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Celebrating Arbor Day in Edmonton

May 3, 2017

Where would we be without trees? Our City of Edmonton foresters help keep our urban canopy—and Edmontonians—healthy and thriving.

Arbor Day is an annual event that celebrates trees and their contribution to our environment and communities. Each year in Edmonton, Grade 1 students are invited to learn about the importance of trees and the urban forest by receiving a tree seedling that they can plant and watch grow.

This year, over 600 Grade 1 students will visit Gold Bar Park on May 5 to learn more about our green, leafy neighbours. Students will participate in a tree planting, learn about Alberta bugs, enjoy bucket truck and zip line experiences to simulate the daily job of an arborist, and more.

Not only does 2017 mark the 145th annual Arbor Day, it's also the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation, and the 125th anniversary of the Edmonton Police Service. The public is welcome to celebrate this extra special Arbor Day with the City of Edmonton and Edmonton Police Services at one of two formal ceremonies:

Date: Friday, May 5, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Place: Picnic Site 1, Gold Bar Park, 10955 50 Street

The public is encouraged to attend these ceremonies, but should note that Arbor Day activities are exclusive to invited Grade 1 students.

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