



# COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
County Board Rooms 209-210  
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville

Friday, September 23, 2016 at 1:30p.m.  
BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Review of Budgets**

**3. Budget Presentations**

- 1:45p.m.** Jill Ferko & Bob Jones, *Treasurer's Office*
- 2:00p.m.** Jacquie Purcell, *Coroner's Office*
- 2:15p.m.** Andy Nicoletti, *Assessment Office*
- 2:30p.m.** Sheriff Baird, *Public Safety Center*
- 2:45p.m.** Fran Klaas, *Highway Department*
- 3:00p.m.** Judge Tim McCann, *KC Judicial Office*
- 3:15p.m.** Vicki Chuffo, *Public Defender's Office*
- 3:30p.m.** Tina Varney, *Court Services/Probation*
- 3:45p.m.** Scott Koeppel, *Technology Services*
- 4:00p.m.** Megan Andrews & Jenny Wold, *KC Soil & Water District*
- 4:15p.m.** Eric Weis, *State's Attorney's Office*
- 4:30p.m.** Sandra Davis, *U of I Extension Office*
- 4:45p.m.** Chad Lockman, *Veteran's Assistance CMS of Kendall County*

**3. Other Business**

**4. Executive Session**

**5. Adjournment**



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**Kendall County Finance Committee Presentation  
September 23, 2016**

➤ **Funding Updates:**

- State Operational Allocation
  - State of Illinois for operational funding received through the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA).
    - Operational Funds approved for SWCDs in stop gap budget; funds must be dispensed by December 31, 2016. Awaiting word of grant agreement and voucher authorization. Anticipated operational funds provided per district \$21,000. Pursuing additional operational funding for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of FY17.
  - Statewide effort to secure dedicated funding sources for SWCDs; statewide strategic planning January 2017.
  - New workload opportunities include SWCDs providing a key role and serve as the local delivery system for the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) implementation; USDA Contribution Agreements.
- County Board Contribution
  - FY12, FY13, FY14, FY15, FY16 Contribution for Education and Operation
    - Requested: \$42,000; Received: \$32,000
  - FY17 Contribution Request is level, as requested as FY15 funding, \$32,000
- Continue to utilize reserves, reduce expenses, pursue strategic partnerships and revenue generating workload opportunities.

➤ **General KCSWCD Information:**

- Directly administers or assists implementing local, state & federal programs that totaled over **\$400,000 this past fiscal year within Kendall County alone**. Intergovernmental agreements with Illinois EPA, federal contribution agreements with USDA, education program, local community program outreach.
- **Over 10,000 students** learned about conservation and agriculture through **369 classroom presentations, special events, and a natural resources tour**.
- Local school districts participated in our annual **Natural Resources Tour** held at Hoover Forest Preserve District. While at the tour, approximately **600 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** visited 8 unique stations learning about soil science, groundwater, animal habitats, recycling, insects, trees, sustainability and much more.
- **375 Educators** learned about agriculture, natural resources, and how these topics can be incorporated into their classroom through classroom presentations, teacher workshops/in-services, a summer graduate course and mailings.
- Provide **education and technical services** to residents of our local communities throughout Kendall County; during the past year, services were provided to over **10,000 Individuals**.

➤ **Program Activities & Outreach Snapshot:**





## Kendall County Agriculture & Natural Resource Literacy Program

# CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Fall 2016 Newsletter

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### Important Dates:

Aug.-Oct.:  
Schedule in-classroom presentations

Sept. 8:  
RSVP for Fall Teacher Workshop

Sept. 15:  
Fall Teacher Workshop featuring Illinois AITC

Oct. 1:  
Teacher and Book Grants due to Illinois AITC

Oct. 31:  
Halloween

Nov. 4:  
Poster Contest Entries Due

Nov. 5:  
National Doughnut Day

Nov. 15:  
America Recycles Day

Nov. 24:  
Thanksgiving Day

## “GET A GRANT” WORKSHOP TO BE OFFERED....

Looking for new books, resource materials, or activities for your classroom? Plan on attending the next Ag in the Classroom Teacher Workshop. Illinois Ag in the Classroom will be presenting and will be helping teachers apply for their grants as well as providing excellent resources and classroom ideas to get you set for the new school year! The workshop is free to attend and provides two professional development hours. It will be held on September 15th, 4:30-6:30pm at the KC Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Yorkville. To RSVP, contact Jenny Wold at [kcaintheclass@gmail.com](mailto:kcaintheclass@gmail.com) or by phone at 630-553-5821, x 3 by Sept. 8th.



This past spring, nearly every second grader in the county planted something. This sentence alone is an exciting one for the Agriculture in the Classroom program. For the fourth and final in-classroom presentation of the year, classes in 23 elementary schools read the book First Peas to the Table by Susan Grigsby. In this book, a class has a contest in which students are given pea seeds and a small garden spot for planting them. Students then participate in a contest to see who can be the first to fill a bowl with shelled peas. To celebrate this book and the contest, the Kendall County Ag in the Classroom program helped second graders plant their own pea plants in sprout necklaces. Students were then encouraged to watch their peas grow through the summer and hopefully eat them!

## BOOKS BUNDLES TO BORROW

Looking for books to add to a unit or to enhance student learning on a particular topic? Check out the Ag in the Classroom program's Book Bundles! Each bundle comes in a tote bag and contains 10 or more fiction and non-fiction books on a particular theme. Themes include Crops and Harvest, Farm Animals and Machines, Food and Nutrition, Gardening, Illinois and the US, Natural Resources and Conservation, and Trees and Nature. Teachers are free to borrow bundles from this library at any time for periods of two weeks. Materials can be picked up in Yorkville or dropped to schools. Contact Jenny at [kcaintheclass@gmail.com](mailto:kcaintheclass@gmail.com) or by called 630-553-5821, ext. 3 with questions or specific requests.



# Natural Resources & Conservation in the Classroom

## **What is it?**

This program is a spin-off of Agriculture in the Classroom focusing on teaching about natural resources and their conservation through scheduled programming in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Teachers are free to select which presentation/s that they would like scheduled based on how it might fit into their curriculum. All of these presentations are FREE and a great way to supplement natural resource, ecology, and geology-based units.

## **Renewable Resources from the Farm**

**Next Generation Standard Addressed:** 4-ESS3-1

This is an interactive lesson in which the topics of renewable and non-renewable resources will be introduced. Students will learn about the application of corn and soybeans as renewable resources. This lesson will conclude with students making their own corn plastic.

## **The Science of Soil**

**Next Generation Standard Addressed:** 4-ESS2-1

This lesson will introduce the topic of soil to students, emphasis it's importance, and demonstrate soil erosion. Students will also brainstorm/discuss ways erosion can be prevented.

## **What's Your Watershed Address?**

**Next Generation Standard Addressed:** 5-ESS3-1

This presentation utilizes a 3-dimensional tabletop model of a watershed in order to teach students about water pollution and conservation. Through the model, students can easily understand ground and surface water interaction and their direct impact on the water cycle.

## **All the Water on Earth**

**Next Generation Standards Addressed:** 5-ESS2-2

This interactive presentation is meant to help students to learn about where water is stored and how much of it we have available to us to use. Students will also learn about their own daily water usage and discuss conservation efforts.

## **Build Illinois**

**Next Generation Standard Addressed:** 4-ESS1-1

Build Illinois is a three dimensional representation of Illinois's geological history from 500,000 years ago to the present. Using sand and manipulatives, students learn the geologic time line that formed Illinois landforms and organisms.

## **Incredible, Edible Landfill**

**Next Generation Science Standard:** 5-ESS3-1

This presentation/activity teaches students about landfill construction through an activity in which they build their own landfill with edible materials. This is a perfect activity to either introduce or review the topics of landfills. Other topics/terms introduced during this presentation include biodegradable vs. non-biodegradable, erosion, pollution, recycling, and conservation. There is a .50 charge per student to cover consumables for this lesson.

## **Illinois Jeopardy**

**Next Generation Standard:** Serves as review of 4-ESS1-1, 5-ESS3-1, and Illinois environment and features

Just as the name implies, this is a game played similar to Jeopardy that concentrates on Illinois features; symbols, agriculture, natural resources, animals, and landforms. This game was created to supplement 4<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, but can be played in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade as well.

## **Candy and Crops Jeopardy**

This version of jeopardy is meant to teach students about the crops that are used to make their favorite candy treats, but also touches on much more! Perfect presentation to schedule close to a Halloween and Valentine's Day!



# Agriculture in the Classroom

Presented by: Kendall County SWCD & Farm Bureau

## What is it?

The Agriculture in the Classroom program's mission is to teach students about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives...through standard-based, interactive presentations. All lessons will seek to meet Next Generation Science Learning Goal 2-LS4-1. This year there will be four scheduled presentations that are absolutely free to you and your school. These presentations will focus on Illinois crops, plants, animals, food, and natural resources. Presentation titles and dates for this year include:

### Illinois Crop Scramble & Family Farms

This presentation engages students in an interactive game to learn about the major crops grown in Illinois and their uses. Possible crops in this game include corn, soybeans, wheat, and pumpkins. In addition to receiving an Ag Mag (ag-themed newspaper) at the conclusion of this presentation, students will also receive a mini poster to learn about local farm families and what they produce.  
*Presentation Months: August-November*

### From Cow to Milk

This presentation introduces students to livestock farms and helps them to learn about how milk travels from the dairy farm to become the dairy products that they might enjoy. Students will watch a short video and participate in a sequencing activity.  
*Presentation Months: December-February*

### Fascinating Fibers

During this presentation, students will be able to explore the natural materials that are used to make the clothes that we wear. Activities will include feeling real wool and cotton as well as dissecting a cotton ball to learn about all of its uses.  
*Presentation Months: February-March*

### Get Growing

This presentation is intended to get students thinking about plants, gardens, and growing their own food. It will include a planting activity. Students will also receive a Nutrition Ag Mag.  
*Presentation Months: April-May*

**Bonus Opportunities:** Our program has an extensive lending library with books, curriculum, lab materials, and much more. Teachers can borrow these resources for free throughout the year.

**For more info on the program or to schedule presentations, contact Jenny Wold, Education Coordinator, at 630-553-5821, ext. 3 or through email at [kcag-intheclass@gmail.com](mailto:kcag-intheclass@gmail.com).**