

USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools News Release



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D.E.A.R. Grant Awarded to USD #377

The National Educational Association (NEA) and the NEA foundation have awarded a \$500 *Drop Everything and Read* (DEAR) grant to the Atchison County Community Schools. The award is one of only 100 made nationwide. It provides \$500 for the purchase of books and reading materials that will entice students to drop everything and read.

The materials will be used in the Atchison County Community Elementary schools and will be available during for the start of the 2007-08 school year.

DEAR Bookshelf awards are made possible as a part of the NEA's commitment to promote children's literacy and provide motivation to read for pleasure.