

The Teacher Newsletter Oregon



Fall 2001

Agriculture In The

Classroom Foundation

This newsletter is **sponsored by the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and the Oregon Beef Council**, to help students and teachers understand the important role of agriculture in Oregon and the United States. For more information, contact the Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) Program Director, Tami Kerr, at Oregon State University, (541) 737-8629, aitc@orst.edu, or visit our home page at <http://AITC.orst.edu>.

Updated Web Site

Our Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) web site has been updated and improved over the summer. If you had problems with the site previously, please visit it again at <http://aitc.orst.edu>.

Our free-loan library has resources listed on-line for your convenience. The materials are available for your use with the only cost being return mailing. Several new resources will be posted to the site this fall. If there is something specific that you are interested in, please contact our office. Your comments and suggestions will help to shape the development of our program.

Fall Workshops

In partnership with Extension 4-H and Agriculture Education at Oregon State University, AIRC has developed new curriculum for grades 4-5 on Oregon commodities and natural resources. There are nearly 30 new lesson plans that are written to Oregon's benchmark standards.

Workshops are for teachers in grades K-6, they will be conducted after school and will offer 3-PDU hours. For more information, please visit our web site. If you are interested in having a workshop in your county, please contact our office. Workshops are currently scheduled in the following counties:

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| ◆ Baker | ◆ Linn |
| ◆ Benton | ◆ Marion |
| ◆ Coos | ◆ Malheur |
| ◆ Clatsop | ◆ Tillamook |
| ◆ Crook/Jefferson | ◆ Umatilla/Morrow |
| ◆ Jackson | ◆ Union |

AIRC Benefit Dinner

Join us on October 6, 2001 for a Benefit Dinner for AIRC. The event will begin at 5:30 pm at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. Tickets will be \$25 and all proceeds will support the continued development of the program. An auction of pieces from the student collection of Art About Agriculture will be offered. For tickets and more information, visit our web site at <http://aitc.orst.edu>.

Web Calendar Now On-line!

The first few months are now on-line with student artwork and agricultural facts that correlate to the specific month. The artwork features the diversity of *Oregon Agriculture*. Visit our web site for details on how to enter your students' artwork. More months will be posted soon. **September's Picture:**



Michael Daggett ◆ 3rd Grade, Swegle Elementary, Salem, OR ◆ Teacher: Mr. Banducci

Fall Calendar Artwork

October Calendar Picture



Kelsey Woods ♦ 4th Grade, Aumsville Elementary, Aumsville, OR ♦ Teacher: Eric Anderson

December Calendar Picture



Elle Coon ♦ 2nd Grade, Tangent, Elementary, Tangent, OR ♦ Teacher: Mrs. Molinar

November Calendar Picture



Nicola Coon ♦ 4th Grade, Tangent Elementary, Tangent, OR ♦ Teacher: Mr. Snyder

Other Featured Artwork:



Jeremy Severin ♦ 5th Grade, Home School ♦ Teacher: Mrs. Severin

To view our on-line calendar and to submit your students' artwork, visit our web site at <http://aitc.orst.edu>.



NEW Resources & Information

Contact Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) for more information or to reserve the following materials, (541) 737-8629, AITC@orst.edu, or view our free-loan resource library online at <http://aitc.orst.edu>

Educational Units:

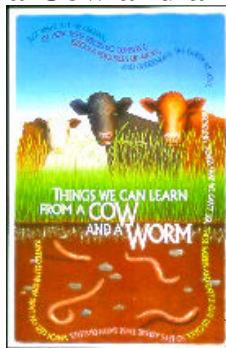
Pumpkin Circle Kids' Pumpkin Projects Grades K-5 (Books & Poster)

The "Pumpkin Circle" shows the amazing cycle of a backyard pumpkin patch with colorful photos. The "Pumpkin Circle" was listed as the 1999 Top Ten Science Books for Youth Booklist, and 1999 Outstanding Science Trade Books for Children, Children's Book Council. Also included is a large color poster that shows the pumpkin from seed to pumpkin. The "Kids' Pumpkin Projects" 98-page book is filled with indoor and outdoor pumpkin adventures, activities and crafts. You will do everything from plant seeds to bake pumpkin pies. **Free loan from Oregon AITC, provided by the Corvallis Kiwanis Foundation.**



Things We Can Learn From a Cow and a Worm

Grades 3-5 (Poster Kit)
This artistic 22" by 34" poster includes teacher information and student activities that help students understand how cows above the ground and worms below ground benefit our environment. The activities discuss conservation, the food web, and recycle concepts. This is a great "teacher and student friendly" packet. Available **Free** from the **Oregon Beef Council**. Contact Schelli Blaha at (503) 274-BEEF for an order form and information on other resources.



5-A-Day Adventures, 2000 Version Grades K-6 (CD-ROM)

To compliment the 5-A-Day Program, the Dole Food Company has developed the "5-A-Day Adventures" CD-ROM. The 5-A-Day Program is designed to encourage children and adults to eat healthier by choosing more fruits and vegetables. The CD-ROM is an interactive animated program complete with singing and dancing fruits and vegetables and a semester's worth of activities. The program is designed to teach K-6 about nutritious foods, the food pyramid, and vitamins and minerals and their role in the body. One component of the program is footage showing how certain fruits and vegetables are grown and harvested. **Free:** to receive either a Mac or Windows CD-ROM at no charge, mail a request on school letterhead to: 5-A-Day Adventures, Dole Food Company, INC., 155 Bovet, Suite 476, San Mateo, CA 94402.



"The Honey Files: A Bee's Life" Grades 4-6 (video and educational guide)

This 20-minute video and 96-page teacher's guide will have you and your students buzzing! These fun, new educational materials provide information, classroom activities and worksheets about bees, honey and pollination. **Free** from **Oregon AITC, provided by the National Honey Board.**



Yes! I would like to receive more information about:

- Pilot Testing Lessons on Oregon Commodities and Natural Resources
- Reviewing Curriculum
- Becoming an Ambassador
- Teacher-Training Workshops
- Add me to the Newsletter Mailing List

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