

# Romney Middle School

24 Trees – 93 Volunteers – 72 Hours Volunteered

## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Romney Middle School

### Students achieve GREATNESS at Romney Middle School!

GREATNESS (Gear Rigorous Experiences and Activities Toward Never Ending Student Success) is the mission of Romney Middle School, and they have achieved that through this CommuniTree planting on Friday, May 4.

This project began like many others, with the Project Leader, teacher Crystal Rexrode, taking what ended up being multiple trips to Moorefield to pick up all of the trees and planting materials.

The day before the planting, two high school students came with a tractor to auger the holes. Some of Crystal's students helped finish digging the remaining holes the

morning of the tree planting.

At 8:30am on planting day, the students began coming outside to plant their trees.

Three groups of students helped plant trees for approximately 40 minutes each. In total, 53 students helped plant the trees, and an additional 34 students helped water all of the trees in the afternoon.

Since planting day, the classes have taken turns coming out to check up on and water the trees.

All of the students did a great job following directions and planting the trees properly as they learned in the tree planting demonstrations from Division of Forestry and Cacapon Institute staff.



This is the second CommuniTree planting at Romney Middle School, the first taking place in [spring 2017](#).

These trees, along with trees planted in memory of Carla Hardy in fall 2016, brings the total of new trees planted at Romney Middle School to over 50.

Looking forward to more GREATNESS at Romney Middle School!

### A word from the Project Leader, Crystal Rexrode:

*"I always enjoy seeing the students working and having an end project they are proud of."*





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