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Central Elementary Students Plant Trees

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Tree Board provided trees for third grade students at Central Elementary in Dexter. The students planted them in a belated Arbor Day event. It was raining and too wet to plant the trees so the date had to be postponed.

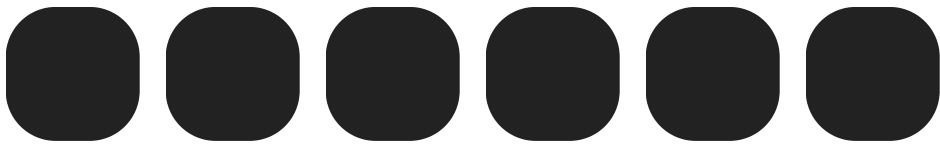
Herman Morse, a member of the local Tree Board, distributed red bud tree seedlings and explained the significance of trees to the students. Students then planted the trees in designated areas to continue the long time tradition at Central Elementary.

The Tree Board began the program in 1992. Students planted nearly 400 pine trees that year. Though the program has been significantly scaled back, planting of trees each year is a great way to get close to nature and help our environment.

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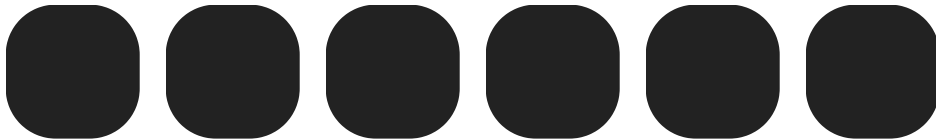
Mrs. Tracy Elfink graduated from McKendree College in 1980 with a degree in Elementary Education.

She began her career with the Dexter Public Schools in 1994, as an Early Childhood Aide.

She is retiring with all 23 career years of teaching at Southwest Elementary, providing a quality education to all of her students.

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Mrs. Hill graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1992 with a B.S. in Education.

She began her teaching career, in1993, at BONCL R-X (Buffalo, Oakland, Norton, Calumet, Lick Valley K-8th grade) in Louisiana, MO.

Her career has taken her to Southern Reynolds, New Madrid, Van Buren & Arcadia Valley teaching Math.

She was hired to teach High School Math at Dexter in 2008.

She came to the Dexter Public Schools with 15 quality years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Hill is retiring from the Dexter Schools, with 24 career years in education.

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Mrs. Michelle Kirkley graduated from the University of Missouri in 1989 with a B.S. in Education.

She began her teaching career in 1990 teaching Algebra I and serving as a cheer coach at Sikeston Middle School.

In 1999, she was hired to teach Algebra I at Dexter High School.

She is retiring with 27 career years in education, with 18 of those years at DHS.

During Mrs. Kirkley's tenure, she also served as a cheerleader coach.

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Mrs. Rhonda Lane graduated from the University of Missouri in 1987 with a B.S. in Education.

Her career began in 1987, teaching at Riverview Gardens High School in North County St. Louis.

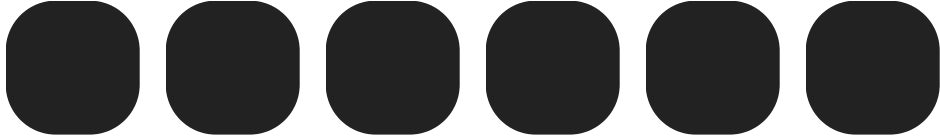
Her career has taken her to Laura Speed Elliott Middle School in Boonville, MO, Adams Middle School in Trenton, MO, Clarkton High School, and Bernie High School.

Then in 2011, she was hired to teach English at Dexter High School, where she will end her 29 career years of teaching.

During the 6 years at DHS, she helped form the DHS Scholar Bowl team.

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