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AGRICULTURE in the CLASSROOM

ABBOTSFORD, B.C.
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

JULY 16 - 20, 2018

REGISTER BY JUNE 8
EDCP 329 96A or
non-credit participation

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Food is often taken for granted. Students and society often have limited understanding of the sources, processes, and issues related to food production. The British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation has devoted itself to providing teachers with useful resources to help them integrate important concepts related to food, the agriculture industry and environmental sustainability into their classrooms.

Agricultural literacy is located in three broad educational movements:

- place-based education
- environmental/ecological education
- health literacy and healthy school initiatives

Systems thinking and sustainability are key concepts for consideration. This course explores practical ways to integrate concepts related to food production and consumption, food safety, agricultural issues, and sustainability across the curriculum at all grade levels.

INSTRUCTOR: JOE MASSIE

Born and raised in Chilliwack, BC, Joe has been heavily involved in Agriculture his entire life. He spent his childhood working and playing on a dairy farm and later, on a beef cattle hobby farm. He has owned and raised animals and plants for as long as he can remember. During his youth he was employed by a local greenhouse and worked in the floriculture industry for 8 years. He decided to enter the teaching profession and worked hard to obtain his Science and Education bachelor degrees, as well as his Master's in Education Technology. He currently runs the Agriculture program at Sardis Secondary School in Chilliwack, which includes a working greenhouse and a new Agriculture Learning Centre that includes school gardens, research projects and community supported agriculture gardens. His department works closely with many community members to educate their students on real-world Agriculture issues and opportunities.

"This course has changed the way I think about food and the farm to table experience."

"The chef demos and lunches with farmed food were unforgettable."



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