

Kacmarcik Family Gifts \$10,000 for Author-in-Residence

The Jim Kacmarcik family has generously donated \$10,000 to the Cedarburg Education Foundation Inc. to be designated for the establishment of the Jim Ross Author-in-Residence Fund. The fund will be used to establish a yearly author-in-residence program at Webster Transitional School for seventh grade students. Jim Ross, a seventh grade language arts teacher, is retiring from the District after 30 years of service to students.



“We are excited to help launch the Cedarburg Education Foundation’s Author-in-Residence Fund in honor of Jim Ross. Jim has earned an outstanding reputation as a quality educator, and it is our intention to recognize his dedication while at the same time make a positive impact on the Cedarburg School System.” Jim Kacmarcik said.

The gift will provide yearly a well-known author to teach and work with students to develop and improve their own writing. The students participating in workshops with the author will be chosen by a committee. The students will include high achieving gifted writers, struggling writers, and those students showing great interest in writing as a career. The author will also give presentations to the entire seventh grade class.

Jim Ross said, “I am honored and surprised by this wonderful gesture. It has been a privilege to have Jim Kacmarcik as a student, his wife Laura as a past colleague, and most recently, their daughter Kenzie as a student.”

“This serves as another example of the great generosity of our community members for our schools. Jim Ross is an outstanding teacher whose legacy will remain a key part of the experiences our students have at Webster because of the Kacmarcik family,” said Superintendent Dr. Daryl Herrick.

The Jim Ross Author-in-Residence Committee will be meeting this summer to choose both the students to participate in 2006-2007 and also begin to determine possible authors to serve in the inaugural year of the program.