



May 2020
**Ag in the Classroom Newsletter for
our Ag in the Classroom Teachers
and Home School Parents!**

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program Cancels Summer Events

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the restrictions and advisories associated with it, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom is cancelling most summer training events. Day-long events including the July 9 Oshkosh, August 14 Oconto Falls, and August 18 New Richmond trainings are all cancelled. We are hopeful to offer these or similar content meetings during the school year.

The two-day bus tour in Green County has been postponed to 2021. The dates will be set once we know dates of some local Green County festivals and fairs to avoid conflicting with them.

At this time, the August 22 Back-to-School Kick-Off at Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center is still scheduled but we are closely watching advisories and restrictions. Updates will be found on the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program Facebook page and website- wisagclassroom.org

The training plans and book distribution for the MORE Grant recipients will be determined later. They are currently planned for July 2 or 13 for the grant recipients to get their copies of "Hungry Planet" and the lesson plan instructions. A reminder to teachers in 7-12th grade that the extended deadline to apply is May 10 and the application can be found at wisagclassroom.org/more-for-agriculture-grant/

For more information and to access online resources from Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom, visit wisagclassroom.org or Facebook: Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program, or contact the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.

Don't forget about grants available!

AFBFA White Reinhardt Resource Grants!

The purpose of these grants is to provide funds to educators to enable them to purchase accurate agricultural literacy materials from the AFBFA store for use in their classrooms. By providing this grant, AFBFA hopes to help students gain access to more accurate information about agriculture.

Eligibility: All educators may apply.

Application Guidelines:

- Applications are due June 30, 2020.
- All applicants will receive notification by July 17, 2020.
- 50 educators will win \$100 store credits.
- Grantees will be issued a \$100 credit to the AFBFA store. This credit may only be used on AFBFA resource items. A list will be provided of unacceptable purchases. We expect the purchases to be made within 30 days of receiving the grant. If the grant is not used within this period, AFBFA reserves the right to revoke the grant, and make the grant available to someone else. Receipt must be sent to foundation@fbf.org within 7 days of purchase.

<https://www.agfoundation.org/projects/white-reinhardt-resource-grants>

"A beautiful and important book about one of the world's most important subjects." —Eric Schlosser, author of *Fast Food Nation*

HUNGRY PLANET



WHAT THE WORLD EATS

PETER MENZEL and FAITH D'ALLUSIO • Foreword by Marion Nestle

7-12th Grade Teacher MORE Grants- this is an amazing book!!

Considering applying and sharing it with other staff in your school! This fits so many curriculum areas!!

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom has extended the application for the MORE for Agriculture grants to May 10. The MORE for Agriculture grant is available to teachers in grades 7-12. The grant will provide 50 classroom sets of *The Hungry Planet* by Peter Menzel to participating classes in each state. The book details the food consumption of various families around the world. Companion educational lessons and resources will accompany the books. See some of the images from the book by visiting <https://menzelphoto.photoshelter.com/gallery/Hungry-Planet-Family-Food-Portraits/G0000zmgWvU6SiKM/C0000k7JgEHhEq0w>

We had originally scheduled two options for a 3-hour training for July 2 or July 13. Due to the restrictions and uncertainty in what we will be doing in July, it is likely that I'll offer a number of ZOOM trainings instead. So don't let the dates deter you from applying! Applications for the MORE for Agriculture grant are due May 10. Grant recipients will be notified by May 22.

Teachers in grades 7-12 can apply [here](#) or visit wisagclassroom.org/more-for-agriculture-grant/ more information. Online applications can be completed via Jot Form. If sent by mail, entries must be received by May 10.



National AITC Conference - <https://www.agclassroom.org/conferences/index.cfm>

As of now, the National Conference in June 23-26 in Salt Lake City, Utah is still on. **A final decision has to be made by May 13. The early-bird registration deadline has been extended to May 15.**

Updates on online resources

We have so many resources for students to do online, activities such as My American Farm and Journey 2050, as well as hands-on activities, lessons, interactive activities, virtual tours and other fun, educational activities on our key websites. We realize that not all students and teachers have good internet access and while at home, may have other challenges that are taking their attention such as caring for siblings, not having food or meals, and other family challenges.

The key websites to share are:

- wisagclassroom.org
 - www.agclassroom.org
 - www.agfoundation.org
 - www.journey2050.com/j2050-at-home/
 - www.myamericanfarm.com
- **Online pdfs** of This Business Called Ag, An Agricultural Career for You and both Educator Guides, and the World of Corn book are now available on the online order page for each book. So if you want to share that pdf or just need one copy, feel free to download and share!
 - We are still processing **online orders**. I go into the office about once a week to fill the orders and get mail.
 - At this time, I am continuing to plan the summer trainings and bus tour. Watch for those registration forms to go online soon! And the Facebook page is my best way to share messages so please watch that!

Check out all the new eLearning resources at
<https://www.agclassroom.org/eLearning/index.cfm>

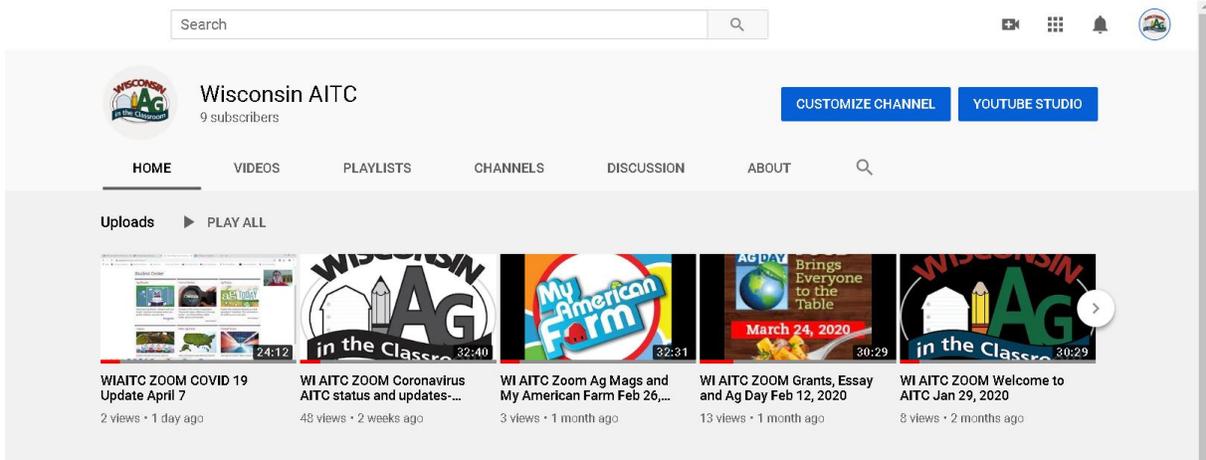
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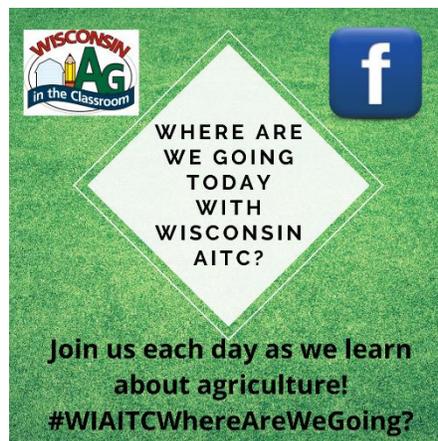
eLearning outreach is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience

ZOOM Meetings- found on YouTube on the Wisconsin AITC Channel

Due to cancelling the summer trainings, we will record a variety of resource sharing and put it on the **Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom YouTube Channel**. Other recorded ZOOM meetings on a variety of Ag in the Classroom topics can be watched anytime! If you can't make meetings and trainings, this is a great way to keep up to date on what's happening, new resources, and program details. Watch for other playlists of videos that relate to AITC and agriculture.



Travel with us each day as we virtually visit agriculture, natural resource and other venues! Here's a worksheet for teachers and parents to use to supplement the videos. **Find the posts on our Facebook page:**
Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program
#WIAITCWhereAreWeGoing?



If you are in the Mequon area, please support Downtown Pizza and thank him for helping support Ag in the Classroom!

Pizza Shop Creates Pie to Honor Farmers; Donates Proceeds to Ag

April 29, 2020

Acts of kindness and goodwill towards agriculture have become commonplace in Wisconsin during the COVID-19 pandemic, making it one of the few silver linings of this entire situation. From [gallons of milk being donated](#) to [FFA chapters volunteering](#) their time and energy to distribute food, everyone is helping out in their own unique way.

One restaurant owner recently heard of the stories of milk being dumped in The Badger State and decided he wanted to do something to help. Daryl Kranich, owner of [Downtown Pizza](#) in Thiensville, [wrote on Facebook](#) “I live in the Dairyland....I am a proud Mid-Westerner where we have the BEST dairy, beer, and football! My family and I, along with my restaurant...will be fully supporting Wisconsin farming during these hard times.”

Kranich got creative and created a special pie that honors Wisconsin farmers called “The Dairyland Pizza.” He says that the pizza is made with fresh herb tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese from Cedar Valley Cheese in Belgium, fresh homemade sausage, and topped with tons of squeaky cheese curds from Henning’s Wisconsin Cheese in Kiel. The gracious business owner even took it a step further and pledged to donate four dollars from every Dairyland Pizza that is sold to Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s [Ag in the Classroom Program](#).

Downtown Pizza buys roughly 270 pounds of cheese from Cedar Valley Cheese every week as Kranich continues to find ways to support the industry as much as possible. “I think we’re all in this together...I think that’s what it’s going to take to get through all of this,” he says. In his Facebook post, he mentions the idea of supporting farmers not just at the current moment, but using the pandemic as a “time (to) teach us we need to forever support our Wisconsin farmers.”

Daryl’s full conversation with Josh Scramlin on the Mid-West Farm Report can be heard by clicking <https://www.midwestfarmreport.com/2020/04/29/pizza-shop-creates-pie-to-honor-farmers-donates-proceeds-to-ag/>

Contest winners will be announced soon!

The **Essay contest** entries are currently being judged by the county essay coordinators. They will send the winning entry to the District Promotion and Education Committee member who will judge the entries in their district to determine the district winner. I will get the nine district winner entries to my office and then the state committee will vote by ballot to determine the state winner.

Due to school being closed for the rest of the year, I won't be making my tour around the state to make all nine district winner presentations but we'll be sending the prizes out to the address on the back of the student's entry.

I am also asking that the District committee members compile a list of county winners which we'll post on the website.

The **National Ag Day** entries will be sent to three sets of judges (one judge for each category). As soon as we get the results back, we will send the winners their prizes and post the winner's entries.

For both contests, press releases will go out and will be available on the website.

Interested in writing children's picture books? Tune in!

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture will be holding a **picture book 101 webinar on May 5th** at noon Eastern. Feel free to share with anyone you think could be interested.

Description: Interested in writing accurate books about agriculture? Join Children's Book Editor, Emma Dryden and Feeding Minds Press as we dive into the world of picture books! During this webinar you will learn the basics of picture book writing, some tips on how to get started, and what kind of stories Feeding Minds Press is looking for. We hope to see you there! This webinar will be recorded if you cannot join.

Click link to register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dNlahlvpSAqb1XDIsPzuLA



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