

# 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 at Mooney Grove Park** **April 19 · 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. · Mooney Grove Park, Visalia**

The Tulare County Arbor Day Celebration is a hands-on student event provided annually for third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students. Students learn about the importance of, and care for, trees in the environment. Over 150 students in grades 3-5 are expected to experience a variety of environmental lessons within Tulare County's Mooney Grove Park on topics including seeds, insects, mulch and the water system. Local environmental experts from organizations such as SCICON and the University of California's Master Gardeners conduct these fun-filled, activity-based lessons.

Additionally, students tour the County museum and learn about the rich agricultural history of our valley. They also plant a tree at Mooney Grove to help with the park's restoration. Each student will not only learn how to plant trees properly, but will be given their very own tree seedling to take home and plant with their family!

"Fruit and nut trees are part of the reason Tulare County is one of the largest agricultural producers in the country," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "Arbor Day is a great way for students to connect to the agriculture they see all around them."

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