

OFE Growers Newsletter for February 24th,2022

This week the 5th grade class donated and planted their arbor day tree in the playground area bordering the track. The tree was a Quercus natall or Texas Red Oak. Along with the tree a plaque and a time capsule were buried, the time capsule to be opened by the 5th grade class when they have become senior graduates. Last year was the first opening of a time capsule and was pretty spectacular!

This year's festivities began right after lunch and even though the skies were cloudy the weather cooperated and the presentations by the individual teams and the transportation, planting (including backfilling and watering), and mulching were completed with enthusiasm and precision as the multiple team of teams did their tasks! GREAT JOB!!! You all did super great and it showed in your organization and understanding of what you were to do. Finally, you all did it safely, so give yourself a pat on the back for a job "well done".

Now comes the task of helping our 'Texas Red' get started in its new home. Since the school is undergoing a lot of construction and all the irrigation to the gardens is not working, all our arbor day trees and gardens are not getting watered except by the weather. So it is up to us to make sure the trees and the gardens get the water they need to continue to grow. This is especially serious for our new tree since its roots need to move out into the soil where it has been planted.

Within the next couple of days there will be a complete set of pictures on the website in the arbor day section of the 5th Grade submenu showing all the work and final result of Thursday's team effort. Take a moment and relive the fun of this years' Arbor Day (<https://www.ofegrowers.org/arbor-day.html>).

See you next week and please take a moment to see how your tree is doing. I thought I saw some fresh new buds along many branches!