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School gets grant for bank lesson

A program at Leggee Elementary School that teaches students real-world math in partnership with area banks will receive a \$1,075 grant.

The grant money is from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago, which has donated \$120,063 to schools around the Chicago area.

Leggee administrators applied for the grant and received a check for the money during a recent awards ceremony.

Leggee wing leader Linda Dennis said the program primarily is focused on teaching fourth-graders about percentages. Bankers from First National Bank of Marengo have introduced students to

savings accounts and helped teachers instruct students on how interest is calculated and other banking-related activities.

"It's about the importance of learning to plan ahead," Dennis said. "It's about how to budget and the concept of budgeting, whether that means money or time."

She said students in the program are learning about setting goals and how businesses are part of social networks.

Dennis said the money might allow the school to expand the program to another grade level. It also will pay for extra costs associated with after-school planning sessions, workbooks, and supplies.

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