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Dear Midtown Atlanta Rotary,



The month of May is known as Haitian Heritage Month. In 1804 Haiti gained its independence and became the first black republic in the world and the first country in the Western hemisphere to abolish slavery completely. The month holds historical and cultural significance for Haitians worldwide with many celebrations throughout the month.

May 1st is Agriculture Day in Haiti and the HEART in Haiti School students celebrate each year by learning how to grow seedlings, tend plants, care for the school garden and the school's [biodigestion system](#). This year students learned from Mr. Papou, Community Liaison, about fruit trees and each student received a mango, cherry, moringa, or coconut tree seedling to take home, plant, and care for.



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