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Tree Lafayette to Hold Education Program and Planting at Glen Acres Elementary

Tree Lafayette will hold the last of its school plantings for this academic year at the Lafayette Glen Acres Elementary school, 3767 Kimberly Drive, this Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. 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.

The program and planting at Glen Acres is the third Tree Lafayette education program this spring, and part of a larger program to educate students early in life about the value of trees. The program is given to third grade classes. On April 29 and on May 13, 2011, Tree Lafayette held similar programs for third graders at Miller Elementary School and at Edgelea Elementary School in the Lafayette School Corporation.

Suzie Philyaw, a teacher at Miller Elementary, will instruct the indoor lesson, which consists of a PowerPoint presentation followed by discussion and questions and answers. The instructional program teaches students about the basic components of a tree, the different kinds of trees, and the best ways to preserve them.

Preparations for the tree planting outside of the school are being made by Greg Shaner, who is chairman of the Tree Committee.

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 the importance of trees.

"This program has been so valuable not only to my students, but to the students in our community," says Philyaw. "They have learned to protect and plant trees, but also the importance of renewing our natural resources. I hope that this program will not only continue, but will reach many more schools in the Greater Lafayette area."