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Dear Educator:

I invite you and your fifth grade students to be a part of the 2010 Arbor Day National Poster Contest sponsored by The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Urban Forestry Association, The Alabama Forestry Association, Legacy, Inc., The National Arbor Day Foundation, and Governor Bob Riley's office.

Encourage your students to design an original poster depicting the 2010 Contest theme - *Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise!*

Register your class to be a part of the 2010 Arbor Day National Poster Contest [here](#). You'll receive a downloadable copy of the Activity Guide, intended to help foster the next generation of tree stewards. You may use all or any part of the guide to help your students appreciate the importance of trees and Arbor Day. Please read contest guidelines on page 22 carefully. Only posters that meet guidelines will be eligible.

Each school may submit 1 winning poster to be eligible to compete in the state contest. The Alabama state winner receives cash and prizes provided by program sponsors. Alabama's winning poster will then go on to compete in the national contest. Please complete the [School Winner Report Form](#) and send it with your school poster to:

Alabama Arbor Day Poster Contest  
1702 Noble Street, Suite 108  
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*Posters must be received by 4:30pm, February 10, 2010.*

Join over 63,000 fifth grade classrooms in learning about the importance of trees in our world! Don't miss out on this engaging and impactful opportunity to teach fifth grade students about the important role trees play in the production and conservation of energy! I am excited about the opportunity this contest provides Alabama's fifth grade students to foster tree planting and to receive education regarding the importance of trees to our way of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David West".

Dr. David West