



Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Dear Mr. Trudeau

We are Ms. Hartley's Grade 4/5 class, and we are writing you this letter to tell you about Crestview Public School. Crestview School is an Eco Earth school and we care about every-single living tree. We believe that when you cut a tree down you should plant a new one. We are a school of 220 students and staff. In case you didn't know, we are located in Murillo, Oliver Paipouge, Ontario just a few minutes outside of Thunder Bay. We are known as The Yellow Jackets. Crestview School believes in saving the trees and our environment!



We would like to talk to you about how important National Tree Day is. National Tree Day started in 1996. It is celebrated on September 21<sup>st</sup> each year. Tree Canada, a company that sponsors National Tree Day, has planted over 80 million trees, and "greened" more than 500 school yards all across the country of Canada.

Trees are very important to people, because they provide oxygen for us to breath. Trees have knowledge inside of them too. It may not seem like it, but it's true, because we can learn a lot from them and because they give us paper. If we didn't have trees, we wouldn't be able to write this letter. The way we see it, trees make paper, books are made of paper and books get us smart, so they're



important. We make paper here in Thunder Bay at our paper mill, in case you didn't know. Also, trees provide a lot of food and medicine (pears, apples, nuts, berries). Also, trees keep us warm. If you cut down a tree, you usually use it for burning wood in your fireplace or for heating your house and campfires too. So, if you cut down a tree you should plant a new one. Trees are also important because they make a natural habitat for wildlife and people. Trees give us shelter. If we didn't have trees, then we would be sleeping on the wet leaves and grass in the bush.

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Trees are important to not only our lives, but also the lives of animals. Sometimes people don't think about all of the creatures and they think about themselves instead. We believe trees are important to all living things because they need to have trees to build nests, lay eggs and get food to eat. Some animals live in trees and hibernate. Trees provide shelter to help animals

survive. That is why trees are important to animals. So please, let's help animals by planting a tree on National Tree Day.



Hill's Greenhouses is located in Murillo and is very close to Crestview School. They grow 5-6 million trees a year, but they only grow needle trees. There are more than 20 green houses. Crestview School knows the owner of Hill's Greenhouses and they have won awards for their awesome trees! Hill's Greenhouses grows and sells trees to big companies, but they are donating a tree to every student in Crestview for FREE!! The whole school! And we are also giving one to you! We hope you like your tree.



Yes, we really are going to give you a tree! We hope you will celebrate National Tree Day too. Yep, that's right. Here's your tree! We want you to read this letter and plant the tree. Oh, and please send a letter back to us if you can. If you want, and if it's ok with you, we would also like it if you could Skype us or send a short video. If you're too busy to plant the tree yourself, could you pass it on and ask one of your children to plant it? Please don't throw out the tree. If your kids can't do it, please try to ask somebody important you work with to plant it.

Ms. Hartley says that the trees we will all plant on National Tree Day are like us. We both grow bigger, stronger, and get more and more knowledge each day. How we grow our minds, bodies and attitudes helps give us and a tree strength. The stronger and healthier we are, the stronger and healthier our city, province and country will be! We are young students now, but powerful, future leaders for tomorrow. One day others will look-up to us, just like we hope to soon look-up at the trees we plant on National Tree Day this year.



Thank-you for your time ☺

*Sincerely,*

Ms. Hartley's Grade 4/5 class of Crestview School!

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