



October 22, 2015

Contact Stacey Brosky 859.466.0686

## KIDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH TREE PLANTINGS

VILLA HILLS - The area is about to get a little greener. In honor of National "Making a Difference Day" this Saturday, the children at Villa Madonna Montessori will be planting a dozen new trees on school grounds. The children, aged 3-6, with their parents, will join together with a shovel and rake to make a difference here, in their part of the world.

"This year, I thought it would be fun to get a group together to try and do something around school that the kids could be involved with and take pride in," said Villa parent Nicole Clements. Since several trees died and were cut down last year, Montessori Director Stacey Brosky and Sister Christa Kreinbrink, the grounds director at St. Walburg Monastery, thought it was a perfect spot to replace those lost trees.

Clements asked if a few families would be interested in donating money to buy the trees and overwhelming number of parents jumped at the chance to give back. A total of 12 trees will be planted including maple, oak, apple, cherry and tulip trees. The event is 9 a.m.

Saturday at the Montessori's tree-lined drive near the playground, 2402 Amsterdam Road, Villa Hills.

"What fun will it be for the kids to plant a tree at school that they could come visit and watch grow," Clements said. "What a wonderful memory of their time at Villa Madonna."

"This is so important for our kids to take part in," said Brosky. The children are learning about living and nonliving things, she said, and recently read a book called 'This Tree Counts,' by Alison Formento. "It shows them how beneficial



photo by Adrienne Boschert Vannarsdall

trees are to us," Brosky said. "What a wonderful way to remember your childhood, knowing you were part of something special...making a difference."

Brosky said Villa parent Ian Walker also volunteered to pre-dig the holes with his bobcat and auger, to save the group a lot of labor and time; and St. Walburg Monastery has donated the deer fencing and gatorbags for the project.

In its 24th year, "Make a Difference Day" is a USA TODAY initiative, backed by the Gannett Company and TEGNA Inc. Volunteers across the nation unite with the mission to improve the lives of others. It is the largest national day of community service.