

Athens Drive Arboretum Fundraiser

Athens Drive High is not only one of the larger Wake County public high schools, it also houses a public library, evening adult education classes through Wake Technical Community College, Wake County Public Schools Continuing Education, and a five-star community day-care. The school was designed by F. Carter Williams and dedicated on April 11, 1979. Although the building has been updated and modernized in many ways, the expansive landscaping and grounds have been somewhat neglected. After 35 years, many shrubs and trees are overgrown, diseased, and need to be removed and replaced.

This year an Athens Grounds Committee has been formed by the Athens Drive PTSA to address the problems with the campus landscaping. This group of dedicated teachers, parents, students, and community members have already been working hard to remove many plants and add some curb appeal. Groups of volunteers from various school clubs and departments are offering their unique skills to add to the new landscape design. One of the many projects is to turn a section of the new landscape into an educational garden featuring plants native to North Carolina.

Faculty, parent volunteers, and students from a variety of departments will be working to plant new trees, shrubs and perennials, build benches and trellises, create out-door works of art, and design arboretum plant labels. Although we are fortunate to have many great volunteers and resources, the committee is very short on funds. Trees, shrubs, and other arboretum project materials will be expensive. Even with the discounts we have been offered by local garden centers, this project will cost several thousand dollars. For this reason, we are reaching out to our community members for financial support.

Your donation will make a difference in our new school landscaping and corresponding projects. Although all donations will be greatly appreciated, those who make donations of \$100 or more, will become a plant sponsor. As new varieties of trees and shrubs are purchased and planted, they will be labeled with educational information. As a sponsor, your generosity will be recognized by having your name, your family, business, or organization name listed as the sponsor for a particular plant species.

Example:

Long Leaf Pine
(Pinus palustris)

**Used to make Utility Poles, Lumber & Plywood
Seeds are eaten by squirrels and birds**

**Sponsored By:
The Smith Family**

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Donation Form

Return to: Athens Drive High PTSA, 1420 Athens Dr. Raleigh NC 27606

Name: _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(By providing your e-mail address, you will receive updates and photos of our progress)

Amount of Donation: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100*

Other Amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Athens PTSA** with **Grounds Committee** written on the "memo" line.
All donors will receive a charitable donation receipt for tax purposes.

*For donations of \$100 or more, write the sponsor name as you would like for it to appear on an Athens Dr. Arboretum plant label.

Examples: Bob Smith, The Smith Family, Bob's Deli, Smith-Mart Store# 268, etc.

Sponsor Name: _____

*The Athens Drive High faculty, students, families, and neighbors greatly appreciate
your support with this project!*