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Greetings, Wisconsin educators and students!

I first began my career as an educator teaching science in Baraboo, Wisconsin, and I have often said that science is part of my DNA—and it's part of yours, too! That's why I am excited to announce the 2019 Capitol Holiday Tree theme is "Celebrate Science."

Each year, we display a tree in the Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda filled with handmade ornaments created by students across our state. The Capitol Holiday Tree not only serves as a great display for thousands of folks touring and visiting the State Capitol, but it is also an opportunity to celebrate and recognize our kids, educators, and schools in Wisconsin. I would like to extend a special invitation to your school and students to contribute handmade ornaments showcasing science in Wisconsin.

Science is so critically important to understanding and appreciating the world around us and each other. From computer science to dairy science, to clean water and natural resources, to sustainability and renewable energies, this year we want kids to make holiday ornaments that celebrate science, symbolize what science means to students, their families, and their communities, and acknowledge how important science is to the future of our state.

We hope your school will share your classroom's experience making the ornaments with pictures and stories through Facebook and Twitter using #WICapitolTree and #WICelebrateScience. Please see the back of this page with important information on the ornaments and how to make sure we receive them in time to get them on the tree this year.

I am looking forward to seeing all the ornaments on the Holiday Tree. Thank you, as always, for the work you do and for helping to make the State Capitol beautiful this holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor

Ornament Instructions

Ornaments must be made of non-breakable material and strong enough to hold up during shipping and to be handled while the tree is being decorated. For these reasons, we recommend students do not use fragile items or paper cutouts that may tear easily. We suggest ornaments that are 4-6 inches in size and are made from a color that contrasts with the color of the tree so they can easily be seen and enjoyed by all visitors. Please attach a ten-inch loop of ribbon or string from which each ornament will hang.

Please send your ornaments to the address below by **Friday, November 22, 2019**. Also, please be sure to include the educator's name and grade, school name, and address so that we may acknowledge your contribution.

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If you have any questions about an ornament, please contact the Facilities Management Information Center at (608) 266-1485. Please note that ornaments will not be returned.