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School Programs/Plantings Continue with Tree Lafayette's Busy Spring Schedule

Tree Lafayette has several presentations and plantings on the schedule for this spring at LSC schools: April 26, 2012 at Miller Elementary School, May 4 at Glen Acres Elementary School and May 4 at Edgelea Elementary School. A tentative date of May 11, 2012 has been set for the new Oakland High School.

Third grade students in the elementary schools will hear an indoor presentation by Susie Philyaw, who serves on the Tree Lafayette education committee, and is a teacher with the Lafayette School Corp. After the indoor presentation, students and teachers go outside to participate in a tree planting on the school's grounds, and to observe trees that have been planted by other students in previous years, providing a sense of continuity of trees and of the school's landscaping.

"During the tree planting this year, we have added smaller shovels for the children to use for safety, says Philyaw. "Also, we are giving each 3rd grade classroom two copies of the book, *The Lorax* by Dr. Sues." The book was chosen for its engaging style and environmental themes.

In order to enhance the grounds at the new Oakland High School, Tree Lafayette plans to work with students and staff on this goal, and tentatively plans to plant one tree there on May 11, 2012. Contact Laura Wright (see above) for definitive information regarding events at Oakland High School.

The school plantings are part of Tree Lafayette's major projects this spring, along with Earth Day, which took place on April 20, 2012, and Arbor Day, scheduled for May 5, 2012 at 9 a.m. in the flagpole area of Tecumseh Junior High School. Tree Lafayette still needs many more volunteers for Arbor Day to plant trees at Tecumseh and Jefferson High School. Sign up to volunteer online at <http://tinyurl.com/tree-lafayette-arbor-day> or contact Matt Green, who is Chairman of the Arbor Day event at mgreen@heritage-interactive.com. For more information about Arbor Day, go to the Tree Lafayette website at www.TreeLafayette.org.

The following is a list of dates and times for Tree Lafayette's school programs/plantings as of the date of this news release:

April 26, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. –Thomas Miller Elementary School, 700 S. Fourth St.

May 4 at 11 a.m. – Glen Acres Elementary School – 3767 Kimberly Drive

May 4 at 1:15 p.m. – Edgelea Elementary School - 2910 South 18th St.

May 5 at 9 a.m. –Tecumseh Junior High School, Jefferson High School (Tree Lafayette Arbor Day program), 2101 S. 18th St.

May 11 – tentative and time to be announced – Oakland High School, 611 S. 21st St.