LOUDOUN’S 2021 ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST
THEME – TREES MAKE ME HAPPY
Sponsored by Loudoun Soil & Water Conservation District
Deadline: Friday, April 2, 2021

The Loudoun Arbor Day poster contest is a creative way to learn about trees and express your artistic talent to create a poster that illustrates the contest theme for 2021: **TREES MAKE ME HAPPY**

Trees produce an enormous amount of oxygen for us to breathe. Tree leaves take in sunshine and give back oxygen, our lives depend on that. They filter tons of pollutants from the air and purify gallons of groundwater. Tree roots perform an amazing job of holding soil in place. Trees are very effective at slowing flood waters near streams. Branches and leaves create the canopy of a tree that is unique to each species. The canopy provides shelter from the wind, rain and scorching sun. Trees supply lumber for building homes and furniture and provide many different types of habitats for wildlife. Trees produce some of life’s essentials like food and medicine. Willow trees can cure a headache. Cinnamon comes from the inner bark of a tree. Apples, peaches, pears, coconuts, and chocolate are just a few of the assortment of foods that trees produce. Throughout the four seasons, trees provide magnificent beauty in the landscape. The health and well-being of everyone in the world depends on trees. Trees are working all day, every day, all over Loudoun County and around the world providing tremendous benefits.

Poster contest prizes will be awarded to the top 50 posters. On April 30, 2020 a virtual awards ceremony is being planned to recognize winners and digitally display posters. Loudoun County Urban Forester and Certified Arborist, Kyle Dingus will be the Master of Ceremony (MC).

**POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES:** The poster contest is open to all Loudoun County students in grades K–12. Posters must measure no larger than 11” X 16” and be the original artwork of the student. Poster contest theme must be on front side the poster. All entries become the property of the sponsor for use as educational and promotional purposes. Original posters will be returned.

**3 Ways to submit posters by the Friday, April 2, 2021 deadline are:**
1. Mail to: Loudoun Soil & Water Conservation District
   30 Catoctin Circle, SE, Suite 218, Leesburg, VA 20175.
2. Deliver to office address above, there is a Box for posters outside the office door.
3. Send electronically to all three email addresses below:
   pat.mcilvaine@lswcd.org;kyle.dingus@loudoun.gov;jennifer.venable@lswcd.org

Each entry must have the following information attached:

Student’s Name _________________________________________________________

Grade Level ____________

School Name____________________________________________________________

School contact/Teacher’s Name_____________________________________________

e-mail address___________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian signature will allow Loudoun Soil & Water District to utilize poster submission for educational and promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature_________________________________________________

Email address(optional)___________________________________________________

For more information email: pat.mcilvaine@lswcd.org