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Eric Holcomb  
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Dear Educator:

Please share the following information with your second, third, and fifth grade teachers.

This year at the Indiana Statehouse, we will continue the tradition of placing coniferous trees in the Rotunda. Your assistance is requested in helping to decorate these special trees, donated by Indiana Christmas Tree Growers Association.

This year's theme is **"Holiday Harvest from Your Hoosier Homestead."**

The official **Hoosier Holidays program at the Statehouse will take place on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. The kick-off program will be held from 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. If you wish to bring your students with their ornaments, you can make arrangements through the Statehouse Tour Office at (317) 233-5293. Please call our office as soon as possible to schedule a group as only a limited number of students can attend. Schools will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, so please make your arrangements early.

We ask that each of your students make their own ornament designed with this year's theme in mind. The ornaments will be hung on one of the state's trees following the program.

**Ornament ideas:** Anything which reflects the process of farming, home gardening, or working the land (e.g., tractors, garden tools, or the fruits of the harvest – including corn or other produce).

Please keep in mind that:

- Ornaments should be no larger than 8 inches.
- Ornaments can be either two- or three-dimensional.
- Ornament materials should not be breakable, flammable, or perishable.
- A hook or other means of hanging the ornament from a branch must be attached.
- Ornaments will not be returned.

We certainly hope your school will join us for this fun and educational project which combines art, social studies, and science in the ornament creation process. We look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes for a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

*First Lady Janet Holcomb*

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2022 Hoosier Holidays at the Statehouse Committee