



Bee School Application

Name of School

École Riverview School

Address

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Name of Applicant

Branden-Lee Coursol

Applicant's Job Title

Teacher

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.

We should become a Bee City School because we care about the importance and preservation of bees to not only sustaining human life, but also those of animals.

We believe that though we live a residential area, that we should be able to share it with bees and other animals.

We will educate our students and our community on the importance of bees and how best to make a difference.

We know that making a difference and raising awareness has to start somewhere, and it can start with us!

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

Branden-Lee Coursol - Grade 2/3 FI teacher

Lorena Dorman - Grade 3/4 English teacher

Jennifer Warren - Grade 1/2 English teacher

3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:

We are still awaiting permission, but we plan on hosting a hive on school grounds.

We also want to revitalize the garden near the entrance of our school by planting a locally native pollinator garden using the following plants:

1. Prairie crocus (*Anemone patens*) Attracts bees and other pollinators
2. Northern bedstraw (*Galium boreale*) Larval host plant for hawk and tiger moths
3. Blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*) Attracts bees and other pollinators
4. Prairie coneflower (*Ratibida columnifera*) Attracts birds and other pollinators
5. Giant hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*) Attracts birds and other pollinators

6. Bergamot (*Mondarda fistulosa*) Attracts bees and other pollinators
 7. Prairie sage (*Artemisia ludoviciana*)* Larval host plant for American painted ladies
 8. Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) Larval host plant for Monarch butterflies
 9. Smooth fleabane (*Erigeron glabellus*) Attracts bees and other pollinators
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4. Promote Education about Pollinators:

We will take the time to educate students about pollinators during school assemblies and the monthly school newsletter.

We also plan on hosting a bee museum in May.

It will be open to the students at our school and our school community.

More details on on the next point.

5. Celebrate Pollinators:

We would like to host a “bee museum”, open to the public and all other classrooms, in our classroom in the month of May. We would have math-themed bee exhibits, science-themed, social studies-themed, ELA-themed, honey tasting, etc. We would collect funds from the public and classrooms and donate the proceeds to either Bee City Canada.

We will also participate in a seed bomb making event.

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's important to become a bee city school, because we as educators are at the forefront of making change happen. Through our daily interactions with younger generations, we have the opportunity to make a real difference and help students and the community realize the importance of directing our attention to the preservation of the environment, habitats and animals/insects such as bees. Pollinators are key to preservation, which is what we would highlight. With the help of Bee City Canada, I know we can encourage other schools and members of our community to take initiative and make a difference when it comes to preserving our pollinators.

Signature of Principal/Official

Branden-Lee Coursol

Date

01/15/2023