



Sponsorships Available for SFSD 150th Anniversary Tree Planting

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In the spirit of honoring the past and contributing to the future, the Sioux Falls School District will celebrate its 150th Anniversary by planting a tree on the property of each of its schools in September 2021. Sponsorship donations for each tree are now being accepted through the Sioux Falls Public Schools Education Foundation.

Sponsorships for a 2"-3" tree (balled and burlapped for September planting) and planting supplies are \$150, \$175, \$300, \$450 or any other amount donors choose. Donor names will appear on a tree plaque to commemorate the gift. Donations can be made through the following link where donation amount, name, and selected school can be entered.

<https://forms.gle/9sUrR332uoCtiMRE6>

Trees represent new hope, sustained growth, and a strong foundation on which to build. The District 150th Anniversary Planning Committee chose the symbol of a tree and the theme "Rooted in the Past ~ Reaching for the Future" to signify the public school's role as a major contributor to the success of Sioux Falls and its people. Families, businesses, service groups, individuals, alumni, and friends are invited to sponsor a tree and be present as the school conducts the ceremonial planting.

Trees are synonymous with the characteristics of protection, love, good health and fortune, friendship, kindness, courage, happiness, and peace. These were characteristics the early settlers strived for and are the characteristics the Sioux Falls School District still holds dear today.

In this photo of William Melvin's home taken in 1866 on the north edge of what is now Sioux Falls, one can see the how the tiny log cabin was built in the shadows of the mature trees standing in the background. Trees provided an umbrella of shade, protection, and peace while adding natural beauty to an already pleasant city literally chiseled out of granite by pioneer settlers in the mid-1800s.

We invite all friends of the Sioux Falls School District to consider the sponsorship of a 150th Anniversary tree using the link above. To submit photos or video memorabilia for the District Digital Time Capsule, follow this link: <https://forms.gle/SDnenyons64SBgkV8>

