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Trees are important! A committee, formed by the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District and the Lexington County Landscape Administrator, has been working on the 2011 Arbor Day Activities for Lexington County schools. The activities will culminate on December 2nd.

This program is intended to help educate our students about how and why trees are important to us. This is a great age for them to learn how to properly take care of the trees they have or will have when they plant new ones.

Nine schools from Districts 1, 2, and 5 responded this year to take part in the Arbor Day activities. This letter announces the programs and activities that the committee will be providing.

We will be sending teachers, whom you identified, some resource information for them to use in developing their own class activities to fit into their teaching curriculum. The literature will provide many possibilities to select from for this event. We will include items from the National Arbor Day Foundation and from Clemson University.

The teachers will be asked to develop a program for their school for the activities on Friday, December 2nd. Members of the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District or the Lexington County Landscape Administrator will attend that program. We need to arrange appointment times for our presenters to attend the school on December 2nd. They will make a presentation to a general assembly of fourth graders. We will end with the planting of a Red Bud tree on the school property. The trees are being donated to the schools by the Palmetto Pride Organization, through a grant for the trees, arranged by the Soil and Water Conservation District. We will plan to meet with the teachers and the grounds maintenance individuals at each school before the day of the tree planting to make necessary arrangements.

We are also planning to ask Lexington County Council to publicly recognize our Arbor Day this year with a Resolution.

Thank you for your response to this joint project. We are looking forward to working with you.

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