



Bee School Application

Name of School

Lady MacDonald Childcare Centre

Address

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Name of Applicant

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Applicant's Job Title

Head Teacher

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Applicant's Email

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Are you the primary contact person?

Yes

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

I believe we should become a Bee City school because it would be the first in the are (that I know of) and because we have the team and support to sustain it. Bee's and other pollinators is a big topic here at Lady M, and every spring and summer, at the first site of a Bee, we embark on sometimes months long project on these little insects and their big impact. Every spring we plant flowers and vegetables in our gardens for the children to tend to but also for them to be able to watch the bees in action!

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

Ashley - Head Teacher Preschool - preschool@childrensvillage.on.ca
Sahar - Program Assistant Preschool - preschool@childrensvillage.on.ca
Jaime - Head Teacher Toddlers - toddler@childrensvillage.on.ca
Rashida - Toddler Program Assistant - toddler@childrensvillage.on.ca
Harmonia - Program Supervisor - ladymacdonald@childrensvillage.on.ca

3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:

We are in no way experts on the Topic but we would love to improve our current habitat and maybe even create some new ones around the centre. We have lots of windows into the classrooms that we could plant around and allow the children to be able to observe from indoors as well. We are in the process of revamping our garden beds so that we have raised planter boxes. This will allow us to keep the bunnies' and squirrels out of our harvest but also keep little feet from stomping them as well. It will be easier for the children to plant their seedlings and help water and harvest when they are ready! We would love to learn more about and plant more locally native plants here as well! Currently we have strawberry, tomato, cucumber, carrot and pumpkin seedlings growing in our classroom. When they become available we will also plant tulips, gladiolas, sunflowers and daisy's in our garden.

4. Promote Education about Pollinators:

We educate ourselves and the children each and every day with new Bee facts. We are constantly learning and evolving with the children. We would add special notes to our Monthly Newsletters and can even send a weekly/bi-weekly email home with the latest updates and findings on the products. I am also part of this community and can add posts to our Neighborhood Facebook page with our initiative.

5. Celebrate Pollinators:

Pre COVID we would of had a massive garden party with all 45 of our families however with social gatherings now not-permitted we would do things a little more virtually. Anytime we have celebrations going on we include the families but sending home ideas and initiatives, having them put them into action at home with their families and then send us in pictures and videos! We compile them all together and send out lovely newsletters so that even without being close we can still feel that sense of community. The children love involving their families in our activities and have seen great success!

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 us to become a Bee City school because it helps bring together our childcare community and supports the children's interests. It is so amazing to see what can become of a Common Interest and how it extends the children's learning. It will also give a new look into the importance of Bee's and other pollinators and their effect on the eco system. Having this ability to watch and learn along with the children and their families is so exciting to us. It will give these children and the children of years to come so much joy and knowledge as we pledge to help the bees.

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

Harmonia Singh

Date

04/26/2021