5th Grade Students at PS 321 Raise Money to Buy Trees for Prospect Park’s Woodlands

Brooklyn, NY - On Thursday, June 13, 2013, the 5th grade class at PS 321, on 7th Avenue and 1st Street in Park Slope, Brooklyn, presented a check to the Prospect Park Alliance in the amount of $1,050 for the Alliance to purchase 14 Woodland Saplings. The money was collected through the school’s Penny Harvest Collection, sponsored by Common Cents. The saplings will be planted in the Park in late October or November to help replace trees lost during Hurricane Sandy.

John Jordan, the supervisor of the Alliance’s Natural Resources Group, talked to the students about how important their donation is to the Park’s Woodlands to replace trees lost from Hurricane Sandy and the other storms of the last few years, including the tornado in 2010 and Hurricane Irene in 2011. David Chadwick, the Natural Resources Group’s Youth Program Manager, explained to the student how the trees function as shelter and food for the hundreds of species of birds that live in the Park or use the Park during migration.

Eric Landau, the Prospect Park Alliance’s Vice President of Government and External Affairs thanked the students and said, “All of us at Prospect Park greatly appreciate the extraordinary fundraising efforts and generosity of PS 321. These newly planted trees will be very helpful in restoring some of the trees lost from Hurricane Sandy.”

The 5th grade students collected the pennies and voted to donate them to Prospect Park and help replace lost trees in the Park’s Woodlands.

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