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Arbor Day
Wednesday, April 27
Markham Elementary School
1501 NW 15 Avenue
8:30 am

The City of Pompano Beach and Markham Elementary School are teaming up to celebrate Arbor Day at 8:30 am on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at Markham Elementary School located at 1501 NW 15 Avenue. Sixty students from 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.

Each class will break out into groups by grade to various locations on campus where they will plant, mulch and water 11 trees that are approximately ten feet in height. The tree species are Wild Tamarind and Gumbo Limbo. The students will also be enhancing an existing butterfly garden by plating Blue Porterweed, Yellow Lantana, Pink Pentas, Blanket Flower and Firebush. These Florida-friendly trees and plants are a complimentary mix of canopy trees and butterfly habitat ideal for educational use on the campus. The trees, plants and mulch were donated by the Broward County School Board.

Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation from American Forests. They will also receive 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.

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