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To all Walworth County 4-H Groups:

Each year Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and We Energy sponsors the Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest, open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Wisconsin. The essay is promoted in grade schools throughout the state by county Farm Bureaus. Your child's teacher may already have your child participating in this contest, but in the last few years it has gotten harder for teachers to fit this into their curriculum. Therefore, we are informing parents and students that they may participate individually.

Essays written by Walworth County 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders need to be submitted to the Walworth County Farm Bureau by April 1, 2019 where the top three essays will be selected based on content, grammar and spelling, and neatness. The top three winners will receive \$25 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$15 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and \$10 (3<sup>rd</sup> place).

All participating schools will receive the book of the year. "Fresh-Picked Poetry!" By Michelle Schaub for their library.

Teacher of the winning 1st place student will receive a 25.00 gift card to purchase school supplies for her class room from either Walmart or Target.

Each county in our district (there are nine counties that make up District 1) will submit their top essay to compete against each other at the district level, and the winner will then go on to be judged at the state level. The winning essay will receive a prize at the district level and state level, as well.

This year's topic is: ***Making it happen at the Farmers Market.***

Enclosed are letters and rules for the contest. We hope you will forward these to your 4-H members on our behalf so they can participate in this year's contest.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions about the contest, please call the Farm Bureau at 262-723-2613 or you can email us at wcfb@tds.net.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Papcke

