5th Graders Learn About Environment at Earth Wellness Festival

Nearly 3,500 Lancaster County fifth graders from 47 schools attended the 21st annual Earth Wellness Festival (EWF) on March 25 and 26 at Southeast Community College. Students rotated among 25-minute sessions and then attended a culminating activity with featured presenters, World Bird Sanctuary from St. Louis. Classrooms attending the festival received pre-festival learning kits in October. Students discover and explore the relationships and interdependency of land, water, air and living resources through hands-on activities. Hundreds of volunteers, area educators, environmentalists, government representatives, as well as donations from local businesses, make this educational experience possible. The festival is organized by eight local agencies, including Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County. More photos are online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/ewf.

Extension Associate Tracy Anderson presented a session about “Scat.” Students learned what various wildlife eats affects their scat (feces). Students recreated animal scat using Tootsie Rolls and other edible foods.

You’re Invited

Please join us for an important Community-Wide Breakfast

Tuesday, May 12

7:30 am to 9:00 am (Doors open at 7:00)

Pinnacle Bank Arena

Be Informed

Come to learn about the latest data on Lincoln’s strengths and challenges with the release of the updated 2015 Lincoln Vital Signs report. Written and presented by University of Nebraska Public Policy Center.

Get Involved

Find out how you can get involved in Prosper Lincoln, an effort to move into a phase of gathering ideas and input about how to best address the Lincoln Vital Signs findings. Over the next several months, this information will culminate in a shared community agenda to be put into action across Lincoln.

Breakfast cost is $10 per person.

Registration deadline is May 6.

Please RSVP and register online at http://www.lcf.org/May12. Click here to register now.

Please invite others! This exciting community effort needs all of us.

Leaders of Lincoln’s largest public, private, and philanthropic charitable organizations fund Lincoln Vital Signs. They saw the need, desired a more comprehensive understanding of Lincoln and a way to share that information with the larger community.

Lincoln Vital Signs Funders:

- Abel Foundation
- City of Lincoln
- Community Health Endowment
- Cooper Foundation
- Educare of Lincoln
- Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
- Lancaster County
- Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development
- Lincoln Community Foundation
- Nebraska Children’s and Families Foundation
- United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County
- University of Nebraska Foundation
- Woods Charitable Fund

Leaders from across our city have come together to launch Prosper Lincoln, a bold new initiative that will envision and enact a shared community-wide priorities to make Lincoln prosper even more.

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