

# FALL BACK INTO SCHOOL WITH AG IN THE CLASSROOM

## *Fall Agriculture In The Classroom topics*

The start of school means Fall is right around the corner. Everyone has something they look forward to during Fall, maybe cooler weather or tasty treats. Agriculture in the Classroom is looking forward to sharing our fun Fall topics with you and your students.

September: Apples - Awesome to the Core!

October: Pumpkins - Let's Carve out Some Fun!

November: Cranberries, Who Knew!

December: Christmas, What's Ag got to do with it?!

**Each grade will have a specific activity based on the monthly topic!**

## **ONE AND DONE SCHEDULING**

Agriculture in the Classroom is scheduling classroom presentations now! We offer signups for a visit based on a particular monthly topic or monthly reoccurring visits. Teachers can schedule for the whole semester or year at one time. We encourage teachers to work together to schedule a block of presentations when possible and have a designated contact teacher reach out. For example: 3rd grade teachers pick the 2nd Wednesday of the month for their 3 classes. They're scheduled from 1:00 to 2:30 pm with back-to-back presentations. No worries if this isn't an option for your school. Ms. Debbie will do her best to accommodate your request! Contact Ms. Debbie today to schedule a time that works for your classroom!

## **THIRD GRADE FIELD TRIP**

Keepers of the Land, "An Outdoor Stewardship Day" at Oakdale Nature Preserve is happening on Tuesday, September 26, 2023! The goal is to teach third graders about their dependence and connection to the land, its resources and living things. Students will participate in 5 sessions including Wild Animals in Human Hands, a stop at a Native American Lodge and a visit with Conservation Police. This program is coordinated in partnership with University of Illinois Extension, Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District and Stephenson County Farm Bureau/Agriculture in the Classroom. Watch for details coming soon from Kelly Lafferty, Youth Educator with U of I Extension.



*Family Meals Made Easy*

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for details**

## **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST**

The annual poster contest allows students to use their creativity to convey thoughts about soil, water and natural resources based on the National Conservation District's theme. Last year's theme was ONE WATER. Thank you to all the teachers and students who participated! The entries in K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th -6th were voted on by the Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board members in April and the 3 winners each received a Culvers Gift Card and Participation Certificate. The winning posters went on to the state contest and were voted on in July. Congratulations goes out to Mrs. Laurie Ann Hemesath, 1st Grade teacher at Open Bible and her student Finley Feldman, whose poster won the K-1st category at the state contest and will now be moving on to the National Poster contest. Best of Luck to Finley! Watch for the 2024 theme and contest details later this Fall and plan to have your students participate in this fun, educational contest.

## **Ag In The Classroom Participation**

Agriculture Literacy Coordinator, Ms. Debbie, is looking forward to the new school year with Ag in the Classroom presentations. Just like last year, she will continue presentations for grades Pre-K through 5th grade. Ag Mags and many other agriculture materials and books are available for older students as well. Please reach out to schedule your classroom visits or to request any resources.

## **CONTACT:**

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
5:00-6:00 P.M.**

**STEPHENSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
210 W. SPRING ST.  
FREEPORT, IL 61032-4346**

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**ALL NET PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS  
STEPHENSON COUNTY AG IN THE CLASSROOM**

Stop by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and pick up 10 delicious main entrées that have already been prepped and frozen for your convenience. All you need to do is cook them!

Option 1: Each entrée you will take home serves 5 people, allowing you to feed your family of 5 for \$17, that is only around \$3 per person! Option 2: Each entrée you will take home serves 2 people  
All entrées will be boxed up and ready for you!

### Menu

- Bacon Mac & Cheese
- Breakfast Burritos
- BBQ Sloppy Joe Casserole
- Ranch Pork Roast
- Burgers Cheddar Bacon BBQ
- Tator Tot Casserole
- Crack Chicken
- Parmesan Honey Pork Roast
- 3 Cheese Lasagna
- Honey Mustard Chicken

**\$175**  
**5 PERSON MEALS**  
**\$90**  
**2 PERSON MEALS**

### **CURBSIDE PICK-UP**

Ag in the classroom volunteers will be delivering your meals curbside.

Save your spot and register by Wednesday, August 30 to the Stephenson County Farm Bureau. Questions: Contact Victoria at SC Farm Bureau 815.232.3186 or Karen Seuring 815.297.3837.

Payment is due in advance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment

Sets of Entrées \_\_\_\_ x \$175= \_\_\_\_ Sets of Entrées \_\_\_\_ x \$90= \_\_\_\_

Donation to Ag in the Classroom (optional): \_\_\_\_ Total amount charged: \$ \_\_\_\_

#### Payment Method

Cash  Check (# \_\_\_\_\_) (Payable to SCFB Foundation)  Credit Card (3% surcharge for all cc payments)

Visa Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form and payment to Stephenson County Farm Bureau by August 30\*\*  
210 W. Spring St. Freeport, IL 61032-4346 or manager@stephensoncfb.org