

Winnebago-Boone AGRICULTURE in the ClassroomSM

Teacher Newsletter

September, 2020

Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) is a statewide educational program. The goal of AIRC is to help students and teachers gain a greater awareness of the role agriculture plays in our economy and society.

Under normal circumstances, we provide “in-school field trips” on a variety of agricultural topics presented by an ag educator. This year, we are offering “virtual” farm field trips to area classrooms. AIRC visited farms in northern Illinois and Wisconsin this summer so our students could “see” the farms first hand. Programs will be approximately 20-25 minutes in length and offered via Google Meet or Zoom. If you are unable to join a session, the videos will be available to view at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGBNuGMjmRE6Avdx0xEtrw?view_as=subscriber

We will be sending out monthly Jot Forms to sign up for programs. To be added to the email list, please send a request to wfbaitc@live.com . For more information or questions regarding the program, contact Diane Cleland at 815-962-0653 or email wfbaitc@live.com.

Information about second semester programs will be released later this year. As with everything this year, our programs will be subject to change!



Bring the farm into your classroom with virtual educational field trips!

Fall Semester Programs

October

Amazing Apples! (Offered for 1st -4th grades)



Students will learn about apples: apple development, trees, and changes that happen throughout the seasons. They will also make a virtual visit to Edwards Apple Orchard in Poplar Grove and learn how they grow amazing apples!

Popular Pumpkins! (Offered for 1st & 2nd grades)

Did you know that Illinois is the #1 state for growing pumpkins? Students will learn how pumpkins grow and make a virtual visit to a local pumpkin farm!



Crazy for Corn! (Offered for 3rd & 4th grades)

Illinois is known for growing corn...lots of it! Students will learn the differences between field corn, popcorn, and sweet corn and the many uses of corn in our world! Our virtual visit will include stops at different types of corn farms in the area.



November

Turkey Talk! (Offered for 1st & 2nd grades)



Students will virtually visit a turkey farm and learn about the tradition of enjoying turkey for Thanksgiving. They will learn what the birds eat, how they hatch from eggs, and how their feathers protect them.

Crazy for Cranberries! (Offered for 3rd & 4th grades)



Take a virtual trip to an Ocean Spray cranberry bog in central Wisconsin! Students will meet the bog manager! They will learn how cranberries grow and are harvested and turned into many foods we enjoy at the holidays and beyond.

December

Jolly Ol' Evergreen Trees! (Offered for 1st & 2nd grades)

Take your students on a virtual tour of an evergreen farm! Tree farmers have a lot of work to do year round, not just in December! Students will learn about the life cycle of coniferous trees and what happens on a tree farm.



Candy Canes...Where Do They Come From? (Offered for 3rd & 4th grades)



Take your students on a virtual trip to a mint farm! Mint grows in southern Wisconsin and provides that yummy flavor to candy canes, toothpaste and more! Students will learn how mint grows and is processed into oil.

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Edwards Apple Orchard, Poplar Grove, IL
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