

# Arbor Day Tree Planting

*Photo Essay by Allison Rupp*

The City of Portland celebrated Arbor Day on April 7 at Hayhurst Elementary School this year, the first time the official celebration has been held in Southwest Portland. Following an "official" ceremony, Hayhurst students joined Portland Parks and Recreation City Nature staff to plant 25 trees, transforming the school into a "learning landscape," a diverse arboretum featuring different variety of trees, and complete with educational signs and activities to teach students about biology and urban ecology issues. The celebration included bucket truck rides, food and games, and youth activities.

