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## School offers 360-degree virtual tour for prospective students

St. Mary Catholic Community School in Crown Point recently launched a new 360 Virtual Tour. The tour can be conveniently found on the front page of the school's website at [www.stmarycp.org/school](http://www.stmarycp.org/school)

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the school will not be offering its popular in-person Open House.

"We regret that we will not be welcoming visitors into our building for tours at this time, but safety is our biggest concern. I think those who visit our 360 tour will enjoy the experience," said the school's principal, Tom Ruiz.



An aerial view of St. Mary's campus. Visitors of the 360 Virtual Tour can explore the school by clicking on the arrows when visiting [www.stmarycp.org/school](http://www.stmarycp.org/school).

Those interested in enrolling their children at St. Mary's for the remainder of this school year or the 2021-

22 school year are encouraged to visit the website or call the office at 219-663-0676 for more details. St.

Mary's currently has limited space at several grade levels including preschool and first grade.

## Covid-19 vaccinations ready for those age 80 and over; appointment required

As the State of Indiana moves to Phase 1-B of its vaccine rollout, senior citizens age 80 and over can now make appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Appointments can be scheduled through the state's website at [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov) or by calling 2-1-1. Franciscan Health hospitals in Crown Point, Hammond, and Michigan City are among the sites in Northwest Indiana that people can

choose from to receive the vaccine.

Franciscan Health Crown Point has added Saturday hours from 8 a.m. to noon at its vaccine clinic to focus exclusively on those in the 80-plus age group currently eligible for the vaccine. A scheduled appointment is required in advance, and those scheduling a vaccination should also complete the registration process when scheduling.

(See COVID Pg. 2)

## Indiana Grown launches online market to connect Hoosier consumers and food producers

Indiana Grown recently launched the Shop Indiana Grown online marketplace. The free service will be offered to all qualifying Indiana Grown members providing them with an additional sales outlet during a time when online retail is critical to the success of many farms and businesses in our state and nationwide.

Indiana Grown is housed within the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and offers free resources to farms and businesses who grow, raise, produce or process an agriculture product in the state of Indiana. Members range from traditional row crop farmers to wineries to artisans to value-added food

producers.

Consumers will initially find nearly 40 vendors with more than 100 products to purchase on the platform with an increased selection available as new vendors and items are added daily in categories such as cheese, honey, coffee and skin care. With the popularity of the Indiana Grown Marketplace at the Indiana State Fair, the online store will allow the public to purchase local products year-round from anywhere.

"This project has taken months of hard work to ensure it will truly benefit our membership," said Indiana Grown Program Director Heather Tallman. "We often get asked how to purchase from our members, and we

are thrilled to see the consumer response to this exciting solution."

The new marketplace will help the Indiana Grown program accomplish its goals of helping Indiana farmers and producers have a greater market for their products and educating consumers on the importance of buying locally grown, raised, processed and packaged items.

"Having celebrated its fifth anniversary this summer, Indiana Grown is stepping up its ability to serve its members and consumers," said ISDA Director Bruce Kettler. "This new benefit of Indiana Grown membership is addressing the ever-changing needs of Indiana's agriculture community."



Indiana Grown is also partnering with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (Indiana SBDC), which provided support to fuel the e-commerce platform leveraging relief funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Indiana SBDC, which provides no cost, expert guidance and resources that farms and small businesses need to grow, has launched a number of programs and initiatives to

help entrepreneurs and business owners access relief funding and adapt to the new economic climate.

Through this collaboration, Indiana SBDC and ISDA are helping farms and small businesses tap into larger consumer markets, and the Indiana SBDC will serve as a trusted resource for Indiana Grown members that may need customized assistance related to COVID-19 recovery, e-commerce, mar-

ket research or export assistance.

"With more than 520,000 companies employing 1.2 million Hoosiers, small businesses play a critical role in fueling Indiana's economic engine," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger. "As more small businesses shift their operations online, the Shop Indiana Grown marketplace will provide an important tool for Indiana companies to reach new customers and elevate Hoosier-made goods in new markets. We're excited to partner with Indiana Grown to continue providing the support small businesses need to compete and lead in today's 21st century economy."

(See Indiana Pg. 2)

## Be Well Crisis Helpline answers the call for Hoosiers in need

The Be Well Crisis Helpline recently passed an important milestone as it enters its sixth month of operation. The free service was launched to support the mental health needs of Hoosiers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The service has answered more than 6,000 calls for help as it continues to provide 24/7 access to experienced and compassionate counselors, specially trained to help with the personal challenges that have come along with this pandemic.

"While we recognize that each of these calls is a cry for help from a Hoosier experi-

encing feelings of distress and anxiety, likely aggravated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are also comforted to know that, through the Be Well Crisis Helpline, they are connecting with someone who can listen, assess their needs, and help," said Jennifer Sullivan, M.D., M.P.H., secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

To date the Be Well Crisis Helpline has answered 6,049 calls, with an average talk time of 18 minutes and 10 seconds, but with an average wait time of only 16 seconds. To reach a counselor, anyone

in Indiana can simply call 2-1-1, enter their ZIP code, and follow the prompts to reach the Be Well Crisis Helpline.

According to data collected by the counselors, 46% of the callers have a pre-existing trauma or substance use or mental health problem. Following their conversations, the counselors referred 29% percent of the callers to mental health treatment, 24% for additional community-based resources such as food, clothing, housing or utility assistance, and another 16% for additional crisis counseling. In just over 1% of the cases, following telephone counsel-

ing, Be Well Crisis Helpline counselors have determined the situation is critical and have called 9-1-1 to get the callers the immediate help they need.

"This data tells us that the Be Well Crisis Helpline is playing a critical role in the health care continuum for Hoosiers who feel like they are in distress as a result of this pandemic," said Jay Chaudhary, director of FSSA's Division of Mental Health and Addiction. "Hundreds of our fellow Hoosiers have begun to receive treatment for the mental health issues they face, and likely faced prior

to COVID-19. We strongly encourage anyone who feels like they could use the help to call us at 2-1-1."

The top distress reactions the counselors are encountering on the calls include isolation or withdrawal (34%), issues with sleep (34%), anxiety or fearfulness (32%), and difficulty concentrating (27%).

"We are also getting referrals from first responders who know they can rely on the Be Well Crisis Helpline as a new resource in their toolkit to deal with persons under mental stress," added Chaudhary. "This helpline has come at the right time for Hoosiers who

are under real mental distress and need someplace to turn for help."

The Be Well Crisis Helpline is funded by a Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. More information on the Be Well Crisis Helpline can be found at [www.BeWellIndiana.org](http://www.BeWellIndiana.org). Indiana 211 is a free service that connects Hoosiers with assistance and answers from thousands of statewide health and human service resources — quickly, easily and confidentially. Indiana 211 became part of FSSA earlier this year.

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# Martin Luther King Jr. holiday hours for the BMV

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Saturday, January 16 through Monday, January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

All branches will resume regularly scheduled business

hours on Tuesday, January 19.

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit [www.IN.gov/BMV](http://www.IN.gov/BMV).

# Kindergarten Round-Up for Porter Lakes Elementary School

The Kindergarten Round-up for Porter Lakes Elementary School will take place from April 12 to 16, by appointment.

Children who reach 5 years of age before August 1, 2021 should enroll in kindergarten. Spaces are limited, call the school to reserve an appointment at 219-306-8076, ext. 5000.

Masks must be worn by parent and child. Parents should bring the child's certified birth certificate, child's immunization record, and proof of residency to their Round-up appointment and be prepared to complete enrollment documents.



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(Indiana from Pg. 1)

The Shop Indiana Grown online marketplace is another way Indiana Grown can promote all forms of agriculture in the state and allow its members to share the stories behind their farms and businesses.

Visit [www.shopindianagrown.org](http://www.shopindianagrown.org) to begin supporting local farmers and producers in your community. Find more information about Indiana Grown at [www.IndianaGrown.org](http://www.IndianaGrown.org).

(Covid from Pg. 1)

Along with this age group, Franciscan Health continues to provide the vaccine to frontline healthcare workers and to first responders who are eligible. The current vaccines being offered, from Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna, require two doses. Once patients receive their first vaccination, they can make an appointment for their second dose in three weeks for Pfizer BioNTech

and four weeks for Moderna. Due to limited supply, patients are not able to choose which vaccine they will receive.

As additional vaccine becomes available, Indiana will expand eligibility to those age 70 and above, followed by age 60 and above. The state will assess morbidity and exposure risks to determine the next group eligible for the vaccine.

## Got stuff for the paper?

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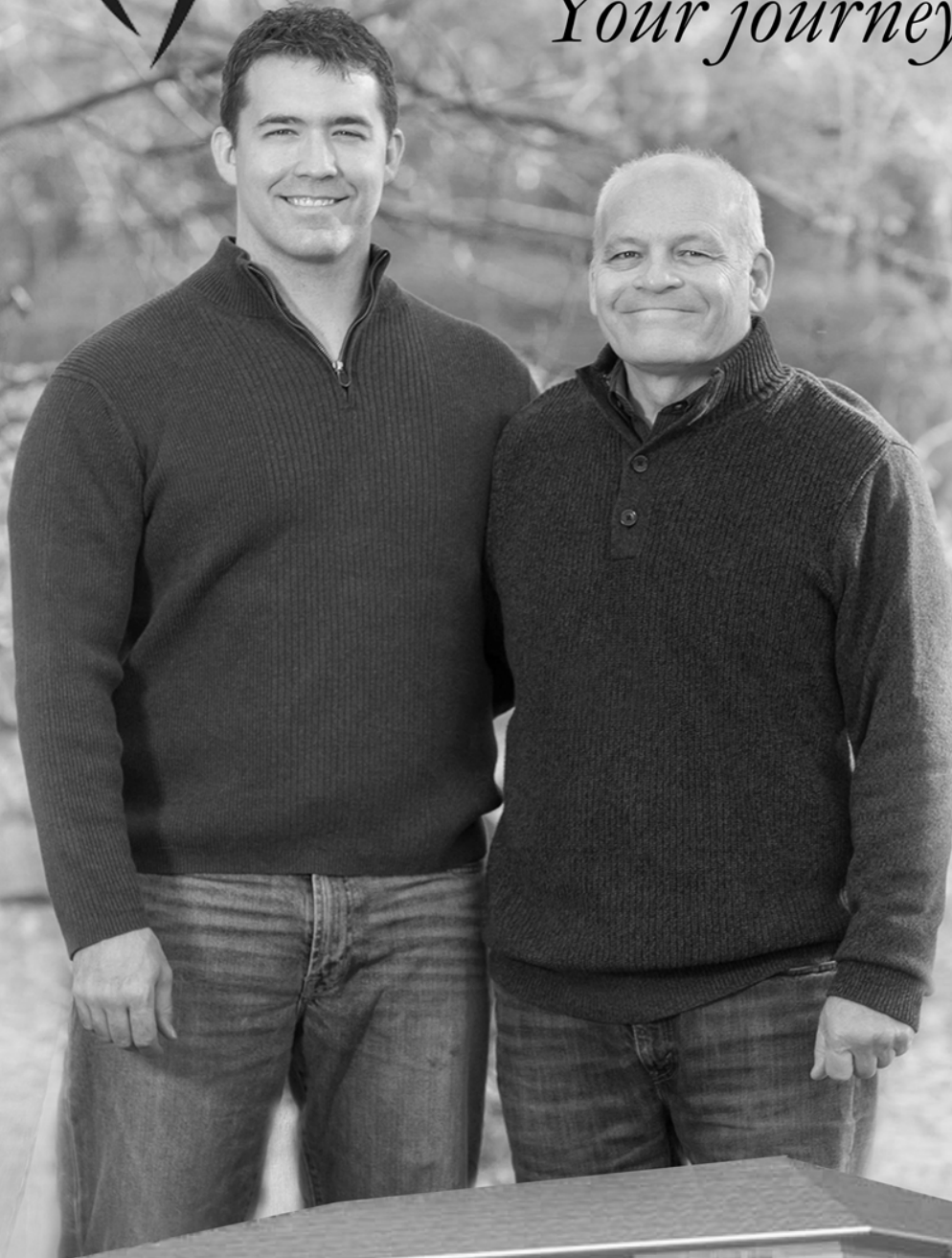






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2021 Challenge #4: Let's  
Get to Know Our Big Blue  
Marble

Welcome, amateur astro-  
nauts!

In the first three challenges,  
you revealed who you are,

Master Gardeners scholarship opportunity for Lake County residents

The Lake County Master  
Gardeners have announced  
that they are continuing their  
scholarship program for the  
2021-22 academic year.

Although the LCMGA has  
been awarding scholarships  
for the past sixteen years, this  
will only be the third year  
that scholarship applications  
will be available through the  
Crown Point Community  
Foundation website, and the  
third year incoming freshmen  
attending a four-year institu-  
tion are also eligible to apply.

your familiar landmarks, and  
your plan to get healthy. This  
challenge is to make promise  
to protect the big blue marble  
called Earth.

- 1) Will you ride your bike or  
walk whenever possible?
- 2) Will you use a lunch box,  
not paper bags to reduce litter?

Scholarships will be awarded  
to undergraduate college and  
university students, who are res-  
idents of Lake County. In addi-  
tion to the majors of Horticulture  
and Landscape Architecture,  
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Plant Pathology, Agricultural  
Education, and Entomology are  
eligible as well.

Other majors that benefit  
consumer gardening may be  
considered. The 2021 applica-  
tion will be available through  
February 19, 2021 through

- 3) Will you find ways to  
reuse things, like plastic con-  
tainers?
- 4) Will you fix things when  
they break rather than always  
buy more?
- 5) Will you put plastic, glass,  
and paper in recycling bins?
- 6) Will you plant trees and

the Crown Point Community  
Foundation website at [www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html](http://www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html)  
The scholarships are  
funded by donations made  
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Gardener Association in sup-  
port of the annual Plant Sale,  
Garden Walk, Lake County  
Fair, and donations from do-  
nors, such as the NW Indiana  
Beekeepers Association.  
The Lake County Master  
Gardeners Association works  
in cooperation with Purdue  
Extension-Lake County.

- flowers to keep the air clean?
- 7) Will you turn off lights to  
cut down on light pollution?
- 8) Will you turn off water  
while you brush your teeth?

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promise with me by attaching  
it to an email and send it to  
[famfolkfound@gmail.com](mailto:famfolkfound@gmail.com).

The, prepare to join us

March 25 and May 1 on a  
simulated trip to Mars at the  
Challenger Learning Center.

Before the blast off, let's  
flex our intellectual skills as  
required for astronauts by  
NASA at [www.nasa.org](http://www.nasa.org).

Look for Challenge #5:  
Newton's Laws here and in  
space. The purpose of Family  
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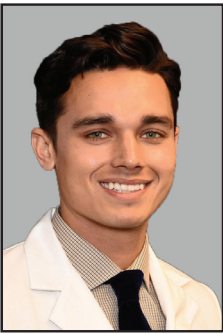
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This day in history

January 15, 1967

The Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City  
Chiefs at the Los Angeles Coliseum in the first-  
ever world championship game of American  
football.

In the mid-1960s, the intense competition for  
players and fans between the National Football  
League and the upstart American Football  
League led to talks of a possible merger. It was  
decided that the winners of each league's  
championship would meet each year in a single  
game to determine the "world champion of  
football."

In that historic first game, played before a non-  
sellout crowd of 61,946 people, Green Bay scored  
three touchdowns in the second half to defeat  
Kansas City 35-10. Led by MVP quarterback Bart  
Starr, the Packers benefited from Max McGee's  
stellar receiving and a key interception by safety  
Willie Wood. For their win, each member of the  
Packers collected \$15,000: the largest single  
game share in the history of team sports.

Postseason college games were known as  
"bowl" games, and AFL founder Lamar Hunt  
suggested that the new pro championship be  
called the "Super Bowl." The term was officially  
introduced in 1969, along with roman numerals  
to designate the individual games. In 1970, the  
NFL and AFL merged into one league with two  
conferences, each with 13 teams. Since then, the  
Super Bowl has been for the NFL championship  
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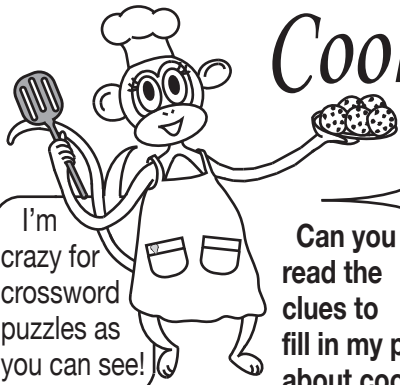


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...own ingredients to make a great pizza!



Kids: color stuff in!



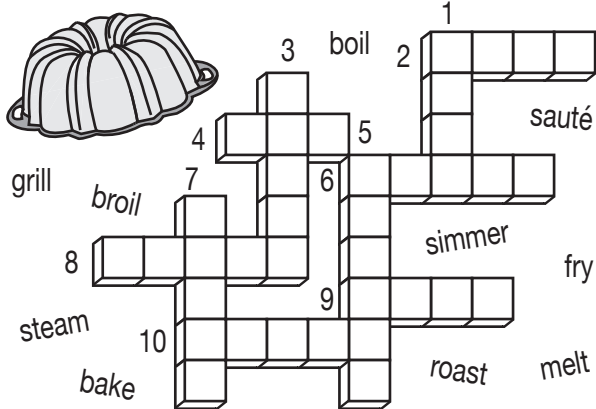
I'm crazy for crossword puzzles as you can see!

Can you read the clues to fill in my puzzles about cooking?

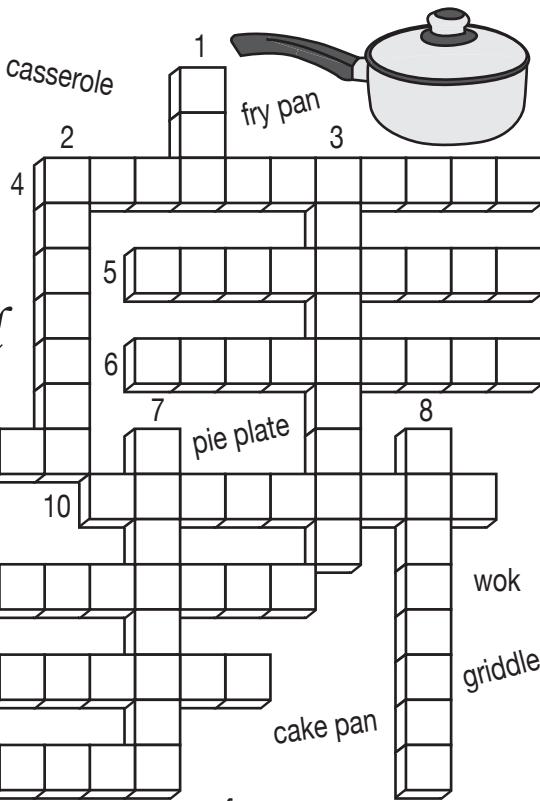
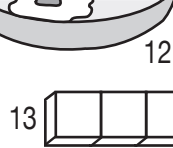
I enjoy cooking and baking. I like putting foods together to make new, hopefully delicious, combinations. One of my favorite hobbies is to take an old recipe that everyone loves, like cheese and macaroni, and "lighten" it to make it a healthier dish that's just as tasty.

- 1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
- 2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
- 3. very deep with handles and lids

- 4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
- 5. bowl heated from below – keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
- 6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
- 7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
- 8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
- 9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
- 10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
- 12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
- 13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

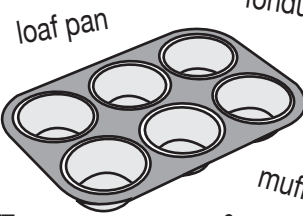


## Pots and Pans



## How We Cook It

- 1. cook in oven using dry heat
- 2. heat liquid until it starts to bubble and steam
- 3. cook over an open fire
- 4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
- 5. cook food just below its boiling point
- 6. heat using water in the form of wisps of \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. cook meat in oven, uncovered in a shallow pan without adding liquid
- 8. cook at high temperature using direct heat from the top of the oven



fondue pot

pizza pan

saucepans

muffin tin

cookie sheet

- 9. turn something into liquid over heat
- 10. cook in a pan with a little bit of oil or butter

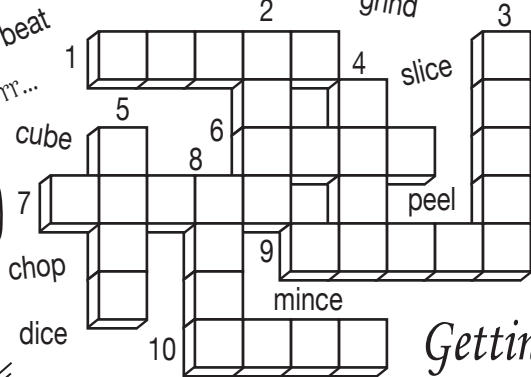
## Running the Kitchen Smoothly

I'm helping Chatter in the kitchen today. I am her "sous chef," which means I am the second in command! I make sure everything is ready and the kitchen is running smoothly, and I help to cook the food.

Getting food ready and keeping the kitchen running smoothly:

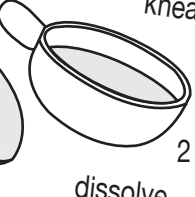
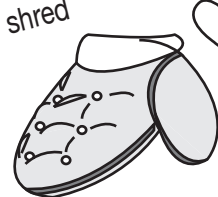
- 1. cut into thin strips with a knife
- 2. cut food into small square pieces
- 3. crush food in blender or other machine
- 4. press to remove lumps
- 5. cut food into squares smaller than 1/2 inch, using a knife
- 6. stir ingredients together with a whisk or spoon
- 7. chop into tiny pieces
- 8. cut ingredients into pieces using a knife or food processor
- 9. cut into long, thin pieces (may use round holes on grater)
- 10. pull off or cut off the skin or rind of fruit or vegetable

whirrrrr...



## Getting It Together

- 1. pour liquid or food into a filter that catches any solid bits
- 2. blend milk, butter, or sugar until smooth
- 3. swirl different types of batter for an interesting look
- 4. put ingredients together
- 5. make ingredients fluffy by adding air, beating quickly
- 6. mix smoothly together
- 7. blend food into a liquid until it disappears (like sugar in water)
- 8. stir very fast so ingredients mix or fluff up
- 9. work on dough by pressing and stretching
- 10. mix a salad until everything is coated with dressing



dissolve

knead

blend

cream

strain

marble

toss

mix

whip

beat



We are helpers in the kitchen. Read the clues to find out how we help. Then, fill in the puzzle!

## Kitchen Helpers

- 1. small rag used for washing plates, pots, and pans
- 2. books filled with recipes
- 3. rough, sponge-like tool for removing food from pots and pans
- 4. sets of instructions for making or preparing something
- 5. special piece of clothing that covers the front to keep clothes clean
- 6. cups with markings on the side
- 7. thick cloths that protect hands and table from hot pots and pans
- 8. larger cloths for drying off your washed plates, pots, and pans

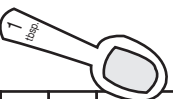


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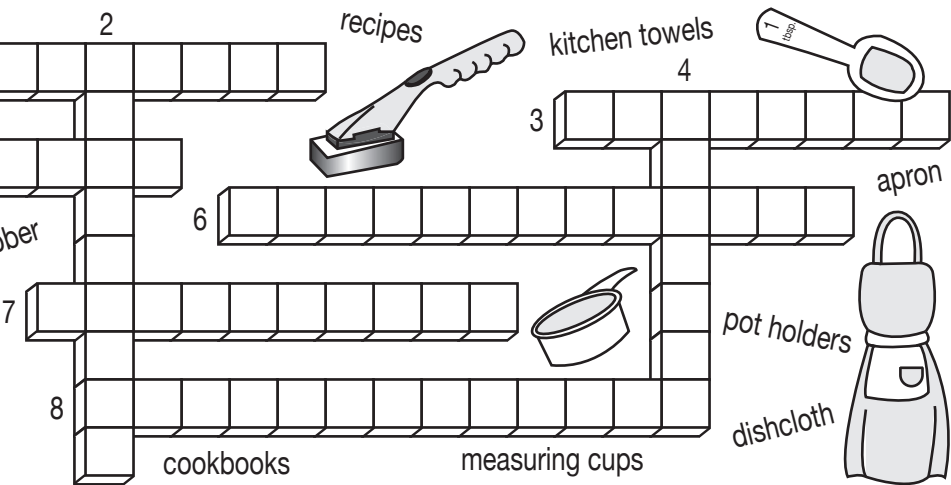
kitchen towels



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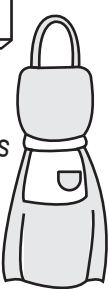
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IDE announces new climate change education framework in partnership with Purdue

In partnership with the Purdue Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC) and Purdue University College of Science, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) today announced the state's new Climate Change Education Framework. The Indiana Climate Change Education Framework offers easily accessible and scientifically curated instructional resources to educators interested in infusing their curriculum with information about climate change.

"Providing educators access to high-quality and evidence-based climate change facts and resources is critical to creating more academic opportunities for our students to become informed citizens, grounded in science," said Indiana State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick. "I am grateful for our partnership with Purdue and for the involvement of educators from across our state. Their dedication, support, and work will have an impact on generations of students to come."

The Indiana Climate Change Education Framework originated out of a need expressed by Indiana educators to include more focused climate change teaching within their current classroom instruction. Collaborating in the fall of 2020, IDOE and Purdue partners began curating resources that assist educators with teaching climate change while intersecting with existing Indiana Academic Standards for science. To guide this process, the team pulled from the published work of Purdue professors Dan Shepardson and Andrew Hirsch that outlines five critical climate change topics that provide

a strong scientific foundation for continued learning. During a two-day virtual workshop, IDOE and Purdue staff worked with Indiana educators to identify relevant state academic standards and associated learning resources aligned with the five climate change concepts to create an efficient and accessible framework from which educators all across the state could pull.

"People have heard a lot of misinformation about climate change over the years, so it's important for teachers to be able to find trusted, scientifically accurate materials," said PCCRC Director Jeff Dukes. "We were excited to partner with IDOE to help teachers find helpful resources based on solid science."

Coinciding with Indiana's new Climate Change Education Framework, IDOE and Purdue partners created #INClimateEd. Individuals interested in continuing the climate change conversation socially are encouraged to use #INClimateEd, and tag @EducateIN, @PurdueCCRC, and @PurdueSOS on Twitter.

For more information and access to Indiana's Climate Change Education Framework, please visit: [www.doe.in.gov/science/climateframework](http://www.doe.in.gov/science/climateframework).

To view PCCRC's Five Critical Climate Change Topics and additional resources to support climate change education, visit [www.ag.purdue.edu/climate/education/for-k-12-teachers/](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/climate/education/for-k-12-teachers/)

INDOT to host virtual career fair next week on Wednesday, January 20

The Indiana Department of Transportation is hosting a virtual career fair on Wednesday, January 20 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Anyone interested in learning more about employment at INDOT is invited to attend, and registration is not required.

The career fair will feature an overview of the agency, benefits of working for INDOT, and positions currently available. Featured jobs will include highway maintenance technicians, equipment mechanics, construction engineers and project inspectors, and seasonal positions.

The event will be held via Microsoft Teams, an online video conferencing application for both desktop and mobile devices. While a Teams account is not needed to join the event, those who plan to participate may download the Microsoft Teams application in advance here.

The app is required if joining from a mobile device, but attendees can choose to join on the web instead using Edge, Chrome, or Firefox if using a desktop.

The live event can be accessed online at this link on January 20. Those planning to attend should save this article, as they will need to click that link to join the event.

Learn more about employment opportunities and see a full listing of job opportunities at INDOT at [www.in.gov/indot/3163.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/3163.htm)



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