

Franklin Elementary School

24 Flowering Trees—307 Volunteers—259 Hours Volunteered

WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Franklin Elementary School

Students and staff from Franklin Elementary School (FES) planted a mix of 24 flowering trees at their school on a cloudy and cool Earth Day, April 22, 2015.

The 24 flowering trees included Eastern Redbuds, Serviceberries, and Flowering Dogwoods. All of the trees were planted at the front area of the new school, adjacent to the entrance/exit vehicle loop, to help beautify and add color to the school.

Every grade level of students (total of 307) helped for approximately 45 minutes. The project lasted the entire day, beginning at 8:15am and ending at 3:00pm.

The students were divided into 3 groups for each grade level. During this time, Ben Heavner and



Carla Hardy (WV Conservation Agency) and two USDA-NRCS employees presented educational lessons about trees. The holes had been pre-dug by the leaders.

The student volunteers were responsible for planting the

trees, as well as mulching, staking, and putting tubes around the trees.

All of the students enjoyed their day outside learning how to properly plant trees.

Great job to all of the volunteers from FES!

A word from the Project Leader, Sandra Simmons:

“The planting event was very educational and fun for the students. They were very interested and involved in the project.”



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