



Bee School Renewal 2022

Name of School

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Applicant's Position/Role

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Are you the primary contact person?

Yes

Contact's Position/Role

Teacher

Pollinator Team Members

Lindsay MacDonald and Patricia McGuinness (grade 1Bee class of 25 students)

Briefly summarize your Bee Schools experience during the past year.

Our grade 1 Bee Hive class learned about how bees work together as a team to get the job done. We shared our knowledge with the rest of the school in writing, artwork and on morning announcements. We participated in the virtual bee pollinators program and to thank our parents for their support this year we sent home packets of bee friendly seeds to thank them for "helping us grow this year" and for the families to keep helping the bees over this summer. For our science curriculum, students in the entire school (over 1050 students) planted their own seeds to take home, a bee friendly plant, for their own garden this summer.

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.

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watching it grow.

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

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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.

We participated in the pollinator virtual presentation and we also are members of Earth Rangers-to help protect the bee mission.

How did your school promote being a Bee School?

Bulletin board artwork, writing, on morning announcements.

What are your plans for the coming year?

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We are getting a new principal next year so I need to get his approval in September and hope to start planting bulbs in the fall and seedlings in the spring.

Name of Principal

Jeffrey Fillion

Submitted by

Lindsay MacDonald

Date

06/27/2022