

Tomahawk Intermediate School

16 Trees – 231 Volunteers – 151 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Tomahawk Intermediate School

It's been an exciting year for Ty Tyson, the new principal at Tomahawk Intermediate School—new students, parents, teachers, and projects, including this Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree planting.

Fortunately for Mr. Tyson, his students are excellent learners, their parents are great helpers, the teachers are wonderful leaders, and the tree planting turned out perfectly!

Katherine Cooper with Cacapon Institute met with Mr. Tyson multiple times before the planting to plan out the placement of the trees and to develop a schedule with the 3rd grade classes for in-classroom education.

One week prior to the planting, Katherine met

with every 3rd grade class so that they would be educated about all of the parts and benefits of trees.

Seven days later, the wait was over and it was finally time for them to get outside and plant their trees!

Over the course of the planting day, all of the 3rd grade classes came out to plant the trees, often with 5-6 parents per class.

Cacapon Institute staff and Heather Duncan from the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District provided guidance throughout the planting day to assist the students in planting the trees properly.

In addition to planting 16



new trees, the students also helped to relocate two trees that had been planted on the site of a proposed new soccer field. Several students helped out afterwards to water all of the trees.

We agree with Mr. Tyson—“The best part is that our students received hands on education and contributed to the heritage of Tomahawk that they will remember for a lifetime.”

A word from the Project Leader, Ty Tyson:

“My most memorable part was seeing the joy of the students who participated in the tree planting. The parents stated that they now have learned the proper way to plant a tree. The project was perfectly planned and implemented by CommuniTree.”



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