

USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools News Release



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Country Mart Education Fund

The Atchison County Community Elementary Schools recently received a check for \$398.26 from Dennis and Doug Garrett, owners of the Atchison Country Mart Grocery Store. We use their generous donation to fund the Accelerated Reader program in our elementary schools.

The Country Mart Education Fund, established eight years ago to benefit area schools, distributes \$160,000 annually directly to local schools in the twenty communities in which Country Mart operates supermarkets. "We enjoy giving back to our communities," said Dennis Garrett, owner of the Country Mart in Atchison, Kansas. "This year, we will be donating \$8,000 directly to Atchison area schools. It is our hope that this money will allow schools to fund programs that might otherwise fall outside of their regular budget. Investing in our schools is an investment in our community's future."

Mr. Garrett and his brother, Doug Garrett are part of the Country Mart owners' group who contribute to the educational fund. The fund is distributed twice during the school year based upon purchases made with participants' Country Mart cards. Entry is easy, anyone can sign up their own Country Mart card on the website www.mycountrymart.com, or give school personnel your card number and last name. Schools may sign up sponsors until March 30, 2006 for the second semester. The \$8,000 is distributed \$4,000 per semester. This is the first semester payout for the 2005-2006 school year.