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**The City of Pompano Beach Celebrates Arbor Day  
Sanders Park Elementary School, 800 NW 16th St  
Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m.**

The City of Pompano Beach and Sanders Park Elementary School are “branching out” together to celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m., at Sanders Park Elementary School which is located at 800 NW 16th St. Each grade level will take part in an Arbor Day celebration as they learn proper planting techniques and the benefits of trees in our community.

The students will break out into different locations on the school campus where they will plant, mulch and water trees that are approximately ten feet in height. The Florida-friendly trees are a complimentary mix of canopy trees ideal for educational use on the campus. The trees are Live Oak, Gumbo Limbo, Wild Tamarind, Paradise Tree, and Magnolia. The trees and mulch were donated by Broward County School Board.

Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation from American Forests, and a copy of Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services “Florida Wildflowers” or “Florida Insect” coloring books from The City of Pompano Beach.

National Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. As a formal holiday, it was first observed in 1872, in Nebraska, but tree planting festivals are as old as civilization. In 1872, The State Board of Agriculture accepted a resolution by J. Sterling Morton “to set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit.” The Board declared April 10, Arbor Day and offered prizes to the counties and individuals that properly planted the largest number of trees on that day. Today Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states. Throughout the world, people of all ages are planting trees, caring for them and learning their value. The trees planted on Arbor Day show a concern for future generations. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow and some day provide wildlife habitat, erosion control, shelter from the wind and sun, beauty, and inspiration for ourselves and our children.

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