

Kids Korner

Third Graders Learn About National Agriculture Day

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LICKDALE (Lebanon Co.) — Laughter, cheers, and a race to answer quiz questions erupted at the Lickdale Elementary School, Lebanon County, Tuesday.

That's when Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. taught third graders that March 20 is a particularly important day.

"It's National Agriculture Day, and the kickoff day for saving 100 farms in 100 days," Hayes told the students.

"Agriculture" is a cumbersome four-syllable word for third graders to pronounce, but after sounding out the word again and again, the word rolled easily off the students' lips.

"Agriculture," Hayes said, "is about farming."

"We need to save farms because we need milk and food to eat," Hayes said.

Students called out some of the foods and products they knew were produced on farms.

"Last year, Pennsylvania



Pa. Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes

saved 280 farms and 3,000 acres from development. Pennsylvania has some of the best farmland protection in the U.S.," Hayes said. "And Lebanon County is a



Third graders at Lickdale Elementary School laugh at the jokes Hayes tells.

great agricultural county with some of the best farmland."

Hayes read a humorous story, "Click Clack Moo Cows That Type."

The students interacted with the story by responding to Hayes' questions, jokes, and teasing.

After the story, a 10-question quiz was handed out to students. Because the students answered every question correctly, Hayes

handed out prizes with the help of American Honey Queen Renee Blatt, Lebanon County Dairy Princess Sarah Krall, and FFA students. Every student received a magnet, pin, bookmark, honey stick, and Beanie Baby in the shape of a vegetable or fruit.

National Ag Day provides an opportunity for everyone to thank the agricultural industry for their hard work and dedicat-

ion. Perhaps you did not know about the day in time to thank a farmer. Don't worry. Thank one today.

Or, perhaps, you are part of a farm family. Did you know that agriculture is the number one industry in Pennsylvania, and that one out of every four Pennsylvanians is employed in an agricultural-related job?



Students eagerly answered quiz questions.



What is wrong with this picture? Find out at the Farm Family Safety Day.

Attend Safe Kids Farm Safety Day

Manheim Fairgrounds
April 7, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free farm safety demonstrations and training for the entire family. Children ages 8 through 13 will have separate training. Activities will be provided for children under 8, but must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Safety topics include but not limited to: water, lawn mowers,

tractors, animal handling, confined spaces, 911 calls, pedestrian, electrical, and fire safety.

Free lunch will be provided for all registered participants. Limited transportation may be provided.

Registration

The 8 through 13 group will be limited. Registrations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. All attendees must be regis-

tered. Mail registration forms to: Lancaster General Hospital Trauma Services, 555 North Duke Street, P.O. Box 3555, Lancaster, PA 17604. You will receive a confirmation if you are properly registered for this event.

No late or phone registrations will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please call Lancaster General Hospital Trauma Service at 290-5945.

REGISTRATION FORM

Make sure everyone who wants to attend is registered.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AGE (if under 18) _____

Also for each registrant, we need parent/guardian name (if minor):

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Family physician: _____

Office phone: _____

Any special medical needs or conditions.

A parent of each registrant under 18 must sign the release forms. And each registrant over 18 must sign both releases.

Release And Consent To Provide Medical Care

The purpose of the Farm Family Safety Day is to educate children and adults about the safe use of farm equipment. One of the methods used for education will be actual demonstrations involving participants. All such activities will be closely supervised. However, due to the dangerous nature of machinery, there is the possibility of accidents. I agree to hold the counselor, instructors, and sponsors blameless in the event of injury to my child or myself so long as due care has been exercised by these parties.

(SIGN) _____

First Aid will be available on site: the participants will be supervised and if serious injury or illness develops, medical and/or hospital care will be provided. I further understand that in case of serious accident or illness, I will be notified. If it is impossible to contact me, I give my permission for emergency treatment or surgery as recommended by the attending physician.

(SIGN) _____