

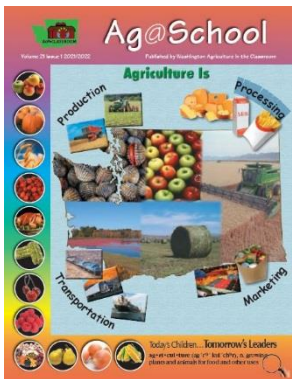


Washington Ag in the Classroom promotes agricultural literacy, and our projects reflect that purpose.

*Every person should know and understand where their food and water come from.*

## **2022-23 School Year Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC) Accomplishments**

This year Ag in the Classroom created a “Workshop in a Box” Resource Kit. Each box contained over \$250 dollars of Ag Literacy Resources for teachers to use in their classrooms. The box included the following BOOKS- Food and Farm Facts, Bread Lab, Right This Very Minute, Little Joe, and The Guardian Team. Each classroom received 30 copies of the Ag Badging Field Guide. The Ag Badging Field Guide will lead students through an exciting exploration of agriculture—what you eat, wear, and use every day. Throughout their journey, they will have the opportunity to earn five different badges—Agriculture & the Environment, Plants & Animals, Food & Health, Technology & Engineering, and Geography & Culture. The resource kit also included the Weather Harvest game and Source Search, which is an activity that looks at Factories, Farms, Natural Resources and Stores. We are working to distribute 75 Kits to classrooms throughout Washington.



Our Ag @ School magazine (targeted at 4<sup>th</sup> graders) continues to be our primary project. Each school year, three FREE issues are mailed to teachers who request subscriptions for their students. The issues focus on a general overview of agriculture, technology, and stewardship; they are supplemented with a teacher’s guide aligned to the Common Core standards. We mailed 15,000 copies of Ag @ School to around 350 teachers across Washington State in the fall, winter and also in the spring.

Visit our website at <http://www.waic.net> and explore all the available resources and links. The National Ag in the Classroom link to the Curriculum Matrix is a huge and dynamic source of on-line lesson plans aligned with Common Core standards. You can search for a grade level or topic area for agricultural lessons reflecting all subject areas for grades K-12<sup>th</sup>. We used this and our

Facebook page to communicate to educators the on-line, interactive resources that were available.

WAIC continues to promote agricultural literacy through two book projects. Who Grew my Soup? and John Deere, That’s Who! are geared for K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We supply the book, lesson plans and activities so volunteers will be successful when sharing the book in local classrooms. We are looking to expand this program and partner with FFA Chapters to potentially reach more classrooms across the state- stay tuned for a new Ag Literacy Book and Project!

WAIC partners with various organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Granges, county Farm Bureaus, Washington State University Extension, and other government agencies to provide accurate agriculture and food facts for their various projects, farm fairs, publications, and educational experiences.

Promotion of Journey 2050 which is an on-line agriculture experience for students to meet the challenge of sustainably feeding the growing world population. This is a free program for educators and targeted for grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> and more information is available on our website.

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