

2018 Washington County Farm Bureau 4th & 5th Grade Essay Contest

“Inventions That Have Made Agriculture Great”

This year's essay contest topic is "Inventions That Have Made Agriculture Great". The essay contest topic is coordinated with the 2017-2018 Book of the Year – *John Deere, That's Who!* which was donated this fall by the Washington County Farm Bureau. Using the book of the year as one resource, the topic will allow students to write about inventions that have made agriculture advance in technology, efficiency and productivity. This will tie into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), connect with careers in agriculture, look at the stories behind some of the inventions and their inventors, and offer opportunities to learn about technology and equipment related to agriculture. Lesson plans and other supporting documents will be on the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website.

Washington County Contest Guidelines

- The essay contest is **open to all 4th and 5th grade students** in public schools, private schools, and home school programs. Students involved in 4H, PALS, and after school programs are encouraged to participate.
- Essays must be handwritten in ink or computer generated. They must be single-sided and fit on one sheet of paper.
- The essay shall be between 100 to 300 words in length.
- Essays will be judged on content (25 pts.), grammar and spelling (15 pts.), and neatness (10 pts).
- Essays must include: the student's name, school name and address and phone number, grade level, teacher's name and email address, parent's name(s), and county on the back of the essay. Please do not identify the student on the front side.
- Entry deadline: Postmarked by April 2, 2018 and sent to the Washington County Farm Bureau Essay Contest Coordinator (see information below).

County, District & State Awards

- The county's 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners will be awarded Visa gift cards (\$50, \$25, \$25) and prizes.
- Each winner will be given a special classroom presentation.
- Our county's first place winner is automatically entered into the District 1 contest. One winner from each of the nine districts is chosen. Each district winner may receive a classroom presentation in May 2018 for their class, homeroom, or home school group.
- A state winner will be chosen and receive a special award in May 2018 as well.

Contest Deadline

Essays are due to the Washington County Farm Bureau Coordinator **postmarked by April 1, 2018**. Teachers and parents are encouraged to make copies of essays before they are submitted.

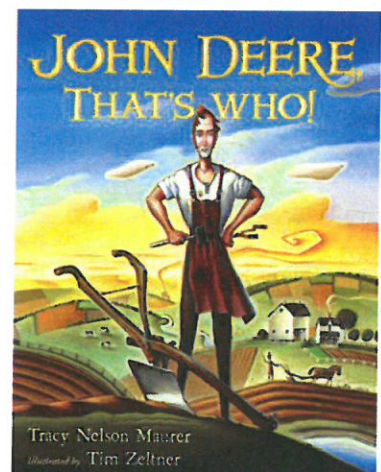
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