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Cologne Academy Announces \$500 Grant Award

June 13, 2011, Cologne, MN -- Cologne Academy announced today a \$500 grant award from the Minnesota Valley Electric Corporation (MVEC) to offset the cost of Cologne Academy's Music Department computer purchase.

Cologne Academy used the grant to purchase a new 2011 MacBook. Students will now have access to the MacBook's educational and music software programs. These new tools will provide many more learning opportunities for all students that attend Cologne Academy.

"Though small, we are very proud of our music department," explains Executive Director Lynn Gluck Peterson. "We are actively expanding our music offerings to provide more opportunities for our students in the area of music education. Our students are very excited to take part in the expanded music curriculum plans that this new MacBook helps to provide. In addition to the all-school music classes, we have added a band elective for our middle school students that will begin this summer."

The Minnesota Valley Electric Corporation developed a community program where their customers can opt to round up their monthly electric bills to fund a community grant award program called Operation Round Up (ORU). This is the fund that was used to award Cologne Academy's \$500 grant. Operation Round Up has donated over one million dollars to local non-profit organizations since ORU's inception in 1995.

More information about the MVEC and its Operation Round Up, including a complete recipient list can be found at www.mvec.net.

About Cologne Academy

Cologne Academy is a tuition-free K-8 public charter school located in Cologne, MN, that opened in 2008. The Cologne Academy is committed to providing a well rounded, quality education built around the five principles of individual student achievement, student character development, enriched curriculum, parental involvement, and small class sizes. For more information please visit www.CologneAcademy.org.

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