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TODAY: Monday, April 20 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

More than 70 trees to be planted at school named after famous botanist and social activist

George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science and the Tree Foundation will plant over 70 trees, donated by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) at the new high school campus on Monday, April 20 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This tree planting marks the pioneering effort of the Tree Foundation to plant fruit trees and it provides the high school with its first food producing plants.

This tree planting is the first phase in a five year program at the School of Arts and Science to develop a garden capable of growing food for students and the community. The citrus orchard will be followed by seasonal vegetable plots, flowers and herb gardens. The school has a five year grant from the San Francisco based Sam Mazza Foundation to develop the gardening program. The high school campus is named after famed botanist and social activist George Washington Carver.

The school garden is an essential part of the high school program where Nature is the textbook. Students learn through careful observation of the world around them and practical work contributing to the community. English, science, history and math classes find relevance in the outdoor classroom. Curriculum and instruction are based on Waldorf methodology. Waldorf high schools have been private in the United States until the opening of this dependent charter high school in Sacramento City Unified School District.

Media is welcome to participate in the tree planting event at the high school campus on April 20 from 9:15 to 3:30 pm. Please check in at the front office.

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