



Bee School Application

Name of School

Drummond Central School

Address

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Name of Applicant

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Applicant's Job Title

Vice-Principal

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Are you the primary contact person?

Yes

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

We are already considered "the place to Bee" as that is our school motto and the bee is our school mascot. Drummond Central has a strong commitment to outdoor education and experiential learning. We tap maple trees in early spring, plant a vegetable and pollinator garden in the late spring and harvest vegetables in the fall. Becoming a "Bee City School" would only serve to further enhance our existing initiatives.

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

Tabitha Valliant
Nancy Noonan
Torie O'Neill

Kate Gover
Kelly Ireton

3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:

We are going to expand our community garden to include a native pollinator garden to further expand our pollinator habitat at our school. Our school garden extends into the community as we work with our local food shelter, The Table, to donate our produce to families in need. Plants we are intending to grow include Pumpkins, Sunflowers, squash, kale, echinacea, Bee balm. In terms of the perennials (bee balm, echinacea, etc.), we are hoping to do mass plantings of native plants to really provide a rich habitat.

4. Promote Education about Pollinators:

As we cultivate our community garden, we intend to track its progress via social media to keep the community connected to its progress. We are also hoping to have community members do virtual presentations about the importance of pollinators to our environment. All of this will be shared via social media and promoted with the help of our board's communications department.

5. Celebrate Pollinators:

During National Pollinator Week, we will run a full week of pollinator-themed events. Classes will each be active in tending the garden. Spirit days will include dress-like-a-bee day. We will also have various outdoor education activities and games to celebrate. Drummond is "the place to Bee" and we will be celebrating all things bee that week.

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.

It is important for Drummond Central School to become a Bee City School as we feel it deeply connects to our commitment to nature and to experiential learning. Doing our part to help preserve and protect

our native pollinators has always been something we have had a keen interest in doing--it is part of our responsibility as members of the Drummond community which has always had a rich tradition of building community relationships and celebrating student success.

Being a Bee City School would mean that we could really extend our mission of outdoor experiential learning as realized by our dedicated staff, parents and community partners. We are privileged to have a very large school yard green space. We are lucky to have an assortment of trees and shrubs on the yard and have already begun planting bee-friendly flowers. Our hope is to continue our learning about the types of plants, fruits and vegetables that will allow for native bees and pollinators to thrive.

Much like a garden grows and thrives with the help of the bees, the staff at Drummond Central School are all "a buzz" about our growth mindset, with our goal being to create an engaging and inclusive place for all of our students to learn.

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

[drummond-logo.jpg](#)

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

[garden-1.png](#)

[garden-2.png](#)

[garden-3.png](#)

Signature of Principal/Official

Tabitha Valliant

Date

04/06/2021