

FORTISALBERTA'S GREEN UP GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Our Green Up grant program is designed to help create or enhance an environmental program for students in elementary and junior-high schools in our service area. This year, we awarded twenty-five \$1,000 Green Up grants to the following schools:

Amisk School will start tower gardening, offering each child the opportunity to grow their own plant.

Boyle Great Beginnings will add a growing tower to grow their own vegetables year-round and introduce a composting bin for recycling in the classroom.

Davidson Creek Hot Lunch Program in Sherwood Park will green their hot lunch program. This team is working with community restaurants to provide compostable packaging for lunches. Their goal is to compost all lunch time waste.

Drayton Christian School in Drayton Valley will introduce a composting program at the school and update their recycling containers.

East Elementary School in Leduc will purchase tower gardens for the classroom to enhance the grade four science curriculum "plant growth and change".

École Champs Vallée School in Beaumont will implement a composting program in the kindergarten classroom complete with red wigglers worms.

Griffin Park Elementary School in Brooks will purchase a tower garden for the classroom providing students an opportunity to experience firsthand the ecosystem and life cycle of growing plants.

James S. McDormick Elementary School in Lacombe will enhance their outdoor classroom by adding a vegetable garden to be used for hands-on learning opportunities.

Neerlandia Public Christian School will enhance their paper recycling program at their school.

Senator Gershaw School in Bow Island will implement a composting program at their school to amend the soil in their greenhouse.

West Country Outreach School in Rimbey will install flower beds at the front of their building, providing a warm, welcome, safe environment.

Wheatland Crossing School in Standard will build an experimental community garden to enhance the learning and recreational opportunities of both students and members of the community.

Bashaw District Support Services working with Bashaw School will plant trees in their community playground area.

Clive School will purchase tower gardens to grow vegetables that will be used for their breakfast program.

Robina Baker Elementary School in Devon will implement an indoor garden program offering grade one students an opportunity to learn about living things and what they need to live and grow.

Alix MAC School will purchase a tower garden to be used as part of their healthy snacks program and science curriculum.

Westmount School in Strathmore will focus on making a difference through environmental stewardship. The grade four class will fill planter boxes with plant species native to the prairies and build bat boxes.

Killam Public School is designing an outdoor garden classroom space for growing vegetables. All produce grown will be donated to their local food bank.

Bentley School will purchase a hydroponic tower to add to the school's existing permaculture food forest.

Cardston Junior High School will enhance the beauty of the school's sports fields by planting trees.

Horace Allen School in Coleman will create an outdoor learning space that promotes healthy child development, outdoor learning, environmental stewardship and enjoyment for the school and community.

Vauxhall Junior/Senior High will implement aquaculture (fish) in their greenhouse with a long-term goal of implementing vertical or tower gardens above the tanks.

Mountain View School will purchase a tower garden and place it in a visible location accessible to all. Students will learn about hard work, plant life, finances and the importance of our environment.

Dr. Hamman School in Taber will plant trees in their existing outdoor garden. Students will plant, water and care for the trees promoting mental, emotional and social health.

École francophone d'Airdrie will enhance their Zero Waste School program and purchase sorting bins for compost and recycling batteries and pens. The goal is to reduce plastic consumption and waste by 45 per cent.