

# School-Wide Recycling



Bluevale Collegiate Institute (Waterloo, ON) brought recycling back to their school! The Eco-Club added paper and plastics recycling bins to each classroom. They worked with administration and teachers to develop a plan. Every week, student volunteers bring the classroom bins to the main bin for sorting. This Eco-Club is continuing to share information about recycling with the whole school community.



## Did you know ...

In just 3 months, Bluevale Collegiate Institute diverted over 1.4 million cubic cm of paper AND 1.4 million cubic cm of plastic waste?

That's over 10 garbage truck loads that didn't go to landfill!

## Bluevale Collegiate Institute

# School-Wide Composting



Fulford Academy started with a small composting trial. The trial was successful and after working with kitchen and maintenance staff, youth had plans in place to build a bigger composter on school property. The soil produced will feed school gardens.

## Climate Connection:

Composting diverts waste from the landfill, reducing transportation emissions.



**Fulford Academy**



# Courtyard Revitalization



North Grenville District High School's courtyard space wasn't being used by staff or students. To make this into a welcoming natural space, the Eco-Club removed invasive weeds from the gardens. Next, they planted native species to encourage pollinators (including, milkweed, New England asters and yarrow). Lastly, some welcoming seating will be installed. Now the community has easy access to some nature on school property.



## **Climate Connection:**

Native plant species are adapted to the climate and soil conditions where they grow. Overall, they need less care (fertilizers, watering), than non-native plants.

## **North Grenville District High School**



# Planting Native Species

Osgoode Township High School planted a microforest with native tree species in the school yard. Then they had some fun with a canoe garden planted with native flowering plant species.



## Did you know . . .

Native trees, shrubs and plants support more insect life than non-native species. Many caterpillars rely on specific native host plants for food. And nesting birds, in turn, rely on insects to feed their young. Planting native species supports whole ecosystems and communities!



## Osgoode Township High School

# New Eco-Club



Rideau District High School didn't have an Eco-Club. But now it does! For their CAP, this team planned out a whole calendar year of events for their Club to raise environmental awareness at their school. Highlights include: a bulletin board featuring the endangered species of the month, hosting friendly competitions, and selecting a native tree to plant for the graduating class!

## CAP Consideration:

Using the SMARTIE goals is a great way to stay focused:

S - strategic (all ideas connected to starting club and raising awareness)

M - measurable (# activities completed)

A - ambitious (an activity for every month)

R - realistic (lots of smaller, manageable activities)

T - time-bound (1 school year)

I - inclusive (wanted to get everyone involved)

E - equitable (everyone has access)



## Rideau District High School