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Great Plains Communications Awards Grant to Implement a Mobile Chromebook Lab for Cody-Kilgore Elementary

April 24, 2019 (Blair, Neb.) - Great Plains Communications presented Cody-Kilgore Elementary School with a \$4,500 grant on April 23 to support the implementation of a mobile Chromebook lab in the main building, accessible to lower elementary students. This lab would allow teachers to expose students to current technology and help broaden their global awareness utilizing the Internet.



Beth Jones, Second-Grade Teacher at Cody-Kilgore Elementary had this to say. "With current and ever-changing state standards, it is vitally important that students are exposed to technology, and are able to successfully operate a computer, its programs, and navigate the Internet independently."

As a Google school, Cody-Kilgore students in grades 4-12 are 1:1 utilizing Chromebooks. The implementation of this mobile Chromebook lab in the lower elementary school will help these younger students to familiarize themselves with the devices and the technology driving them to be more prepared as they advance grade levels, and ultimately enter junior high and high school.

"Great Plains Communications is happy to help Cody-Kilgore Elementary bring the Chromebook lab to their younger elementary students," said Laura Kocher, Marketing and Public Relations Director for Great Plains Communications. "We believe technology is a vital part of the education process, and we thank the school for allowing us the opportunity to participate and make a difference in their community."

This award is part of the Great Plains Communications “Commitment to Our Schools” program, which provides nearly \$35,000 annually to schools and students in the form of grants and scholarships.

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