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WES to host Agriculture Leadership Day

Whitesville Elementary School students will participate in an Agriculture Leadership Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 13. The program is sponsored by the Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District and is designed to help students build agricultural science connections through a variety of eight interactive learning stations.

Each grade level will rotate throughout these stations and participate in classroom presentations featuring local farming agencies and representatives of farms owned and operated by local families. The day will also include a visit to the school's Tower Garden Grow Lab, facilitated by WES instructional coach Jessica Doughty.

Just a few highlights of the learning stations include:

“Let’s Milk the Cow” – Students will discuss how a cow digests grasses to produce milk. Students will also have the opportunity to “milk” Rosebud, a full-size model cow!

“Seed Press” – Students will use a press to crush canola or soybean seed into cooking oil and learn how the by-product leftovers are used to feed livestock and make household items.

“Can We Grow It?” – Students will learn how to use vinegar and baking soil to test the pH of soil samples to see if they will grow certain foods.

Other topics to be explored include agricultural careers, seed magic and identifying antique tools to discover how they were used and learn how technology has changed the farming industry - plus many more! This day will involve exciting hands-on activities and engagement as WES students learn new levels of appreciation for our community’s rich agricultural heritage.

Note to media – Our media partners are invited to visit Whitesville Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 (note schedule includes a break for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.). WES is located at 9656 Kentucky 54. A description of learning activities at each of the stations may be viewed at <http://www.exploreagriculture.org>

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