

Monsanto's mobile lab mobilizes learning

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Students at Dudley Elementary learned on top of wheels last Thursday when they toured Monsanto's mobile technology unit.

The unit, which showcases changes in plant breeding and biotechnology, was parked at Monsanto's Water Utilization Center south of Gothenburg.

Monsanto officials said the 53-foot-long traveling unit, with 1,000 square feet of exhibit space, visits rural communities, agricultural trade shows and other special events across the country.

Ag educator Allan Cina of Monsanto led a tour for fifth graders.

Cina showed students robotics demonstrations, innovations in plant breeding such as insect prevention and better water utilization, how biotechnology is achieved and more.

The ag educator also told students how the walls of the learning lab rotate and how it takes six to seven hours to set up once they reach a new site.

Cina said the idea behind the learning lab is to take the research done by Monsanto to rural areas where people can see what's being done firsthand.

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