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GLENDALE CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY PLANTING TREES AND EDUCATING STUDENTS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale will celebrate Arbor Day at 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 28 at Desert Mirage Park, 87th and Maryland avenues.

Glendale's Arbor Day features the theme, *Trees, Trees and More Trees*. To help celebrate, third graders from Desert Mirage Elementary School will bring posters and poems they created. All the posters will be on display, while a few select poems will be read during the ceremony by the children who wrote them.

Along with the children's participation, Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers will read the city's Arbor Day Proclamation and Alix Rogstad of the Arizona State Forestry Division will present the Tree City USA plaque to city officials. Glendale has been designated a Tree City USA for the past 18 years. The Tree City USA program provides direction, assistance, attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in America. Councilmember Sammy Chavira will also speak during the ceremony.

Following the dignitary remarks and student poems, five Chinese Elm trees will be planted with student participation. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on Arbor Day and Glendale's Parks and Recreation Division, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

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