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GOVERNOR TO JOIN LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO PLANT TREE IN CELEBRATION OF ARBOR DAY

Gov. Christie Whitman will celebrate Arbor Day tomorrow by dedicating a newly planted red oak and planting white pine saplings with students from Lawrenceville Elementary School.

The Governor will celebrate Arbor Day as part of her continued commitment to preserving and protecting New Jersey's environment. The red oak is the official state tree of New Jersey.

Arbor Day was created in 1872 by Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture under Grover Cleveland and a Nebraska native. It is estimated that on the first Arbor Day alone, over one million trees were planted in Nebraska.