

KERNELS OF LEARNING

Personalized Education Newsletter– Generation 4 Edition

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Raising Gen 5

Cultivating a Thriving Next Generation

Courtesy of Illumination360.com

The Challenge

Despite the common misconception that people who are born into wealth don't (or shouldn't) have problems, there are in fact many challenges that next generation family members face. Interviews with next gen family members indicate that common struggles include:

- * Lack of identity separate from their family, their family's wealth, or their family's business
- * Immense pressure to succeed and measure up (and a deep fear of failure)
- * Feelings of isolation, stemming from questioning the authenticity of friendships and the loneliness of feeling separate from their peers
- * Diminished motivation due to access to unearned wealth

The Pathways to Success

Research conducted with successful and thriving rising generation family members indicate a common presence of the following:

- * **Growth mindset**– the belief that traits (like intelligence or resilience) are malleable and can be developed through hard work, good strategies and thoughtful feedback.
- * **Grit**– the character trait of pursuing long-term goals with passion and perseverance, despite the inevitable set-backs.
- * **Mastery-orientation**– the practice of being directed towards the attainment of a solution, rather than focusing on the cause of failure.
- * **Positive relationships**– which support all areas of personal development, including the definition of, and pursuit of, one's ideal self.

The Opportunity

Families that have cultivated a culture where these traits and skills are celebrated and consistently acknowledged as valuable tend to raise more grounded, engaged and gritty children. Kids raised in these kinds of families tend to say things like: "In our family we finish what we start." "In our family we don't quit." "In our family, failure just means I haven't learned how to do it yet."



Giving Back

Babson Farms Planting a Legacy in the Community

Courtesy of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau

In March Taylor emailed everyone a link to an article recognizing Eric Lawler for his decades of service, teaching, and dedication to agronomy. If you missed this story, click [here](#).

Babson Farms is proud of Eric's dedication to the community and the next generation through education about farming and its importance.



By the Numbers: Eric Lawler

- 2,104** Students reached
- 87** Classroom presentations made
- 22** Years of AITC outreach (1997-2019)
- 13** Schools visited in
- 5** different districts
- 1st - 5th** Grade lessons presented

*DeKalb County Farm Bureau's
Ag in the Classroom Program*

SOIL

Agronomy 101

101 Ways to Learn About Agriculture

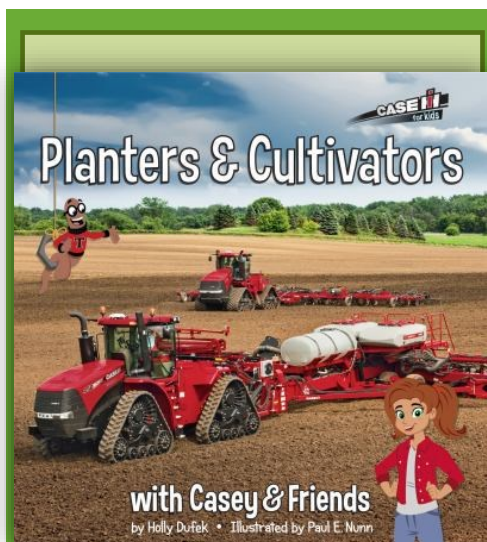
Normally in this section we have an educational article about agronomy written by our very own Eric Shearer. However, in this newsletter we thought it would be fun to highlight yet another way Babson Farms is helping to educate future generations about agriculture.



At the end of 2018, thirty-four DeKalb area schools received donated books from the DeKalb County Farm Bureau through its Ag Literacy Program. A total of 174 books were distributed which brought the total donated to over 100 titles (101 to be exact). 3,300 items have been donated to school libraries since 2002.

Local sponsors, like Babson Farms, make the donations of ag-related children's books possible. Agribusinesses, ag-related organizations, and farm families step up each year to provide the funds needed to buy books which help to tell their story. Each donated book contains a label recognizing the sponsor or sponsors of that title.

The following titles were given to elementary and middle schools this year: "The Girl Who Thought in Pictures" by Julia Finley Mosca, "The Great American Dust Bowl" by Don Brown, "John Deere, That's Who!" by Tracy Nelson Maurer, "John Deere's Powerful Idea" by Terry Collins, "Planters & Cultivators" by Holly Dufek, and "A Seed is the Start" by Melissa Stewart.



Planters & Cultivators introduces children to the world of modern farming and the specialized equipment that is used on the farm for cultivating, planting and spraying crops.

This book is filled with colorful action photographs, fun illustrations and a cast of cartoon equipment characters. Narrated by Casey the farmer and Tillus the worm. Tammi the Tiller, Evan the Early Riser planter and Peter the Patriot Sprayer work hard to get the spring planting done on Happy Skies Farm.

The science of land cultivation and planting is explained in fun terms for children to learn about this essential part of farming. Recommended for ages 4-8. Click [here](#) for a video created from the book content.

Family Spotlight

Mary Elizabeth has had a great eighth grade year. She is on the Principal's List going into exams (94% average) and she has had a great season in cross country and track. Mary Elizabeth attended the Kentucky Derby with Dave and Mary Jane. She'll be busy this summer running and riding.



Sarah joined the Stingrays Competitive Cheerleading gym and her team made it to summit in Orlando where they finished fifth in the nation in their division. Sarah is headed to a new school, Holy Innocents for fifth grade.



Henry enjoyed fishing on their family trip to the Bahamas. He is playing flag football and writing his own comic book series, *Adventures of Ninja Dog*. Click [here](#) to watch his video, "Adventures of Ninja Dog vs. Plaser."



JT appears to be doing well at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio.



Check It Out

Libby Memorial Slideshow <https://youtu.be/sgSMvGQrlls>

Babson Memories Slideshow <https://vimeo.com/231610306>

The Babson Family Website <https://zalongo.com/group/babson>

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Tieken Sister's Impact on Denver Art

The Babsons and Tiekens had an eye for beauty: architecture, boats, horses, artifacts, art and more.

Nancy held positions at a number of notable museums but her final position was at the Denver Art Museum. She was gifted as a curator and in her ability to describe art to enrich its experience by the viewer. She funded the "Lao Tzu," statue by Mark di Suvero, that some have referred to as "the city's finest work of contemporary public art."



She also funded Donald Lipski's "The Yearling," the well-known sculpture of the giant red chair and miniature horse at the library.



Libby's

bequest to the Denver Art Museum

provided funding for an exhibit called *Serious Play- Design in Midcentury America* now on display at the museum. Click [here](#) to read more about the exhibit in this Denver Post article.



- Chuck's Birthday January 9th
- JT's Birthday February 9th
- Andronica's Birthday March 14th
- Tim & Cho's Anniversary April 3rd
- Dave & MJ's Anniversary April 25th
- Mary Jane's Birthday May 5th
- Sarah's Birthday May 14th
- Mary Elizabeth's Birthday May 19th
- Cho's Birthday June 4th
- Henry's Birthday July 28th