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Dear 5th Grade Teachers,

The Michigan Arbor Day Alliance (MADA) would like to invite your fifth grade students to participate in our **Arbor Day Poster Contest!** Arbor Day is an important holiday and we hope you and your students will join us in celebrating it by flexing your artistic muscle to create an original poster depicting this year's theme: "**Trees for Bees**"!

Why should you enter? Well besides the fact that trees are amazing, for people and pollinators alike, there are also prizes for the top three posters entries *and* their teachers! Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Place:

- \$100 Acorn Naturalist gift certificate for winning student
- \$100 gift card for winning teacher for classroom supplies
- \$100 for a tree planting at your school or in your community

2nd Place:

- \$50 Acorn Naturalist gift certificate for winning student
- \$50 gift card for winning teacher for classroom supplies
- \$100 for a tree planting at your school or in your community

3rd Place:

- \$25 Acorn Naturalist gift certificate for winning student
- \$25 gift card for winning teacher for classroom supplies
- \$100 for a tree planting at your school or in your community

The First Place winner and their teacher/parent will be invited to attend the State Arbor Day Celebration at Potter Park in Lansing on Friday, April 26, 2019 where they will be recognized during the Tree Planting Ceremony.

Please be sure to follow all of the contest rules to ensure your students entry is not disqualified. The contest rules, entry form, and additional classroom resources can be found on our website at **www.miarbordayalliance.org/poster-contest**. We hope you have fun with this contest and are looking forward to seeing all the fantastic entries!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us at miarborday@gmail.com or call 517-588-6302 (direct line). Please remember to submit all posters by **March 4, 2019!**

Sincerely,

Hannah Reynolds, State Program Coordinator
Michigan Arbor Day Alliance