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Fourth Grade Teachers
Prince William County Schools
City of Manassas Schools
Prince William County Private Schools

Dear Teachers,

Oink, Cluck and Baaaah! It's time to pre-register for Farm Field Days, 2008!

Enclosed please find the pre-registration form for Farm Field Days to be held Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7, 2008 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. A sheet covering the SOL's addressed at Farm Field Days is also enclosed.

Thank you to the Board of County Supervisors and Prince William County Watershed Management Branch for funding a second day of Farm Field Days for 2008!

This event is a fun and interesting way for students to learn about Virginia agriculture and natural resources. Students rotate around seven subject areas viewing displays and participating in activities that support the fourth grade science standards of learning. Areas of activities include: trees, animals, crops, dairy, regions of Virginia, horsepower to high tech, and tobacco to soybeans. Each teacher will again receive a bag of educational resources (and fun stuff, too!) to take back to school and distribute to your class. Items are donated by local and national agricultural organizations and local businesses.

Since space is limited and the popularity of this event increases each year, pre-registration is important! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR CLASSES ATTEND, PLEASE FAX YOUR FORM IN FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH. Faxing your form quickly is strongly encouraged, since space is filled on a first come, first served basis. You will receive more detailed information in August.

We will begin filling up day 1 (Tuesday, October 6th) as the registrations come in. When that day is filled, we will start filling day 2 (Wednesday, October 7th.) **As soon as pre-registration is filled, you will be notified as to the date you have been scheduled to attend. Be sure to include a summer contact number to update information as the need arises.** Should your faxed pre-registration form be received after all available slots have been filled you will be put on an alternate list.

In preparation for Farm Field Days, an Ag in the Classroom (AITC) workshop will be held in September. We will announce the workshop location later this summer or you may check our Web site later in June. **Teachers with “Ag in the Classroom (AITC)” training within the last four years will receive preference when registering for Farm Field Days scheduling.**

Farm Field Days is a wonderful experience for all of those attending - volunteers, students, teachers, chaperones, and staff! We encourage you to talk to your teaching team and plan on joining us. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email me or give me a call at (703) 594-3621.

Sincerely,
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