Bloom Box @school with Nebraska 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Bloom Box is smart gardening for everyone and we're bringing it to school with plants handselected for you and your students. With Bloom Box @school you'll have what you need to grow a sustainable garden for your students to explore and observe.

How does Bloom Box @school work?



Get trained.

We will provide webinar based training on planting and caring for your garden as well as Project Learning Tree curriculum. Our trainings are accepted for credit by NGSS and Nebraska Science Standards.



Tell us about your garden.

We want to know everything: sun, soil, water. We'll also ask you about your garden confidence and preferences. Help us get to know your students interests and grade levels.



Plant and Explore!

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum staff will visit on planting day and work with your students. Your Project Learning Tree training will provide you with a 6-lesson planbased on the plants, creatures and environment in your garden.

Sign up now at: plantnebraska.org/school



Contact Sarah with any questions at: sarah.buckley@unl.edu



What will YOU plant?

Classic Bloom Box

- **24 plants,** live in 3" deep pots, chosen just for you and your students.
- **Expert advice** on how to prep, plant and care for your garden.
- A plant-by-color plan to show you what goes where.
- Plant Cards with facts on each species.
- A sign to mark your garden as pollinator habitat.
- A planting day hosted by Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Staff. (*exclusive to Bloom Box @school*)
- Webinar training on garden care and PLT curriculum. (exclusive to Bloom Box @school)

We Love Trees Bloom Box

- Up to 10 Trees, in 3 gallon pots, chosen just for you and your students. (exact number depends on your school's needs and available space)
- **Expert advice** on how to prep, plant and care for your trees.
- Tree Cards with facts on each species.
- A planting day hosted by Nebraska Statewide Arboretum or Nebraska Forest Service Staff. (*exclusive to Bloom Box @school*)
- Webinar training on tree care and PLT curriculum. (exclusive to Bloom Box @school)

*Qualifying 21st CCLC's may sign up for either or both the Classic Bloom Box and the We Love Trees Bloom Box

Bloom Box @school will provide:

All plants and trees, Bloom Box materials, garden gloves and trowels, and a webinar training on garden care and maintenance, planting day assistance. Curriculum training and activity book for Project Learning Tree.

You are Responsible for:

One to two 21st CCLC staff completing both webinar trainings (garden care & Project Learning Tree), completeing the 6-lesson curriculum plan provided during Project Learning Tree training, providing a minimum of 15 student contact hours in the garden, and committing to caring for your garden for a minimum of three years.

About Project Learning Tree's Explore Your Environment flagship curriculum guide.

Project Learning Tree (PLT) uses trees and forests as windows on the world to increase students' understanding of the environment. Since 1976, PLT has reached 138 million students and trained 765,000 educators to help students learn how to think, not what to think, about complex environmental issues.

After completing training, your staff will be confident in leading nationally-acclaimed PLT environmental education lessons, utilizing your Bloom Box planting, with your students for years to come. Project Learning Tree:

- Written by-teachers for-teachers
- Correlated to NGSS and Nebraska Science Standards
- Trainings are approved NDE- Office of Early Childhood Automatically Accepted ECE in-Service Hours