

Bee School Application - Entry #8

Name of School

Meadowlane Public School

Address

236 Forestwood Dr.
Kitchener, Ontario
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Name of Applicant

Phillip Sallewsky

Applicant's Job Title

Principal

Organization or Department

Meadowlane Public School

Applicant's Email**Applicant's Phone****Are you the primary contact person?**

Yes

Contact's Name**Contact's Email****Contact's Phone****Briefly summarize why your school should become a Bee City School.**

As a school we have just recently been made aware of the importance of bees and the issues that are threatening them. There is a pollinator patch being created near our property which has inspired us to follow suit. Our Green Team is energetic, enthusiastic, and dedicated to environmental action. We have a series of monthly initiatives planned for the school year: all based on the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle). Becoming a Bee City School and

educating our students, staff, and community on the importance of bees and other pollinators to our environment and our ecosystem is one more initiative that we would be proud to have.

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

Ryan Boggs, Teacher
Amanda Farquhar, Parent
M. H., Student
B. S., Student
L. B., Student
E. F., Student
J. C., Student
I. M., Student
J. C., Student
M. K., Student

3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:

We will be creating our own pollinator patch in our kindergarten play area. There are three metal troughs that contain soil in which we will plant several varieties of native plants. We are choosing plants that bloom at different times of the year to keep the patch colourful as well as productive for our pollinators. In addition, we will be constructing bee homes to add to the patch.

The plants we will be planting include: wild strawberry, mountain mint, prairie smoke, crocuses, butterfly milkweed, black-eyed Susan, sky blue Aster, and purple prairie clover.

4. Promote Education about Pollinators:

Our Green Team will do presentations in each of our 12 classrooms to inform students and staff about the importance of bees and what we can do to help their situation. In addition, we will publish information on our school's website and through our email lists to families. Furthermore, our Team is contemplating a presentation to our School Council.

5. Celebrate Pollinators:

During National Pollinator Week we will hold a school assembly. It will include presentations by our Green Team and community members whom we have invited. In addition, we will have a class challenge that week to see which class has the most students wearing yellow and black on one of the days. Our week will also include inviting classes out to our pollinator patch to have the Green Team explain what they are seeing and how they can help support our pollinators.

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.

Kitchener is a Bee City. We would like to expand the work already done by bringing the message home at the grass-roots level. It is important for our Green Team to be involved in an initiative where they can see the tangible results of their work. Our students also need to be made aware of the plight of our bees and how we can help them. In the end, we are striving to make our students the stewards of our world.

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

[Logo.png](#)

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

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Signature of Principal/Official

Phillip Sallesky

Date

09/12/2019

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