Dear Educator,

Please allow us to explain a fun and exciting program that will occur in January, called Slice of Agriculture. This 4th Grade educational program incorporates agriculture, conservation, environment, safety, health and nutrition into curriculum and learning experiences that align with Kansas academic standards. The programs’ goal is to educate youth about where their food supply comes from and to gain an appreciation for Kansas and local agriculture.

A favorite food among fourth graders is pizza. The learning stations that are part of this field trip are divided into eight pieces like a pizza. Each learning station demonstrates some element of agriculture to the students. They will be able to see, touch, and learn about what grain farmers grow for the crust, tomatoes for the sauce, the dairy cows that give milk to make cheese, and even pigs for pepperoni. There will be large farm equipment for them to experience and a soils trailer to learn about erosion and conservation. In a unique and entertaining way, visitors to the Slice of Agriculture field trip quickly learn they would not be able to enjoy their favorite foods without a farmer.

To learn more about the Slice of Agriculture program, please visit our website at www.Johnson.k-state.edu/slice-of-ag/html. The website will have a breakdown of each of the learning stations, a short video of the field trip and other teacher materials.

This year’s Slice of Agriculture is planned for January 12, 13, and 14, 2016 at the Overland Park Convention Center. The two and a half hour program is offered as either a morning or afternoon option. The morning session begins at 8:55 and is completed by 11:30. The afternoon session begins at 12:00 and concludes by 2:30. There is only a $2 per student cost for the event, and pizza and milk will be provided to each student. The morning groups will have pizza following the lessons and the afternoon groups will have their pizza before the lessons. We hope this will simplify lunch time for everyone. The Slice of Ag committee will reimburse your school for bus transportation.

For planning purposes, we need to know when you will be able to attend and the approximate number of students from your school. There will only be space for 40 classes and these will be filled on a first come, first served basis with October 31 as our deadline. Please complete the attached registration and call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Please Remember

- Event dates January 12, 13, and 14, 2016
- $2 per student
- Slice of AG will reimburse for bus transportation

Yes! I am interested in the Slice of Agriculture program for the 2015-16 school year.

Name:___________________________________________________

School: ____________________________

Address: _________________________________________________

City: ______________State: ___Zip Code:________Phone:________

E-mail: __________________________________________________

I normally have _____ (estimated number) students in my class.

I prefer: Jan 12th afternoon_____, Jan 13th morning_____, Jan 13th afternoon_____
           Jan 14th morning_____, Jan 14th afternoon_____

Return by October 31 to:
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