



5th GRADE CONSERVATION TOUR SITE CLEANUP MARCH 2023

Each year hundreds of 5th grade students (from public, private & home schools) descend on the Olsen Creek Seed Orchard, owned by the Department of Natural Resources. During their time at the Orchard, students visit numerous stations showing & telling them about the environment and what they can do to protect it. After the completion of their visit, each student is given a Ponderosa Pine seedling, compliments of the Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association. Fred Vollmer designed a sticker to go along with the seedling, so students and parents would know that they would be planting a Ponderosa Pine (see above).

Last year, which included a soaking rain in the morning, saw lots of parking challenges, so an intrepid crew attacked the parking area, getting it cleaned up for the Tour that will be held in May. Many thanks to President **Herb Barker**, Vice President **Jan Vollmer**, and Board members **Dan Koehler**, **Mary Green**, and **Conrad Koehn**, member **Jeanne Koehn** and helper dog Gracie.



If you are interested in volunteering to work during the 5th Grade Tours – please contact Jan Vollmer at hollowarrow@hotmail.com.