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**New York City Department of Environmental Protection and Students From M.S. 181 in Co-Op City Dedicate Garden of Heroes Memorial for Fallen Community Members**

<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 am
<b>PLACE:</b>	<i>GARDEN OF HEROES</i> , located at 800 Baychester Avenue Bronx , New York School phone number (718) 904 5600 West side of school building between parking lot and school
<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>	Stephen Bennett, Principal, MS 181  Roy Rappelfeld, Speech and Language Therapist, Advisor to M.S. 181 Student Government, Service League, Student Council, and Honor Society  Members of DEP Office of Environmental Planning and Assessment, Ecological Services Department.
<b>EVENT:</b>	Memorial in honor of Christian Engeldrum a local hero who died in Iraq; Remembrance of Christian Regenhard killed on September 11, 2001

Since the bombing of the Oklahoma Federal Building, the student body of M.S. 181 has been deeply concerned with the consequences of terrorist activities that have touched members of its student body. On September 11, a former MS 181 student, Christopher Regenhart, a rookie fireman, was killed in the attack on the World Trade Center, and at that time the student government cleared a spot and planted a tree in his memory. In November 2004 a popular Co-Op City Firefighter, Christian Engeldrum, who had been a sergeant to one of MS 181's teachers in his squad lost his life fighting in Iraq. A majority of MS 181's students live in Co-Op City and Mr. Engeldrum was a popular member of the community.

Wishing to continue the tradition of honoring MS181 students and their families who had suffered losses, the student body submitted a SCAF grant request. (SCAF) awarded the School \$475 to help with the planting of a *Garden of Heroes*. MS181 contacted DEP's Office of

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Environmental Planning. The agency was pleased to help. On Thursday, May 12, DEP assisted as the students planted two new juniper trees, one to replace the tree originally planted in memory of Christian Regenhart that had been lost to school construction and a new Juniper tree in memory of Christian Engeldrum as well as well as a variety of shrubs for the garden. Students weeded and prepared the Garden of Heroes in order for DEP to help them plant on May 12 and to prepare for the May 19 th dedication ceremony of the Garden of Heroes.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. before the Ceremony.