

January 9, 2020

Rushton Elementary School
ATTN: All Fifth Grade Students
6001 W 52 Street
Mission, KS 66202

Dear Students:

The Mission Parks & Recreation Commission invites each of the fifth grade students at Rushton Elementary to participate with other students throughout the state in the Kansas Forest Service Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The Poster Contest will include hands-on activities to teach students:

- The multitude of benefits of community trees
- How to identify the economic, environmental and social benefits of trees
- How to calculate the value of those benefits
- How to identify and measure trees.

Each student will have the opportunity to show what they have learned by creating their own poster in the classroom based on the theme **“We All Need Kansas Trees for Resilient Ecosystems!”**

Preliminary judging of all posters will be done by the Rushton staff, Mission staff, and Mission Parks & Recreation Commission members to select ten posters which best convey the theme and demonstrate what was learned during classroom activities. Those ten posters will be on display **Friday, January 31 - Wednesday, February 4** at the Powell Community Center for voting by the public. Please visit the Community Center to cast a vote for your favorite poster. Mission staff will submit the winning poster to the Kansas Forest Service for a state-wide competition.

We are pleased to partner with Rushton Elementary for this unique learning experience. We look forward to seeing the posters from the many talented fifth grade students at Rushton, honoring all the participants during a classroom event, and recognizing the winners at the Mission City Council meeting in March.

Sincerely,



Ron Appletoft
Mayor



Mark Raduziner, Chairperson
Mission Parks & Recreation Commission