



Bee School Application

Name of School

Alf Cuthbert School

Address

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Name of Applicant

Alann Fraser

Applicant's Job Title

Principal

Organization or Department

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Are you the primary contact person?

Yes

Briefly summarize why your school should become a Bee City School.

The students and families of Alf Cuthbert School in the Interlake of Manitoba. This agriculture land and is also surrounded by many lakes and natural wildlife areas. Our families diversify into Alfalfa Leaf Cutter bees, Mason bees and honey bees. There has been a decrease in the population of native bees in our area. By Alf Cuthbert School becoming a Bee City School, we will be able to add to our raised vegetable beds, perennial flower bed and annual flower beds with flowers that will attract and support all pollinators including bees.

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.
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Pollinator Team Members

Alann Fraser - Principal
Joanne Kiesman - Grade 3/4 Teacher

Grade 3/4 classroom students - these students will change as the students change grades
Ryan Metner - Custodian
Lara Price - Chairperson Alf Cuthbert School Parent Council

3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:

We currently have 3 raised vegetable beds, a small perennial bed and 3 small annual beds. This year, we also purchased a Tower Garden to grow vegetables for our school canteen. Alf Cuthbert School is also surrounded by natural grasses, shrubs and trees. During the summer many mints, clovers and other natural areas of pollinator attracting habitats are left to grow, bloom and go to seed. What is cut is what needs to be cut to remain at the standard of our School Division. Throughout the spring and fall, teachers take their students out into these areas for a variety of classroom related investigations and learnings. Life cycles are studied, habitats are studied and discussions are held over the importance of the plants, pollinators and wildlife in the area. This will be able to be continued. The plan is also to add to the school grounds to develop more habitat for our local pollinators in order to help increase their populations.

4. Promote Education about Pollinators:

As part of the program, I will work with the students and staff in grade 3/4 to develop and support more habitat for our local pollinators. This will come through choosing, starting, planting and supporting more vegetables and flowers that will attract and help sustain the pollinator populations in our areas. The students will learn about ways to support the pollinators and ways that destroy their habitats and populations. By learning about the need of local pollinators and the benefits of supporting the pollinators, students will then be able to use this knowledge in their own yards.

5. Celebrate Pollinators:

since the main focus will be with students in Grade 3/4, we will have these students share with the community about our incentive, the importance of pollinators and ways to support the pollinators for the benefit of everyone. They will create posters for in the school and in the whole community. They will share their message through our Parent Advisory Council Facebook page and through the Lakeshore School Division website.

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.
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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, will help to focus the students in their learning around supporting pollinators which in turn supports a sustainable edible environment. Students will be able to further understand the importance they play in supporting the pollinators and being more conscious of their actions in our natural environment.

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

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Signature of Principal/Official

Alann Fraser

Date

01/25/2021