



SOARING EAGLES NEWSLETTER



Empire Public School Newsletter



Taking Care of our Planet

by Ms. J. Gilmour



On April 22nd, Earth Day is celebrated by more than a billion people. Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970. In 1990, Earth Day went global and in 2009, The United Nations General Assembly designated April 22nd as International Mother Earth Day. Earth Day is the largest secular observance in the world. It is clear that it is a very popular event celebrated by many, but wouldn't it be amazing if we cared for our planet every day?

Our newsletter team has dedicated this issue of our school newsletter to the Environment. They offer advice, artwork, quotes and information all related to saving our planet. Our current Environmental Columnists Ali, Alisha, Ayla, Tia and Trinity even devoted some time to interviewing some former students, environmental advocates and former Environmental Columnists for our newsletter to hear their views on the planet. Amelia and Vivian,

now Grade 7 students were thrilled to share their views, their advice and their passion for the environment.

This year's global Earth Day theme is 'Invest in Our Planet.' How will **YOU** choose to invest in our planet? After all, every one of us has a responsibility to Mother Earth. Make a promise to our planet this Earth Day and make every day Earth day.

Quotes about the Earth

by Samiya Hassan, Vela Bonoguore, Claire Hough

Plant a tree even if it's your last deed.

"The environment is everything that isn't me." - Albert Einstein

You can start changing the world for the better daily, no matter how small the action." - Nelson Mandela

We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive. - Albert Einstein

Understand the worth of earth, treat it with care and give it the love it deserves. -Invajy

Nature is not a place to visit. It is home.

Let us do our small bit to make the world a clever and healthier place.

We must give back to mother nature what we took away from her long ago.



A KINDNESS Challenge - KIND KIDS

by Samiya Hassan, Lily Knight and Charlotte Macallum

Each month, we will nominate students who are showing kindness around our school. They will be recognized in each of our school newsletters. Featured are the nominees from February/March and the April nominees. They are:

February/March Nominees

KIND KID

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| 1. Parsa - Room 19 | 6. Keaton - P4/P6 |
| 2. Vivaan - Room 19 | 7. Daniel - P4/P6 |
| 3. Jerry - Room 8 | 8. Tia - P4/P6 |
| 4. Veronica - Room 11 | 9. Leya - P4/P6 |
| 5. Ruby - Room 11 | |

Each one of these students have been showing KINDNESS in their classrooms towards their teacher and their classmates. Some have also shown kindness beyond their classrooms, in the library and our school playground.

Congratulations on your nominations.
Thank-you for making the world a kinder place,
simply by being YOU!

April Nominees

KIND KID

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| 1. Yashika - Room 17 | 6. Hannah - P6 |
| 2. Audrey - Room 17 | 7. Jascha - P6 |
| 3. Ellie - P1 | 8. Landon - Room 9 |
| 4. Calum - P1 | 9. Saleh - Room 9 |
| 5. Charlotte - P8 | |

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How the Empire Library Helps the Environment

Submitted by Mrs. R. Thompson, Library Clerk

One of the many wonderful things about the Empire library is that we all own the books while we are at Empire, so we all get to use the books while at Empire. Because we share the books, books get used many times over. Just one book can provide enjoyment for many different students, teachers and classes, over many years. Here is some current information and statistics about our school and library:

592 people can access the books and resources: 533 students and 59 staff.

10555: Number of times books have been checked out this school year to date, and 10555 have then been

shelved! 

8313 books are in the library collection right now that we all share, including:

- 1944 picture books
- 2488 non fiction books
- 388 graphic format books
- 1483 fiction books
- 1457 French books
- 45 teacher/educator reference book

Top 3 pictures books/early readers by number of times ever signed out:

1. Barbie and the Three Musketeers - 118
2. Curious George Gets a Medal - 110
3. If You Take a Mouse to the Movies - 107

Some popular graphic format books by number of times ever signed out:

- Bone 1, Out from Boneville - 201
- Big Nate, Out Loud - 115
- Dog Man, Unleashed - 86
- The Baby-sitters Club Graphic Novel 2, The Truth About Stacey - 78
- El Deafo - 76



Thank you to students and staff who are using French books a lot more this year. Listed by times ever signed out:

- Top French fiction book: Les Legendaires 5, Coeur du passe - 79
- Top French non fiction book: A qui sont ces yeux? - 54
- Top French picture book: Chester: le retour - 43



Let's Help Books Last:

- We have some books that have been in the library since **1996**. They have lasted for **27 years!**
- We get new books every year. **101** this school year to date. Let's all help to look after the books so they can be used over again for 27 years!
- In the last **5 years: 211** books were lost. Let's try and keep that number as low as possible.

Ways to look after the books so they last a long time:

- Let Mrs. Thompson know if a book has any damage or is wet or is lost. Some damage can be fixed!
- Please keep books dry and clean.
- Please keep books away from water bottles, food, and pets for example.
- Please keep track of the books you have signed out, so they do not get lost.
- If a lost book is found months and even years later, it can be returned to any WRDSB school.

Our Empire Library - Book Reviews

Dog Man - Fetch 22

by Daniel Le

Soar Eagles book review about the environment. The book is called Dog Man Fetch-22! Around the start a bunch of tadpoles thought a human was their mommy which was very cute. Then the tadpoles got superpowers to control things with their mind. They decided to make a living tree. The tree was a bit evil, but then the supa buddies saved the city and fixed the tree. Cat kid, the leader was about to kill a tadpole but then he stopped because he didn't want to because they were babies and the thing that gave them the superpower made them very mad. Then the tadpole named Molly was not angry anymore and Cat Kid and Molly became friends. Soon they made the antidote for the powers and every tadpole lost their powers except Molly. I recommend the book and I rate it a 5 out of 5. It is an awesome book. You should read this book. It is very interesting and funny. It is also entertaining. Overall it is an awesome book to read. I really recommend this book to elementary students and middle school students all around the world and it is written in multiple languages. P.S there was a puppet on the fair fairy which was a dog named downward dog+barky mc tree face.

Dog Man - Fetch 22

by Keaton Metherel

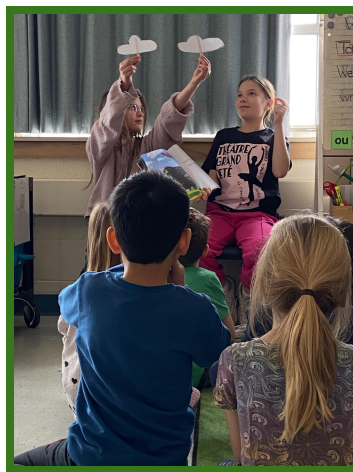
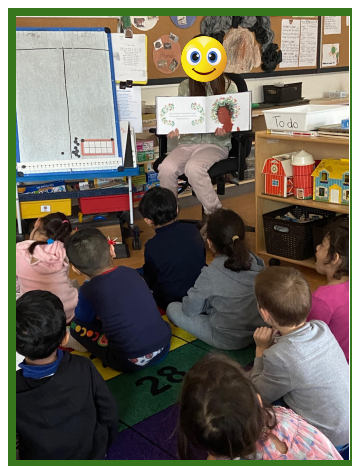
SOAR Eagles book review about the environment. The book is called Fetch-22! It has a lot of tadpoles. There was a human that was on a tv show and it was called the Fair Fairy and she had a dog puppet that can talk. The tadpoles thought the human was their mommy but the human did not want to be their mommy and they got mad and turned a tree to life. They named the tree Barky Mc Tree Face and made a song about him. Then Dog Man and Lil'Petey came with chief Sarah Hatoff and 80 HD and tried to defeat Barky Mc Tree Face but he was too strong. This is the cover of the book.



Photos of our RAP (Read Aloud Proud) Group

by Ms. J. Gilmour

Our Read Aloud Proud Group reads meaningful picture books to our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students. During the month of April we will read books with an Environmental theme and have classroom discussions about how to be kind to our planet. Here are some photos of our volunteer readers.



What's Happening at Empire - Empire Events

by Ilhan Mohamed

To start off, our RAP (Read Aloud Proud) group began reading picture books to students from Kindergarten to Grade 3. Our RAP group is made up of students from Grades 4-6 who have an interest in reading meaningful stories to our younger students. We held our first Arts Night at our school. Families enjoyed musical performances in the library; everyone participated in adding an origami heart to our Love and Kindness Mural; there was dancing and snacks and our hallways were decorated with beautiful artwork for all to enjoy. February is Black History/Black Brilliance Month. Students from Room 10 made a glorious display for Black Brilliance Month. It is an interactive display that everyone can enjoy.

What's happening in Kindness Club

by Jillian Gilmour



Our Kindness Club participated in Empire Public School's Arts Night by encouraging everyone to make an origami heart and add it to our "Love and Kindness Makes the World Go 'Round" Mural. It was a great success. We also put our Kind Characters on display for all families to see during our Arts Night event.



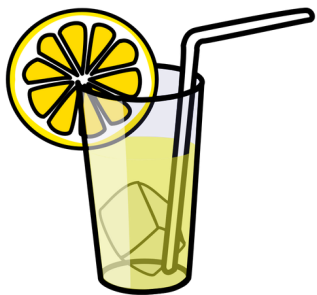
Some of our leaders have been teaching other schools about Kindness Club and encouraging them to start their own Kindness Club at their schools. Leaders shared information about activities we have done in Kindness club, what we hope to do in the future, tips on being a good Kindness Club leader and how to get started. The google meets were a great success and we are so proud that we can spread kindness to other schools.

On May 6th, we are having a fundraiser for the K-W Humane Society by organizing a bake sale. See the ad in this edition of our April newsletter for more details.



**An Upcoming Event:
A Fundraiser for K-W Humane Society**

**Empire Public School's
Kindness Club Presents
A fundraiser in support of:**



**Saturday May 6th 1-3pm
On the front walkway of
Empire Public School
83 Empire Street, Waterloo**

Get some baked goods, crafts, lemonade and doggie treats



Any questions email Ms. Gilmour at jillian_gilmour@wrdsb.ca

Climate Change Project

by Annabelle Ariss



How you can stop climate change + a little bit about it

By Annabelle

What is climate change

Well you might of heard that before it is the same thing known as global warming. As we get older the weather (Season) might stay the same eg. winter can stay the same for the rest of the UNIVERSE and it is bad for all the animals who can not survive in the winter like a ladybug there wings can not fly in the winter because there wings are really delicate so they can not survive in the winter. Or the opposite eg. Spring it can be the same thing as winter like what I was talking about earlier and polar bears can be extinct and turtles etc.

That is what climate change is

05 Ways you can stop it

1. You can maybe make a poster saying let's stop climate change
2. Turn your lights off when you leave your house
3. Well you brush your teeth, washing hands... dont keep the water running all the time
4. Ride your bikes to school or electric cars or an electric bus etc
5. Recycle as much as you can

Now that you know a little more about climate change and a little bit about it

Now that you know a little more about climate change and a little bit about it. You can go do one of the ideas or... tell your little siblings or go for a bike ride (you don't need to do all of that right know it is just an idea



Save The Earth



poster Ideas (If you are doing a poster) Click the video link to watch the videos click the pictures to watch it

Bye for now I hope you learned something!!





Environment SOAR – An Interview about the Earth

by Ali Rodgers, Alisha Sokhal, Ayla Tripp, Tia Samad and Trinity Regehr



The environment in our school community is very important as well as everywhere else. There are many ways you can help the Empire community as well as others. Here are some things that you can do because we should all help to keep the environment clean. Don't only pick up trash on Earth Day, pick it up everyday, whenever you see trash on the ground pick it up!

We interviewed former environment columnists: Amelia and Vivian. This is a quote by them: All of our decisions today will affect the future. It can lower people's motivation when they don't see the fruits of their labor for decades, but we need to think with the mindset of, "this isn't for us. It's for our children and every generation after this." As MP Tim Louis said, "I volunteer weekly to go out and plant trees. These trees are only a few feet tall, and the people that are planting the trees now will never sit in the shade underneath them. It's for our children and our grandchildren to enjoy."

Interview:

What are some ways you are kind to the environment?

- Advocating and spreading the word about different issues (groundwater, palm oil, equality)
 - Interviewing people of significance and writing articles to learn more and to educate the public on issues
 - Being aware of our usage of palm oil and packaged products
 - Planting flowers and plants in backyard gardens
 - Raising money for charities and NGO
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An Interview about the Earth

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SOAR environmentally

S = Stop littering

O = Oceans

A = Activism

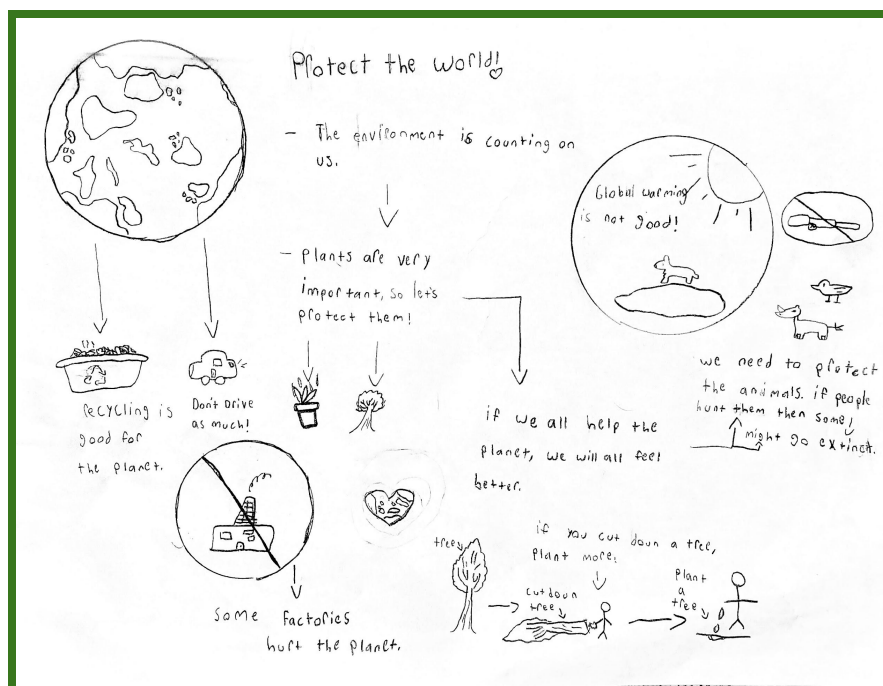
R = Recycling everywhere

Ways to keep our environment healthy:

- Don't be mean to the environment. Don't litter so the environment can be healthy.
- Don't be a bully to the environment
- Don't litter
- Stop use plastic things
- Be the I in kind for our environment
- Plant tree seeds for our environment
- Reduce, reuse and recycle
- Plant many different plants
- Use compost to help our environment
- Convince your parents to get an electric vehicle 💰💰
- Adopt animals from a local shelter
- Grow gardens
- Pick up trash
- Don't use plastic
- Use compost
- Volunteer at a local animal shelter
- Help out at a retirement home

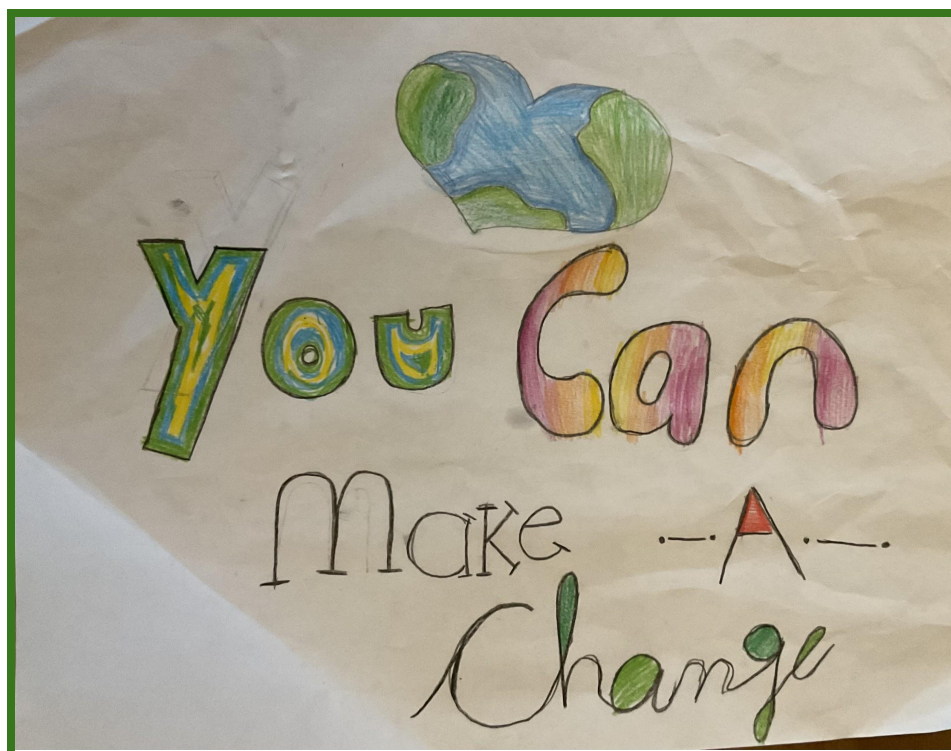
Earth Artwork

by Vela Bonoguore



Earth Artwork

by Claire Hough



Photos of our Beautiful World

By Quinn Knapp



Wouldn't it be great if every day was Earth Day? We hope that this issue of our school newsletter gives you some things to think about, but also some ideas for how you can be a little Kinder to our planet. Keep in mind that each one of us has a responsibility to help make our planet a beautiful place for us to live in. Soar Eagles!

