “We want students to gain a comprehensive understanding of the port from its history and waterways to the importance of commerce and shipping to the region.”

The ***Port of Call for All!*** is available to teachers for free and materials can be downloaded at www.portofgreenbay.com. **The Great Lakes Shipping Trunk** is currently only available to teachers in Brown County and is also free to rent. Please call (920) 492-4953 for more information. “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 the state.”

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