

Wisconsin Highlights

Operation: Military Kids

January 2007



Laura Pettersen, Mary Day and Laura Moriarity share information about Operation Military Kids to school board members from all across the state at the Wisconsin School Board Association Convention in Milwaukee on January 23-25

1. OMK State Team

- The Wisconsin OMK Team met by phone conference on January 14. Most of this meeting was dedicated to planning for the Mid-winter American Legion Convention, the Wisconsin School Board Association Conference, OMK Programs at UW-Parkside, and fund raising.

2. OMK Ready, Set, Go

- Vicki Edgren, WING, conducted a Ready, Set, Go Training in Deforest on January 21.



Steve Horvath shares the Operation Military Kids Program with over 200 members of the American Legion at their midwinter convention in Wisconsin Rapids.

3. OMK Informational Meetings/Briefings

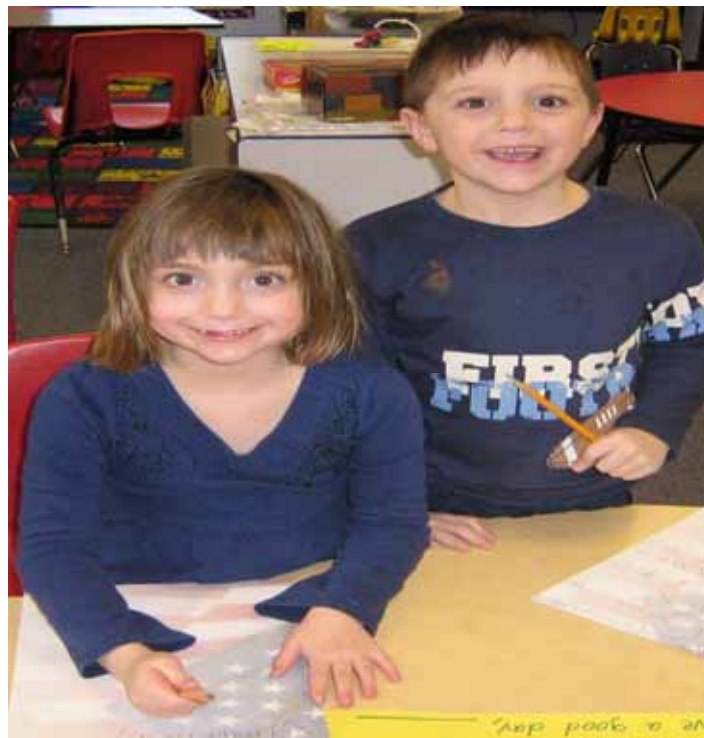
- January 5th - presentation on OMK to Superior school board and superintendent, also in attendance was the State Senator Robert Jauch, his staff, and community members – thirty five participants
- January 6th, discussed OMK with Congressman Ron Kind and his staff in Eau Claire, also participated in an Education Forum at DeLong Middle School in Eau Claire, also in attendance was State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster, and members of the community – ninety participants
- January 21 – presentation on OMK with Racine Unified School District Assistant Superintendent – one participants
- January 22nd - presentation on OMK to the Pre-Delegate Assembly of the State Education Convention, Crystal Ball Room, Hilton Milwaukee City Center – seventy participants
- January 23rd - presentation on OMK to the Wisconsin School Fair at the State Education Convention, Third Floor Midwest Airline Center – 250 participants
- January 23rd - presentation on OMK to the Delegate Assembly at the State Education Convention, Ballroom AB, Midwest Airlines Center – 450 participants

- January 23rd - presentation on OMK at the Wisconsin School Board Association's Breakfast Program, Crystal Ballroom, Hilton Milwaukee Center - 165 participants
- January 26th – presentation on OMK to the Department of the American Legion Midwinter Convention in Wisconsin Rapids – 200 participants
- January 28 – presentation on OMK with Kenosha Unified School District Student Services – 1 participant
- January 29th - presentation on OMK to Dean Amhaus, Executive Director of the Spirit of Milwaukee and his staff, Milwaukee – twelve participants



**OMK Team Members Steve Horvath, Mary Day, and Laura Moriarity
at the OMK Booth at the Wisconsin School Board Convention in
Milwaukee**

4. **Youth Focused Programs** – Youth at Fort McCoy write letters for Hero Packs



5. Mobile Technology Lab



Chandoppe' Horvath is e-mailing a soldier in Iraq with the help of 4-H Junior Leaders Lori Eby and Megan Smith at an Operation Military Kids Event held in Spooner, Wisconsin. The event was hosted on January 19 by the Washburn County Veterans Service Office and 4-H.