



Bee School Renewal 2020

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Briefly summarize your Bee Schools experience during the past year.

Students were super excited to take ownership of our Mayor's Expo display last year and end the school year (only the beginning of our Bee City School year) by planting our pollinator friendly garden, making our bee hotels and putting them up for the bees to enjoy. Students from all classes came out during Pollinator week to see the Mayor's Expo display, learn about solitary bees and see the new garden!

When school began again in the fall, our Eco Club was back up and running and we spent time reviewing facts about pollinators and going out into the garden space to clean up the area and try to pull some weeds out before the winter weather arrived. We spent time discussing what

we would focus on this year and enjoyed the many Activity Cards we received by Bee City Canada.

Please tell us about any school initiatives focusing on creating new, improving or maintaining existing habitat for pollinators. This could include work on school grounds and other areas.

Our plans for this year include(d):

Taking the opportunity to establish the garden further by planting mature, bee friendly, perennial plants in the bee garden, making it much easier for students to identify the plants to keep, versus the plants to get rid of, namely the weeds. Using bricks to line the area and having a pipe and rain barrel installed for storing rain water.

Attach Plant List (optional)

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Please tell us about any school initiatives aimed at educating students, staff, volunteers, parents and/or the local community about pollinators.

We are putting out a request to our parent community to become involved with the garden by donating mature plants that we can transplant into the area and join us to work the garden and label the plants. We will be sending out a message to our parent community to visit the our garden once the new plants are in and they are labelled. Eventually we would like to create and install placards that will have information about local, native bees.

Please tell us about your participation in International Pollinator Week celebrations (if applicable) and other pollinator-themed events. Include photos, web links, stories and any other media.

Last year we celebrated International Pollinator Week by inviting Bee expert, Eliese Watson to put together a presentation about bees, focusing on solitary bees, for our students and their families.

This year we will be celebrating Pollinator week by planting mature plants into the existing garden and putting labels on the plants so students and families will be able identify them and

we will be sending out a school email with activities that our students may enjoy doing, while being at home.

How did your school promote being a Bee School?

Last year we were featured on the local news when our Eco Club was in the midst of making our bee hotels and planting the new seedlings in the garden. We were also featured in the community newsletter when we were building our display for the Mayor's Expo. Students created a display of information about bees near the school office for all to enjoy and once we became a Bee School a number of students resurrected a large poster commemorating the event and left it for all to see as they walked through the main hallway.

What are your plans for the coming year?

We would like to establish a mature, sustainable, perennial, pollinator friendly garden and look for ideas for a small, achievable water feature that would allow pollinators easy access.

Name of Principal

Jane Gibson

Submitted by

Dolores Gillon

Date

05/29/2020