



Focus on Forests

Dear Principal/Educator,

This letter is to introduce you to a new series of Focus on Forests educational materials that have been developed in partnership with the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF), Trees Ontario, and the Ontario Forestry Association (OFA). This program was made available thanks to funding from the ORMF as part of an ongoing seed program partnership with Trees Ontario. This is a trusted source of teaching resources matched with the provincial course curriculum.

The focus of the new *Focus on Forests* materials is to engage and further educate students on tree seed identification, collection and germination, and the importance of growing healthy, native trees. Restoration activities (focused on native tree seed and tree planting), undertaken by Trees Ontario in partnership with the ORMF are highlighted in this resource. General information about the Oak Ridges Moraine including how the Moraine was formed and history of the area is also provided.

Copies of the OFA's *Focus on Forests* lesson plans for educators are enclosed; additional copies are available free of charge online at: www.focusonforests.ca.

Please join us in celebrating our most precious environmental resource, our forests, by distributing the enclosed copies of the lesson plans amongst your teachers. Also, please encourage your teachers to go online to see how you can get your school involved in these educational activities and the organization's that were involved in this initiative.

For more information about these organizations visit:

Trees Ontario: www.treesontario.ca

Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation: www.moraineforallife.ca

Ontario Forestry Association: www.oforest.ca

Yours,



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