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# Sen. Barnitz Announces Outdoor Classroom Grants for Area Schools

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JEFFERSON CITY- Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced today that the Department of Conservation will award Wood Elementary School in Fort Leonard Wood and Bellflower Elementary School in Bellflower grants to develop an outdoor classroom program.

“Missouri’s wildlife and fishing are resources that are important to our state in many ways,” said Sen. Barnitz. “I am pleased that the schools in Fort Leonard Wood and Bellflower are promoting this type of learning.”

The grant is a joint initiative of the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation. The program works to promote conservation education in the outdoors by taking a hands-on and interdisciplinary approach.

Both Wood Elementary School and Bellflower Elementary School will received the maximum grant amount of \$1,000. Forty-eight schools in Missouri applied for the grants and 34 were awarded.

“These students will have the opportunity to learn about many core subjects while studying the outdoors, including literature, history, math, and science,” said Sen. Barnitz. “This creative learning environment encourages students to be enthusiastic about their classes, and that is an exciting part of this program.”

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