

NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

Terrace Park Students Receive Trees for Arbor Day

Arbor Day is an annual observation that promotes tree planting and care. On Friday April 23, 2010 the first graders of Terrace Park Elementary School celebrated Arbor Day with the help of the Terrace Park Garden Club.

Garden Club members, Jill Kelly and Beth Smith, read a story to the first grade students describing the history of Arbor Day. The Garden Club also gave each child a crabapple tree to plant in their own yard. Eventually, their tree will grow to 25' wide to 30' tall. The children asked a wide variety of questions, including what color the flowers were, how big their tree will be; and whether you can eat the tree's fruit. Finally, all of the students were given a coloring book introducing kids to arboriculture and a planting guide to help them care for their tree. Terrace Park Arborist, Randy Haller, chose the Crabapple 'Dolgo' variety for its beautiful spring show of fragrant white flowers and the fact that it is a hardy disease resistant variety.

Arbor Day was established in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, a newspaper executive from Nebraska. "Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future." These are J. Sterling Morton's words about the holiday he initiated in 1872. On the very first Arbor Day the people of Nebraska planted over one million trees. Currently, all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day along with many other countries.

For the 25th year, Terrace Park was awarded the designation of Tree City, USA. Yearly planting of trees in the village is an integral part of maintaining Tree City status.



Photos:

TPITrees: The Terrace Park Elementary 1st Grade Class displays their new crabapple trees courtesy of the TP Garden Club in honor of Arbor Day.

TPTreesJill: Terrace Park Garden Club member Jill Kelly distributes new crabapple trees to Terrace Park Elementary 1st graders.

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