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PRESS RELEASE

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LOCAL TREE CARE COMPANY SPONSORS ARBOR DAY PROGRAM AT LONGHOUSE RESERVE IN EAST HAMPTON.

On April 23rd, in celebration of Arbor Day, one fortunate 4th or 5th grade class, chosen by lottery from all East End schools, were the guests of certified arborists from Ray Smith & Associates at a special event at LongHouse Reserve. They'll learn about planting and pruning, tree climbing and specimen identification as they pay tribute to nature's beauty. The winning teacher chosen was Ms. Amy R. Lester - Science Teacher - Grade 5 (4 sections) - Southampton Intermediate School.

30 children were chosen by lottery, 6 per section....all of 5th grade will be represented.

The celebration was dubbed: Be an arborist for the morning

The program led by Rebekah Schulz included:

- Participating in planting a tree with the class' name & year that they can see grow every year, led by Jason Vinatieri.
- Watching a tree climbing demonstration by Jackson Dodds.
- A pruning demonstration by Hirsan Alfaro with a bucket truck.
- Taking a tree identification walk using your sense of smell with Howard Goldenberg.
- Bringing a seedling Spruce tree home for planting potted by the students
- Learning what you can do to be "green" & the importance of trees.

LONGHOUSE'S EDUCATION FOCUS

Inspired by the natural beauty and sculptural aesthetic at LongHouse, the Education Committee seeks to empower visitors in a compelling and personal way. By providing a variety of resources to enhance their experience, we strive to awaken the senses, deepen one's appreciation and empower the artist within. We provide docent-led school tours, curriculum and family-activity guides, on-line materials, and video. It is our intent that these resources along with our festivals, workshops, and invitational Student Annual will build strong lasting relationships between LongHouse and our students, educators, families and community.

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Ray Smith has served the Hamptons for more than 30 years with landscape services. Ray Smith & Associates believes that educating the next generation on the importance of trees to our environment is a vital part of our contribution to the community. Ray Smith is the Director of Horticulture and has worked with LongHouse to maintain and beautify their grounds for the community to learn from and enjoy.

