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Tree Planting Information for Elementary Schools

Plant trees, lots of trees..... Are you looking for your Grade 6 class(es) to participate in National Arbor Week this Spring? Take this opportunity and call Western Landscape Services at 613-389-2384 to deliver a 'Plant a Tree, Make our City Cool' educational session at your school.

Surrounding the annual celebration of *National Arbor Week*, our desire is to continue with our successful tree planting program at Kingston elementary schools. Our certified Arborist, Paul VandenEngel and his team will plant a mature tree with children teaching them the importance of trees in our world. Not only will children be educated on the valuable skills of how to plant a tree, but how to care for a tree once it is planted. Each child will be given a seedling to take home to plant at a location of their choice.

As a landscaping firm, we are passionate about encouraging the general public to plant trees. We see the need to go one step further and educate the future generation, our children, about the importance of trees in our environment. At a global level in 2007, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) launched a major worldwide tree planting campaign. Under the *Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign*, people, communities, businesses and industries, civil society organizations and governments were encouraged together to plant one billion trees worldwide. We were inspired by this campaign and joined the worldwide effort of UNEP and pledged to plant a minimum of 310 trees in 2008. We surpassed our goal and continue each year to deliver this beneficial program which has been a huge success and well received by all participants. The children are taught why 'trees are good', how to plant a tree, and how to nurture their tree once planted. Children and their teachers are also provided with resources and hands on experience planting a tree in their school yard.

Western Landscape Services will:

- Provide and plant one 10' to 12' mature tree on school property. Suggested native trees include Maple, Linden, Frontier Elm (resistant to Dutch Elm disease), Oak, Hackberry, or Ash.
- Provide a 30 minute in class presentation to all Grade 6 students on the benefit of trees.
- Give each child one seedling to plant at a location of their choice.
- Provide children with written instructions on how to care and nurture their seedling,
- Provide support materials for ongoing classroom discussion on urban/forest awareness.
- But most of all... encourage children to feel excited about **TREES!**

We require from you:

- Participation from students in all Grade 6 class(es),
- Approximately 1 ½ hours of class time during the month of April / May/ June,
- A location on school property to plant your tree, free of all underground utilities.
- Commitment to care for the tree once it is planted by the Parents Committee or other interested parties for the first year.
- Support for our '**PLANT A TREE MAKE OUR CITY COOL**' campaign!

Our proud sponsors Cannon Nurseries and the Friends of Lemoin Point Nursery Committee have partnered with us so there is no cost to the elementary school for the program! Grade 6 children are at an impressionable age and often times their enthusiasm is contagious. We are hoping their enthusiasm will spill over to their families and friends! Please fill out the attached form and fax it to our office at 613-389-3693 or email it to info@westernlandscaping.com. Western Landscape Services will be contacting you to discuss a date and time to visit your school that is convenient. Call us today to '**Plant a Tree Make our City Cool!!!**'



“Plant a Tree Make our City Cool” School Participation Response

Please complete required information below and fax to **613-389-3693** or email to **info@westernlandscaping.com**

Date: _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Number of Grade 6 children participating: _____

Name of individual(s) to care for tree once planted: _____

Our school _____ agrees to participate in ‘Plant a Tree, Make our City Cool’ project during the Spring as outlined in the ‘Tree Planting Proposal’. Permission is granted for Western Landscape Services to plant a tree on the School’s property per the proposal. The School shall choose the location for the tree, and shall ensure that it is on school property and free of all underground utilities. The School releases Western Landscape Services of any damage that may occur on school property.

Signature of Principal: _____

Printed Name of Principal: _____

Date Signed: _____



United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) website:

“We have but a short time to avert damaging and economically debilitating climate change. The solutions are numerous and, as many economists’ say, affordable when compared with the costs of complacency. The goods and services provided by forests are worth billions if not trillions of dollars to the global economy. Forests are natural and economical important ‘sinks’, sequestering carbon from the atmosphere and locking it away in trunks and branches. Globally, forest cover is at least one-third less than what it once was. It is time to reverse the trends, it is time to act.”

Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director