



# —WYOMING— AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

SUMMER 2018



## 24th Annual Bookmark Celebration

May 21st found student artists, their families, and educators gathered from around the state to celebrate outstanding artwork and messages featuring Wyoming Resources. The 24th Annual Bookmark Celebration was held at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. Thirteen student finalists were selected from over 2,400 entries submitted by students in grades 2-5 for the 2018 bookmark program. Students were invited to participate in an "Hour of Code," hosted by Microsoft before being recognized at an awards brunch with Governor Mead, Secretary of State Buchanan, State Treasurer Gordon, and State Superintendent Balow.

Superintendent Balow summed up the celebration perfectly. "Agriculture and technology are a powerful combination. People tend to forget how much science and technology are integrated into agriculture. Agriculture is more than animals and crops and technology is more than computers - both are sciences. I have so much hope for the future because Wyoming Ag in the Classroom, our schools, and families across the state foster a love for learning, curiosity, and stewardship in our young people."



# Powerful Partnerships

On April 19th and 20th, Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom had the opportunity to work with high-school FFA members from around the state during a "Teach-A-Trainer" workshop at the 2018 State FFA convention. FFA members spent the first day being guided through a Wyoming Stewardship Project lesson. After learning more about stewardship, members had the opportunity to prepare the 4th Grade Agriculture Lesson with their own spin!

Day two provided the chance for the students to put "their" lesson to the test! FFA members headed into 4th grade classrooms at Sunrise Elementary School aboard the City Trolley. FFA members worked together to display an accurate depiction of stewardship in agriculture through personal stories, examples, and the Wyoming Stewardship Project lesson. Students were engaged, active, and intrigued at the FFA members' knowledge and enthusiasm for agriculture and stewardship.

While we loved the opportunity to teach FFA members about stewardship, watching them work together to formulate a plan of action for the 4th Grade students was the highlight of the workshop.





# Wyoming Stewardship Project in Action

5th Grade students get "hands-on" with reclamation in the 5th Grade Minerals and Energy unit.



3rd Grade students learn about grazing and pasture rotation through interactive activities in the 3rd Grade Agriculture unit.

2nd Grade students practice terrain modeling while working on the 2nd Grade Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

*Thank you for your support for all of the Ag in the Classroom activities. As a teacher, Ag in the Classroom educates and empowers me to teach about Wyoming's amazing resources. For my students, it shares the importance for conserving and using these resources.*

- Mrs. Jamie Litvinoff  
5th Grade Teacher  
Baggs, Wyoming

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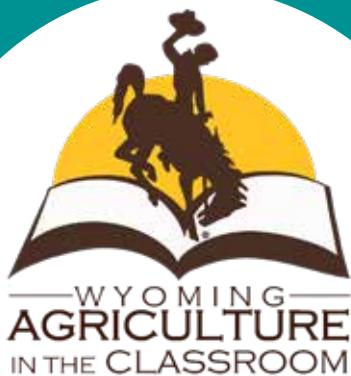
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## Meet the newest staff members



### Development Director - Rindy West

Rindy joined the staff as a full-time member in May 2018. She lives in Sheridan with her husband and children, and is passionate to further the mission of Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom!



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### Program Director - Stephanie Russell

Stephanie joined the staff part-time in July 2017. She lives in Cheyenne with her family, and is excited to work with teachers across the state to bring agriculture education into Wyoming classrooms!