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### **Native-Plant Sale to Benefit Avon Outdoor Learning Center**

**Avon, IN** – On Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, 2019 the Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) is hosting its 17<sup>th</sup> annual native-plant sale. The sale takes place from 4pm to 7 pm on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> and 8 am to 2pm at Blair Cabin of the site, which is behind Maple Elementary School at 7237 E. Us Highway 36, Avon, Indiana, 46123. All plants will be \$4 each with proceeds benefitting the programs offered to area students.

To help celebrate Spring and Earth Day, Maple Elementary's fourth-grade students will be giving a recorder concert at 11am on March 27<sup>th</sup> in the outdoor classroom's Amphitheatre. This performance is free and open to the public.

Native plants provide multiple benefits to people and wildlife, while also contributing greatly to healthy soil and water in urban and rural areas. Additional benefits of native plants include the use of less fertilizers, pesticides and water, providing shelter and food for wildlife, including pollinators, and supporting biodiversity.

The Avon OLC is a seven-acre inquiry-based extension of the Avon Community School Corporation. Their mission is to engage students, teachers and the community in learning with all their senses by immersing them in the wonders of the natural and physical world. An 1840's cabin, habitats, gardens, trails and amphitheater provide many ways to explore, create and inspire people of all ages. Students & teachers from all over the area have year-round access to this valuable resource and the programs offered.

Over the past century, urbanization has taken intact, ecologically productive land and fragmented and transformed it with lawns and exotic ornamental plants. Landscaping with native plants can combat climate change, as well as support wildlife and biodiversity. Support for this sale not only benefits the OLC, but also benefits local wildlife and larger communities of plants and animals. By working together, we can inspire others to make the change towards a healthy planet for all.

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