Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring, we are thrilled to announce our participation in <u>Neighborhood Forest's</u> 16th Annual Free Tree Program as part of our Earth Week celebrations from April 22nd to 27th!

Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has mobilized over 2,000 schools, libraries, and youth groups, engaged over 500,000 volunteers, and given over 197,000 children in all 50 states (and 6 provinces in Canada) the opportunity to plant their very own tree.

We are excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches youth about the importance of environmental stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.

Please fill out the online registration form **by March 15th** and receive a free tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 22-27). The tree species will be announced in early April. Neighborhood Forest aims to provide native and /or fruit bearing trees in all regions they serve.

You will also have the option to donate and / or purchase additional trees and tree-related educational products (via the registration form). Please note this is optional and any purchases/donations will help fund more free trees for kids in the program.

## Trees will be delivered to us and we will arrange to get the trees in the hands of your children on or around Earth Day (April 22nd).

Other products that are purchased by you will be fulfilled by Neighborhood Forest.

Instructions on planting and caring for the trees, along with species details, will be emailed a few days before the tree delivery and will also be accessible in the "<u>Resources</u>" section on the Neighborhood Forest website. For further questions, please check out the <u>Parent FAQs</u>.

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit <u>www.neighborhoodforest.org</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest</u>.

Warm regards, Manhattan Community Library