

SUPPORTING ENERGY LITERACY ADOPT-A-WELL PROGRAM

We believe that when people are offered access to education, they have a gateway to a brighter future. We want neighbours to understand our oil and gas industry and its career opportunities. We teamed up with the Mandaree School in Fort Berthold, North Dakota, and built an energy education program called Adopt-a-Well, which describes energy development and what it means to the Fort Berthold community.

We visit with students once a month to talk about industry jobs and educational requirements, and the development of an oil well from leasing the land to reclaiming it. The class “adopts” one of our wells and we take students to see the drilling rig in action.

The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations recognized Enerplus with an Industry Community Service Award for the Adopt-a-Well program.

“This has been a great opportunity for my students to receive this information from actual employees. It has put a face to the oil industry and gives personalized stories to the students to help make the employees’ areas of expertise relevant to the students. The presentations have been informative, and often they have some hands-on aspect – such as showing how the additives are used in the drilling process, geologic maps, tour of oil drilling rigs and a visit to the local office. For a science teacher, or any teacher, these visits have been a great opportunity, one that the teachers can build on to any degree we wish.” Gary Trana, Mandaree teacher.



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