



## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Frankfort Intermediate School

Students and staff from Frankfort Intermediate School (FIS) planted a mix of 24 shade, flowering, and evergreen trees at their school in Frankfort on May 1, 2015.

With the assistance of Liz Basham from WV Division of Forestry, FIS principal Jackie Beverlin developed a planting plan for the project.

Sixty students were selected to participate in the planting day via a lottery system. To be chosen, students had to earn tickets by assisting with planting day preparations.

Twenty students from Mineral County Technical Center's Forestry program also assisted with the project.

The 60 Students, four

foresters, and 20 high school students prepped the planting site, moved tree supplies, and planted the trees. Everyone participated in all aspects of the planting process.

Trees were planted across the school grounds: in the front lawn, pre-K play areas, and older student play areas.

Community volunteers arranged to pick-up and deliver the trees and supplies. A tractor with a backhoe attachment was brought in by another volunteer to assist in the site preparation prior to the planting date. In one area of the playground the janitor



had to perform extensive site prep to get the area ready for planting. Volunteers were treated to a picnic lunch sponsored by the school's PTO.

Students can take a lot of pride in this project. Parents and community members have enjoyed the trees during spring picnics.

We are excited to watch these trees grow!

### A word from the Project Leader, Jackie Beverlin:

*"I believe in the importance of service projects and improving our community. This was an excellent way for our students to be a part of a major project. It was also very rewarding to see the older students and adults working with our students."*



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