

Bee School Application - Entry #13

Name of School Hillcrest PS
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Are you the primary contact person? Yes
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Briefly summarize why your school should become a Bee City School. Hillcrest Public School has been working towards becoming a more eco-conscious school. In the summer of 2018 the school installed a pollinator garden in its front yard. We also installed bee shelter tubes and butterfly houses in the vicinity of the garden to help the pollinators flourish in the area once again.

In order to enhance the understanding of the students and staff about the vital role that pollinators play in a healthy ecosystem, the applicant agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City Schools:

1. Adopt the Bee City Canada Resolution (see section G).
2. Create a Bee City Pollinator Team.

Pollinator Team Members

Maxime Thompson - Teacher
Kevin Coulter - Principal
Student Volunteers

3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:

The goal for this coming year would be to maintain and improve the existing pollinator garden by adding in more plants. Furthermore, we will add more pollinator friendly plants around the school in the other existing gardens. We are planning on applying for Eco Grants from multiple local initiatives to help us fund the purchase of these plants and maintenance tools (mulch and edging).

4. Promote Education about Pollinators:

The dedicated staff at Hillcrest PS is working hard to help students become aware of the crucial need for a healthy pollinator population. The school is a buzz with a variety of eco initiatives. We have invited professionals from the Lower Trent Conservation Area, planted a pollinator garden, and create a natural willow play structure. Introducing our students to place based learning and ecological stewardship has been an important factor in our every day teaching.

5. Celebrate Pollinators:

On the week of June 17th - 23rd we anticipate including the students in a variety of pollinator centered activities such as garden maintenance and peer leadership. The older students in the school will take the time to mentor the younger in pollinator knowledge, and help distinguish between bees and hornets and teach them the importance of pollen in our ecosystems.

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City School designation through publicly displayed signage, city/region/community website and other means.
2. Annually re-apply for Bee City School designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

Please submit a short 50-100 word write-up of why it's important to become a Bee City School.

Becoming a Bee City school is important for many different reasons. When a school receives this designation it demonstrates to our school community and to the local community that the school is an ally to nature preservation. It also demonstrates the importance of pollinators in our local and makes official our commitment to educate our students to care for and conserve local ecosystems and the environment. The team at Hillcrest Public School is concerned about a future where pollinators are extinct, and this farming community will be severely impacted by the loss of pollinators.

Attach your school logo (png format) with any usage guidelines.

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Attach photos, videos, posters, documents or other media showcasing events, activities or initiatives.

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Signature of Principal/Official

Kevin Coulter

Date

11/04/2019

Bee City Canada