

From the community: Marie Murphy Roots and Shoots Program Receives Mini-Grant for Monarch Project



Marie Murphy Roots and Shoots members get dirty planting milkweed seeds, which are currently being "nursed" in classrooms around the school. (Posted by harriss4, Community Contributor)

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Wilmette, IL -- Roots and Shoots is an environmental and humanitarian service learning club at Marie Murphy School that is affiliated with the Jane Goodall Institute. Each year students address real problems in their world through service projects in three areas: the environment, animals, and the human community. This year, Roots and Shoots has been awarded a mini-grant in the amount of \$200 from the Jane Goodall Institute to accomplish this year's project to benefit animals: The Monarch Project. With the assistance of Avoca staff member Joshua Minsley, seventh grader Alexandra Wagner wrote and applied for the grant. Students will grow and plant milkweed in order to attract Monarch butterflies. These plants will provide places for monarchs to lay eggs, and provide food for the caterpillars to help the population increase. This project

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problem," said club sponsor Nancy Stewart. Avoca School District 37 proudly stands behind this group in an effort to foster children who are good stewards of their community and beyond.

Marie Murphy School is a 6-8 grade school and is part of Avoca School District 37 which serves portions of Chicago's North Shore suburban communities of Wilmette, Winnetka, Glenview and Northfield and is part of New Trier Township.

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