

# 17th Annual Milk Makers Fest

This event is sponsored by the WHATCOM COUNTY DAIRY WOMEN with support from Farm Friends, Whatcom County Dairy Federation, Whatcom County Dairy Farmers and Industry Businesses. Each spring, first graders from throughout the county are invited to learn about the dairy industry firsthand by visiting a model farm set up at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds. The students visit six stations where they learn: 1) where milk comes from, how cows are milked, 2) the care and health of the calves and heifers, 3) The Circle of Farming – what it takes to feed a cow and how everything that is done daily on a farm is in direct relationship to the end product – milk!, 4) the importance of dairy products to a healthy diet, 5) release some energy by working their way through a giant hay maze and having an opportunity to meet other animals that might be found on a dairy farm, and finally, 6) a tractor pulled wagon ride and scavenger hunt locating items that might be used or found on a dairy farm. This is a three-day event, with six sessions each lasting about two hours. Up to 72 classrooms can be accommodated with nearly 2,000 first grade students and their teachers/chaperones attending each year.

**For the first time in Milk Makers Fest History, we are opening up two sections of our Wednesday afternoon session to the general public. We invite you to come learn alongside our first graders. Participation is by reservation only – contact Cheryl at 360-354-1337 or [cdehaan@wcfarmfriends.com](mailto:cdehaan@wcfarmfriends.com). Space is limited and on a first-come first-served basis. Make your reservation now!**

**WHAT:** Learn about the Dairy Industry, its importance nutritionally, its impact to local agriculture, the environment and Whatcom County's economy.

**WHEN:** Wednesday April 21, 2010

**TIME:** Group A – 12:15 to 1:30  
Group B – 12:30 to 1:45

**WHERE:** Northwest Washington Fair Grounds  
1775 Front St.  
Lynden, WA 98264  
Groups will meet at the Clock Tower by the DairyWomen's Booth

**WHO:** Community members – please come and join one of these tours!

For MORE information, please call: Cheryl DeHaan – Milk Makers Fest Coordinator – 360-354-1337, cell 360-920-5452 or by email [cdehaan@wcfarmfriends.com](mailto:cdehaan@wcfarmfriends.com). Reservations must be confirmed no later than Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.