

Hurricane Elementary STEM Specialist Receives Excellence in Agriculture Award

We would like to invite you to attend the Washington County School District School Board meeting on Monday, June 10th. It will be held at the Washington County School District Office located at 121 West Tabernacle Street in St. George, Utah. The meeting starts at 4:00 pm and Utah Agriculture in the Classroom will be presenting the 2024 Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award to Karen Webb at 4:15 pm.

The Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award is given to one Utah teacher currently engaged in classroom instruction at the Pre-Kindergarten through 12th-grade levels. This award recognizes a teacher for their integrated efforts to teach students about the importance of agriculture. The teacher selected receives \$500 for their classroom and up to \$1,500 of their related expenses paid to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Salt Lake City, June 24-27, 2024. The state-winning application will also be submitted for the National Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award.

This year's award recipient, Karen Webb, is the K-5 STEM Specialist at Hurricane Elementary. Webb integrates many innovative and hands-on engineering activities to teach STEM through an agricultural lens. Webb's kindergarteners and first graders code and program robots called "Bee-Bots" to mimic pollination. Webb has the unique opportunity to teach every student from kindergarten through fifth grade. Her passion for teaching agriculture in a STEM class is evident in her daily integration of agricultural engineering opportunities. Consequently, Webb's students have an accurate knowledge of – and appreciation for – the science, technology, engineering, and math involved in agriculture. Webb is also the recipient of the 2023 STEM Elementary Science Teacher of the Year (Southern Utah); 2022 Governor's Office Energy in Science Award Winner, 2017-2018 Riverview PTA Teacher of the Year, and a grant recipient for many other awards.

If you have any questions please reach out to me.

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