

To celebrate Earth Day, Whiteside County Ag in the Classroom is sponsoring a classroom door decorating contest!

Earth Day is not widely associated with agriculture. In fact, many self-proclaimed environmental organizations may use the day to blame farmers and ranchers for environmental crimes and for ignoring basic conservation practices. That's unfortunate.

No one in America is more aware of the symbiotic relationships of soil, water and air than farmers and ranchers. They depend on clean water. They understand that pollution threatens plant and animal health. They know that good soil is as valuable as gold. So they conserve, they protect, they improve the resources they inherited from their elders in hopes of passing along to their offspring resources that are even more capable of producing food and fiber and even more environmentally secure.

Applauding what agriculture does for the environment is as good a way to recognize Earth Day.

The rules are as follows:

- Create a classroom door display celebrating Earth Day and Agriculture.
- Classrooms are limited to one entry.
- The winning entry will receive a \$100 gift card for classroom resources.
- The runner-up entry will receive a \$50 gift card for classroom resources.
- Door display must be up the week of April 20, 2020.



Entry may be submitted as a photo file to be used in judging no later than Friday, April 10, 2020.

Submit entry to Jennifer Phelps:

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