



Welcome to the Kansas Corn STEM October 2023 Newsletter!

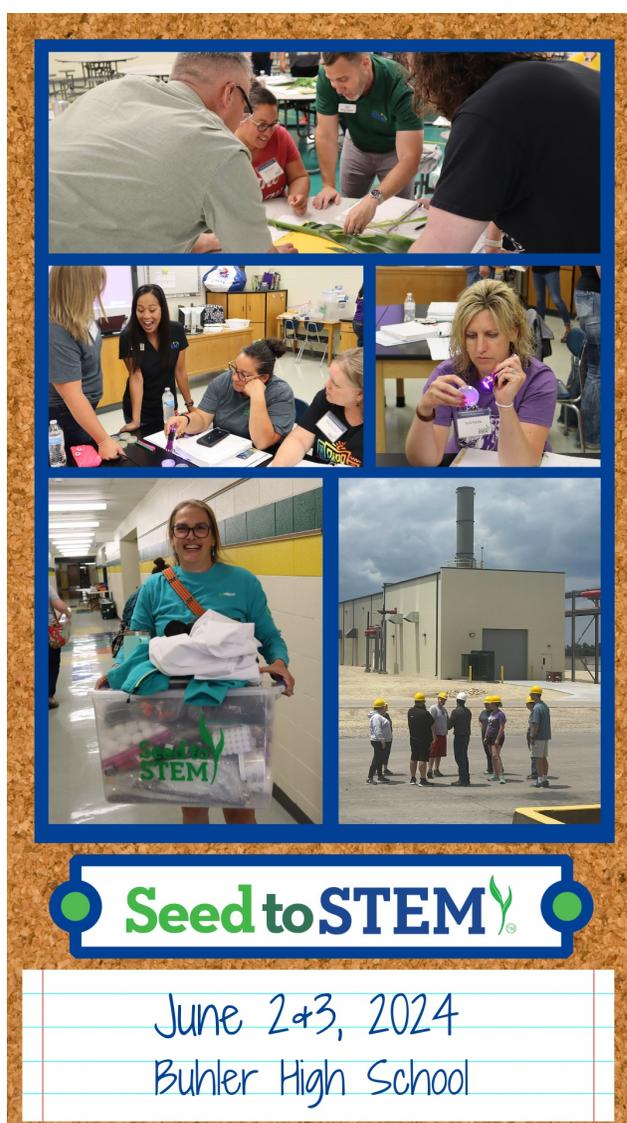
**Coming to Buhler in June!**

**2024 Seed to STEM Workshop Registration Is Now Open!**

The 2024 Seed to STEM workshop will be held at Buhler High School on June 2-3. Seed to STEM Track 1.0 and Track 2.0 will be available at this location. This free workshop is for 6th through 12th grade Kansas science teachers. Teachers who are selected will practice over 10 labs they can use in the classroom to help students learn science and the roles science plays in agriculture. The workshop includes a farm and field visit, an ag industry dinner and a field trip to an ethanol plant. Every teacher will receive \$500 worth of free lab resources, and all onsite expenses paid.

Graduate credit will be available at a cost to the participant. The 1.0 track is available for teachers who have not participated before and has an application deadline of April 1, 2024. For those teachers who completed a Seed to STEM workshop and are returning to learn more, the 2.0 track applications are due March 1, 2024. Participants will be selected based on the quality of their application.

**Apply Today!**



**Check Out Our Most-Requested Materials!**

Kansas Corn STEM provides many great resources for Kansas educators. We have resources available for every classroom. Due to high demand you need to make your requests at least three weeks in advance to ensure you receive your supplies in time.

*Here are popular resources to consider requesting now:*

- ✓ Secure a Date for a Guest [Speaker](#)
- ✓ Request a Breakout Box PD [Workshop](#)
- ✓ Request your PreK-5 Elementary [Kit](#)
- ✓ Subscribe to Mystery of Corn [Readers](#)
- ✓ Request Ethanol Plant Tour [Funding](#) (6-12 grade)
- ✓ Request Ag Day and Promotional [Materials](#) (Germination Necklaces)

## Kelli Livermore Joins Kansas Corn STEM Team as Guest Speaker

Kansas Corn STEM is excited to welcome Kelli Livermore to the team. Kelli Livermore is a retired elementary teacher with 32 years of experience in the classroom. She taught first and second grade, and kindergarten through fourth grade writing and science. While in the classroom, Kelli used Kansas Corn STEM resources and focused her efforts to educate students about agriculture. Kelli has the knowledge to introduce, extend and reinforce agriculture lessons as a guest speaker for all grade levels.



Requesting a guest speaker for your classroom is free. Kelli resides in Garden City and is visiting schools in the western half of the state. Bill Johnston continues to cover visits in the eastern half of Kansas. It is never too early to schedule your visit. Our guest speakers' schedules are filling up fast!

[Request a Guest Speaker](#)

## Order the Mystery of Corn Readers - Deadline January 1

Subscribe to receive FREE Mystery of Corn Readers this spring to use in your classroom. Educators who subscribe can receive a package of all four readers: one per student, with teacher guides and supplemental worksheets. Your students will enjoy investigating a mystery about corn. Each edition has four versions: K-1, 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The final deadline to receive printed readers this school year is January 1.

## Get Four Issues of the Mystery of Corn Readers!

- ✓ Mystery #1: Could It Be Corn?
- ✓ Mystery #2: History of Corn
- ✓ Mystery #3: Secret of Soil
- ✓ Mystery #4: Miracle of Water

[Subscribe to the Mystery of Corn Readers](#)



## The Holidays Are Coming! Last Mailing Date for Fall

The holiday break will be here soon which means the Kansas Corn STEM team will stop mailing kits between December 8 and January 8 while schools are closed. If you are an elementary educator and would like a kit mailed before December 8, submit your request before December 1.

**PLEASE** keep requesting supplies during the holiday breaks. We will still prepare kits, but we will hold the mailings until schools reopen after the holidays.

## Are You Using All Available Kansas Corn STEM Lessons?

With over 100 lessons and activities in our library, we want to make sure you are taking advantage of all the resources that fit your classroom. You can sort by grade or topic to find additional resources. Check out these examples:

**TEACH-FLEX**—These lessons are easy to implement. They use easy to find materials and can be used to complement any corn lesson or can be used as a stand-alone activity.

**Holiday Resources**—It is not too early to think about the holidays, and we have your busy schedule in mind. Find Nearpod activities and online breakout box challenges that serve as quick educational activities that can help keep students learning while you finish up other classroom work.

**Breakout Box**—Did you know that almost every Kansas Corn STEM lesson has a breakout box challenge that can go with it? Did you know that our breakout box challenges can also be used online if you don't have physical boxes to use? These are so fun! Check them out.

Visit our Lesson  
Library

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Check out all of our offerings at [kansascornstem.com](https://kansascornstem.com)  
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