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Tree Lafayette Continues Third Grade Program at Murdock and Vinton Elementary Schools

Tree Lafayette is continuing its outreach to young students in the Lafayette School Corp. by holding two programs and plantings at Lafayette elementary schools on the same day this fall on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. The first will be held at Murdock Elementary School, 2100 Cason St. in Lafayette at 9:30 a.m. At 1:15 p.m., a second presentation and planting will be held at Vinton Elementary School, 3101 Elmwood Avenue, Lafayette.

The program consists of an indoor PowerPoint presentation, followed by the planting of the Indiana state tree—a tulip tree—on the school's grounds. Laura Wright, a member of the education committee, and a Tree Lafayette board member, will instruct third grade students at both schools on basic facts about trees and how to care for them. Greg Shaner, chairman of the Tree Lafayette Tree Committee, and also a board member, will oversee the tree plantings on the school grounds once the indoor lesson is completed.

Tree Lafayette began its outreach to elementary schools in 2009, so that young people may develop a lifelong appreciation for the importance of trees in our daily lives. The organization's mission is to enhance the urban landscape with tree plantings and to promote an understanding and appreciation of urban trees.

Last spring, Tree Lafayette held programs at Miller Elementary School, Edgelea Elementary School, and at Glen Acres Elementary School. On Nov. 5, 2010, a similar program was held for third graders at Vinton, and a tulip tree was also planted there. The idea is to create a continuum of trees and knowledge about the trees, so that students, teachers, and staff can observe how they grow over the years.