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City kids learn about the value of trees on Arbor Day with TheDCH

The Delaware Center for Horticulture teamed up with Wilmington school children, the Wilmington Department of Public Works, the Delaware Forest Service and the Office of City of Wilmington Mayor Dennis Williams to celebrate Arbor Day on Tuesday April 29 at St. Anthony's Elementary School. The event was originally scheduled for Father Tucker Park, and moved indoors due to inclement weather.



This year's focus was the "environmental value of trees." Activities included tree climbing careers and safety with Kerns Bros. Tree Service; tree planting with Mandy Tolino, Urban Forest Administrator from the Wilmington Department of Public Works; educational sessions with Ashley Peebles of Delaware Forest Service; and a proclamation by Claude McCrea, Director of the Wilmington Department of Parks and Recreation.

Engaging the community in planting trees in city parks improves the neighborhood and regional environment. Working with school children, TheDCH strives to encourage environmental stewardship among Wilmington's youth.



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