

Eco Initiatives: Year in Review



School Council Meeting – June 6, 2013

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Eco Team Goals

- To promote environmental literacy and practices
- To become environmentally responsive and reduce ecological footprint
- To unite school community through initiative
- To recertify as a Gold Certified Eco-School



Recycling

- recycling and garbage bins side-by-side
- Green Police in cafeteria
- Ms. Tutins' community class helps with recycling
- Custodians
- Use double-sided photocopies
- GOOS box in photocopier room – board makes memo pads
- Eco-team purchased GOOS bins for each classroom



Energy Conservation

- Lights turned off for natural sunlight
- Lights turned off when not in the room
- Computer monitors off at end of day
- TSS participated in Earth Hour – 16% decrease in energy consumption 😊



Eco Club

- Meetings:
 - Students meet twice a month
 - Use of e-mail
- Student Blog:
<http://tssenvironmentclub.blogspot.ca/>



Monthly Eco-Theme

- Board has monthly eco-theme

- September: Litter less lunch
- October: Lights
- November:
- December:
- January
- February
- March – Are Your Computers Off?
- April – Reusable Containers
- May
- June – Everything in its Place
- Posters on walls
- Morning announcements



More Highlights

- Board-sponsored workshops
 - November 6, Ontario Science Centre: “Green Career Learning Day”
- Waste Free Lunch Day
- EcoFriendly Night at Brownridge PS



...More Highlights

- Earth Week
 - Daily theme – PowerPoint playing on TV screens: sustainability, food, water, air, energy
 - Trivia games at lunch
 - Make your own hair gel products
 - School litter pick-up
 - Electronic Waste Disposal
 - Arctic theme:
 - Petition to prevent oil drilling in Arctic
 - Fundraising to World Wildlife Fund



Continue: Green Maintenance

- Weeding, watering, mulching, plant replacement
 - To demonstrate care & responsibility of school and community
 - Planting after school Friday, June 7
 - Ms. Marum's Personalized Alternative Education and Ms. Tutins' Community classes helping with green maintenance



Outdoor Classroom

- formally approved by the board 😊
- In outdoor quad (near guidance office)
- \$1200 reserved in school budget
- Proposal includes 2 trees and 7 big rocks
- Problem: \$4500 to install the stones in the outdoor quad; seeking estimates from other companies



Next Year

- Continue with recycling and waste reduction
- Implement outdoor classroom
- Field trip??

