



Welcome to the AITC-SK Spring newsletter. This is a busy time as year-end activities take place and students prepare for exams. Please take a few minutes to read our newsletter and pass it on to your colleagues. We hope you find it interesting and informative. Please contact our office for suggestions, comments and questions!



"You're lucky to have such a great farm dog."

#### Did you know?

- ♦ Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
- ♦ During a lifetime the average person eats about 35 tonnes of food.
- ♦ You're more likely to be hungry if you are cold.
- ♦ Half of the world's population live on a staple diet of rice.
- ♦ Potato crisps were invented by a North American Native named George Crum.
- ♦ The first breakfast cereal ever produced was Shredded Wheat.

Source: Nutrition Management Services ([www.nms.on.ca](http://www.nms.on.ca))

### 2007 Agriculture Roadshow

*"Food – Blending Science and Passion"*

**JULY 9–12, 2007**

#### What is this?

- A unique professional development opportunity for teachers.

#### What are the benefits to me?

- Have the opportunity to network with our teachers, administrators and industry professionals.
- Ideas on new activities to integrate into your teaching
- Ideas on places to take class trips
- Take home free resources to use in the classroom
- Learn new and cool things about this province
- Taste some delicious Saskatchewan grown food

This year's Roadshow will be jam-packed with exciting activities and hands-on experiences. We encourage you to join us as we take a look at some of the research taking place at the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Food Centre that allows Saskatchewan producers to compete in a global market. Take part in food lab experiments that can be easily adapted for your classrooms.

We'll take you right to the production level where you will have a chance milk cows at a **dairy farm**,

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and grow sprouts at **Mumm's Sprouting**. The **Pork Interpretive Gallery**, **grain farm**, a **bison farm** and a **cow-calf operation** are also part of the fun. During our travels, we'll stay at the beautiful **Carlton Trail Guest Ranch** and the charming **Champêtre County**.

- Open to teachers of all grades and subjects.
- **No cost** - except for your travel to and from Saskatoon
- Must be willing to learn, have fun and get dirty!

***There are only a few spots left so register now!***

Call 933-5224 or e-mail [programs@aitc.sk.ca](mailto:programs@aitc.sk.ca)

### New Resources!

- Little Pig Tails Activity Book Gr. 1-3
- **Beef Website:** <http://www.agt.net/public/jross/>

**The following resources are now available in French:**

- Where's Agriculture
- All About Food: Agri-Food Facts
- All About Food: Teacher's Guide
- Farm Animals: Who Cares?
- "Eggs" Activity Book

## Envirothon

Envirothon 2007 was held at Blackstrap Youth Camp on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2007. This National Event is held annually throughout Canada and the US, this year being the 1<sup>st</sup> for Saskatchewan, with a total of 7 teams participating. Envirothon is specifically organized for grades 9-12; it is North America's largest high school environmental educational competition, with a good percentage of its focus being on Agriculture. The event is broken into 2 parts, an Olympic style trail test, as well as an Oral Presentation.

The winners of this years Envirothon was 1<sup>st</sup> -Mount Royal's "A" team, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mount Royals "B" team and Lumsden placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to these teams and their teachers! Next years Envirothon is being held at Cypress Hills, for more info go to [www.saskriverbasin.ca](http://www.saskriverbasin.ca)



## Prairieland Park School Tours

We pleased to announce a partnership between the Prairieland Park Corporation and AITC-SK for the School Tours Program. The following tours take place through-out the year at the Saskatoon exhibition grounds:

- Fall Fair and Mexhibition "The Story of Beef"
- Crop Production Show "Grain Production Today"
- Gardenscape "Little Green Thumbs"
- Western Canadian Livestock Expo "Milk and Pork Production"

In an effort to make this program even more valuable to teachers, AITC-SK is working hard to ensure the school tours program has strong curriculum links.

At each tour several stations, each focusing on a specific theme, are set up. Classes rotate through the stations spending approximately 15 minutes at each station. This is an excellent learning opportunity for the students and provides students a chance to talk to people involved directly in the agriculture industry. For more information contact our office or check out <http://www.saskatoonex.com>

## Little Green Thumbs

A few months ago Agriculture in the Classroom, the First Nations Agricultural Council of Saskatchewan, Heifer International, and Potash Corp teamed up to help four schools in the province set up indoor gardens. The results have been amazing as the students have watched tiny seeds explode into vibrant, large, green gardens with cucumber, gourd, pepper and tomato plants. The gardening experience has provided students with an appreciation and understanding of nature, agriculture, food, and lifecycles.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the students of St. Maria Goretti, Cardinal Leger, WhiteCap First Nation, and Chief Poundmaker schools will come together for a Little Green Thumbs celebration where they will share their experiences and stories about their gardens.

It is our hope that we can expand the Little Green Thumbs project into even more schools next year!

## Ag Ambassador Network

Please help us strengthen the network. If you have had a recent address change or your Ag Ambassador has moved to a new school just fill out the form and send it back to us so your school can continue to receive the benefits of the network..

Address Change       New Ambassador       Current Ambassador

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grades and subjects taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

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