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Tree Lafayette to Hold Education Program and Planting at Edgelea Elementary

Tree Lafayette, a non-profit organization whose mission is to plant trees in an urban environment and to heighten awareness about the importance of planting trees in the urban landscape, will hold an indoor program and tree planting at Edgelea Elementary School, 2910 South 18th St., in Lafayette this Friday, May 13, 2011. The indoor program for third graders in the school will be held at 1:15 p.m. and then students, teachers, and representatives of Tree Lafayette will gather outside on the school grounds for a tree planting at 2:15.

The program and planting at Edgelea is the second Tree Lafayette education program this spring, and part of a larger program to educate students early in life about the value of trees. On April 29, 2011, Tree Lafayette held the same program at Miller Elementary School, also for third graders.

Suzie Philyaw, a teacher at Miller elementary school, will instruct the indoor presentation, which will consist of a PowerPoint presentation followed by discussion and questions and answers. Each student will receive a lima bean in a cup with instructions on how to grow the bean into a small plant. The plant portion of the lesson will be taught by Laura Wright, who serves on the education committee of Tree Lafayette.

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 Lafayette 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.

Tree Lafayette plans to hold similar programs in the fall 2011 at additional Lafayette area elementary schools.