

Media Release



Saskatoon Public Schools
Inspiring Learning

May 5, 2010 -- Students plant 1600 native trees and shrubs

On Friday, May 7th, the Saskatoon Public Schools' Brightwater Science and Environmental Centre and 23 Grade 11 Outdoor School Program students and their teachers will launch the planting of approximately 1600 native trees and shrubs as part of the Trees by the Shore project sponsored by Majesta and Tree Canada.

Planting will take place on the public school land housing the Brightwater Science and Environmental Centre and on the adjoining land of the Salvation Army Beaver Creek Camp. Middle years students from various public schools will continue the planting of the trees and shrubs as an environmental work project during their three day stay at Brightwater in the months of May and June. Brightwater Science and Environmental Centre is committed to maintaining the ecological integrity of the area and views this as an opportunity to help restore the riparian habitat along the Brightwater Creek.

The Brightwater Creek is a ribbon on life for this area – it provides habitat for wildlife, provides an opportunity for recreation, a place for us to enjoy nature and a place to learn firsthand about nature. Trees and shrubs do their part towards keeping the river clean and healthy. Their roots hold the soil, they provide food for birds and animal and as they grow they take up water, filter it and discharge it into the air. Trees also take in carbon dioxide, store the carbon and release oxygen – the life line for all living organisms.

These trees and shrubs will ensure that we can enjoy this natural landscape for years to come. Trees do their part – let's do ours!

The Brightwater Science and Environmental Centre provides out-of-doors science and environmental programs for middle years, Science 10 and Biology 20 students of Saskatoon Public Schools.

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