



## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Keyser Primary School

### “Creating the Greatest Opportunities for our Students.”

This is the guiding theme for all Mineral County schools and Cacapon Institute is proud to have helped provide such a great volunteer tree planting opportunity for these students through our CommuniTree program.

Keyser Primary School students and teachers planted a mix of 24 evergreen trees to serve as a visual screen between the school playgrounds and US-220, the main road that runs through Keyser.

Species planted included sweet bay magnolias, white pines, Norway spruces, and arborvitae.

On April 6, about one week before planting day, Cacapon Institute’s Connor

Roessler visited the school to provide in-classroom education about trees and watersheds to all of the students.

On April 13, two Cacapon Institute staff as well as Sam Adams from the WV Division of Forestry assisted the students with planting the trees.

Over the course of the day, over 200 students from seven different classes helped plant the trees.

Students from the Mineral County Vo-tech center helped prepare for the planting by digging the hole, cutting cages, and dispersing tree planting materials to each hole.

A pot-luck lunch was served to



all of the adult volunteers.

Over the summer, the school has plans to work with Energy Express students to help maintain and water the trees.

This is the second time that Keyser Primary School has planted trees on their campus through CommuniTree. Their first planting, in partnership with Mineral County Vo-tech students, was in [fall 2014](#).

### A word from the Project Leader, Connie Lyons:

*“I was pleased when asked questions during the tree planting classes how well the students knew the terms and was able to answer the questions brought up during this time, this stemmed from our educational day.”*





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