

Fröbel school in Wetzlar welcomes donation Buderus Edelstahl passes on prize money

Last year the Hesse State Welfare Association (LWV) awarded Buderus Edelstahl a prize for its exemplary company integration management. The associated prize money of € 3,000 was handed over to the Development Association of the Fröbel special needs school in Wetzlar by the Human Resource Manager Holger Kison and the Works Council chairperson Heidi Koster on 27 February 2008.

The number of students at the Fröbel School has grown by 50 % since the year 2000, says the school head Ingrid Lang. In 2004 a cluster of containers had been installed to house three additional classes, which is evidently not a satisfactory state of affairs. The school has long sought a solution to the space problem, and now funds for building an extension have finally been approved, the planning application is to be submitted shortly. "We hope", says Ms Lang, "that we will have a sufficient number of classrooms and staff rooms within a year at the latest." With the limited public funds available, the new buildings could be equipped only with the bare necessities. With the Buderus Edelstahl donation the intention is to acquire equipment and items such as table football or an amplifier and lighting equipment for the school disco to equip the recreation

hall. Ingrid Lang thanked Buderus Edelstahl for its support on behalf of the school community, represented by members of the Fröbel School Development Association, the chairperson of the PTA, and the school representatives.

The Fröbel School is a special needs school for practical skills development, with a department for the physically disabled. The aim is to facilitate learning both by the severely disabled and by mobile students. The main focus is on individual advancement of the students with their various disabilities. Teachers, educators, therapists and social pedagogues teach life skills, cultural techniques and specialist subjects, and develop the motor and sensory abilities of the students.

Buderus Edelstahl is pleased to support this commitment, and donated the prize money received from the LWV to the Fröbel



Holger Kison, Heidi Koster, Jochen Schmidt, Chair of the Development Association; Roland Bauer, Treasurer of the Development Association; Doris Boklage, Chair of the PTA (back row, from left to right); Ingrid Lang, School Head; Eva-Maria Zlof and Markus Reichel, School Representatives (front row, from left to right)

School. Buderus Edelstahl was one of 10 companies in Hesse to receive an award, in recognition of its particular commitment to re-integrating sick and disabled people into work. The health management system practised in the company in combination with a works agreement on integrating seriously disabled people concluded between the works council and company management enables employees to be re-integrated even after long illness, and provides jobs designed and equipped to be suitable for handicapped people.

The students at the Fröbel school welcomed the donation

