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Pittsburgh Public Schools to Celebrate Arbor Day

***Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Superintendent Mark Roosevelt
to Participate in Kick-Off Activities at Liberty Elementary***

PITTSBURGH April 25, 2007 – Pittsburgh Public Schools in partnership with the Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission, the Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest, Duquesne Light Company, City Parks, Conservation Consultants Inc. and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 27, 2007.

Arbor Day celebrates the value of trees by promoting tree planting and the proper care of trees. The District will celebrate Arbor Day regionally at several District schools. Arbor Day was initiated in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City. Each site will hold tree planting and educational activities to commemorate Arbor Day.

Scheduled activities include:

9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Liberty Elementary Arbor Day Activities

601 Filbert Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

376 students will be involved in Arbor Day centered activities including the planting two Accolade Elms.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Superintendent Mark Roosevelt

Chartiers Early Childhood

3799 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204

Students will create a mobile, enjoy a story and snack and plant a Flowering Plum Tree. A special tree naming ceremony will take place

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Phillips Elementary

1901 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

289 students will be participating in a number of activities throughout the afternoon. Activities include a dramatic reading of “The Lorax” by the schools drama club, unveiling of the “Tree of Dreams” Mural Project and neighborhood tree walk.

Students will be planting a Flowering Pear Tree. Councilman Jeff Cook will be in attendance. Additional special guest include Mark Remcheck from the Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest and the Washington County Cooperative Extension Office.

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1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Martin Luther King Accelerated Learning Academy

50 Montgomery Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

100 Kindergarten students will team up with 8th grade students to plant a Kentucky Coffee Bean Tree. In addition students will create a paper tree mural, take a tree identification walk and hear a story from the Carnegie Library. Special guests include Councilwoman Darlene Harris, Diane Ames of the Shade Tree Commission and Bruce Woods of Duquesne Light Company.

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