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# TREEmail

AN UPDATE FROM THE VERMONT URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

## Arbor Day, May 4, 2012. Trees & Forests Matter to Everyone.



Slated for release on March 2, 2012, [Dr. Seuss' The Lorax](#) is a 3D adaptation of the classic tale of a forest creature who shares the enduring power of hope. The book - and now the movie - show how important it is to take care of trees and forests, which provide many public benefits: clean air and water, wood products we use every

day, wildlife habitat and recreation. The message of the movie helps point to the importance of sustainable forest management. The story ultimately offers a message of hope and renewal, restoration and responsibility. The takeaway is that trees and forests matter to everyone, and we must use and care for them sustainably.

Trees matter so much, that we have a holiday set aside to recognize their contribution to the environment: **Arbor Day**. In Vermont, we celebrate Arbor Day on the first Friday in May-- **Friday, May 4, 2012**. This is the ideal time of year to roll up our sleeves and plant trees. As these trees grow, they will pay us back.

We have several opportunities for your school, class and students to get involved in the celebration; from creating a piece of tree art to school wide celebrations. Join Vermont schools and students from across the state in the celebration. Here are the ways we can help. [Learn more](#)



## Growing Works of Art

A contest for grades 1-8 to enrich their knowledge of VT trees and create a piece of work to be potentially displayed on a set of trading cards. These cards will be collected by students across the state. For 2012, the focus will be on **floodplain trees**. Entries are due

March 30, 2012. [Submission Form](#) & [Activity Guide](#).

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## Passport Program

This booklet contains [23 tree lessons](#) and activities for students from kindergarten - 8th grade. After a suggested number of

## Arbor Day Activities

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## Tree Trading Cards

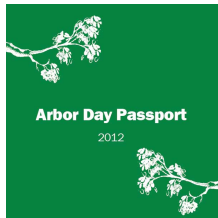
Your students can win a set of tree trading cards and a free Day Use Pass to [Vermont State Parks](#) by completing Passport activities. The trading cards were created from the winning entries of our 2011 ['Growing Works of Art'](#) contest.



2011 First Grade  
Winner: Louisa Braun

## Tree Seedlings

Unfortunately, we will no longer be offering tree seedlings. If you are interested in planting larger trees on your school's grounds, excellent resources and partnership opportunities exist with your local 'green' professionals. Check in with your local garden centers, Tree Wardens, landscape architects and



projects are completed, students receive prizes including a set of tree trading cards created from last year's 'Growing Works of Art' contest and Day Use Pass to [VT State Parks!](#)

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foresters.

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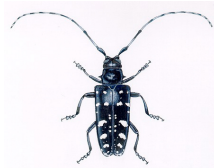
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## Beetle Busting 101



Get your students outside and looking closely at the trees on the school's grounds and help us look for pesky invasive tree pests. The more people we have looking for them, the better our chances for detecting them early and launching a successful response. We need your help!

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## Celebrations



An Arbor Day celebration may be simple and brief or an elaborate all-day observation, and can be enjoyed by children and adults alike. For lots of ideas about how to observe and celebrate Arbor Day in your school or community, we will send you a free copy of "Celebrate Arbor Day!" created by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

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 **Central Vermont Public Service**



Horsford's Nursery and Gardens

## Forests Forever CD

A free, educational and fun CD-ROM with companion brochure and educator's guide for 5th & 6th grade students on forest management and its relationship to wildlife, recreation and wood products.

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