

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Arbor Day Celebration**

**May 9, 2002 · 9:00 am – 2:00 pm · Mooney Grove Park, Visalia**

Traditionally, National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April. This year, Arbor Day in Tulare County will be celebrated on May 9, so that the day's events will be tied to Mother's Day. The Tulare County Office of Education, the Tulare County Parks and Recreation Department and the Master Gardeners will present a fun-filled educational experience for 450 students from ten schools within the County. Each student will take home a tree that they can plant with their mother on Mother's Day.

The purpose of the event is to celebrate the importance of trees within our environment. "Trees are such an enormous asset to our region," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "Students will surely benefit from the insights of the Master Gardeners on the importance of trees as a source of oxygen, wood, shade in urban areas and, of course, agricultural products." Master Gardeners will present a series of six different workshops throughout the day for the students, who will also have the opportunity to tour the Tulare History Museum.

For more information, contact Science Instructional Consultant, Jonathan Janzen at 651-3043.

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