

PAWS Grants 2016

Ten grants of \$500.00 each were awarded to the following school projects:

The **sustainability group at Holy Cross School** was planning to use their grant to help reduce waste reduction at their school, with the purchase of items such as reusable plates, cups and utensils.

Elmwood High School's Green Giants group was awarded their grant towards a hydroponic kit, which would be used to grow vegetables and help "influence students to make healthy food choices and consider sustainable practices in their everyday life."

George V School's composting club plans to use the grant funds to purchase trees to begin a shelter belt for their playground.

Valley Gardens School's Green Team created an outdoor classroom/sharing circle, with part of the funding to bring it to fruition coming from a PAWS grant. It is called "The 4 Directions Outdoor Classroom", representing the Medicine Wheel. "It becomes a gathering place for teachers, students and the community and provides an opportunity to integrate nature into teaching and into the learning for students."

Bairdmore School's Enviro Club was using their grant to improve their outdoor classroom seating options, promote waste reduction and purchase plants for their butterfly garden.

General Wolfe School Green Team planned to use their grant to build a vegetable garden and orchard for the school, as well as establish a composting program, with vegetables and fruit grown to be used in the school breakfast and lunch program.

John Henderson School Builders Club received grant funding to increase the size and effectiveness of their outdoor classroom and build a composter to help reduce the amount of waste produced by the school. To date, wood has been purchased and the building will begin shortly.

The **MARS (Munroe's Active Responsible Students) group at Munroe Junior High** is using their grant towards improving their outdoor classroom and make their existing green space more user-friendly.

Ecole Marie-Anne-Gaboury has a group called EQAM (eleves qui ameliorant le monde—students who improve the world) that used their PAWS grant to prepare a crepe fundraiser for the school, bringing attention to the "one-hundred-mile diet" and to plant a garden and trees in their school yard. The school reported that grant money remaining after preparing the fundraiser, combined with profits from the fundraiser were close to \$800, which was used to purchase plants, composting bins, and will be used towards further expanding their gardens to plant vegetables.

Grant Park High School has a Green Team that planned to use their grant funding in three ways: waste reduction, improving green space of the school, and education on recycling and respecting the environment within the school.