

**TCDSB GOES GREEN!**  
**OCTOBER ISSUE: THE LEAVES ARE FALLING – THINK COMPOSTING!**

**70 TCDSB ONTARIO CERTIFIED ECOSCHOOLS IN 09/10?**

Congratulations to the group of 45 TCDSB schools that successfully achieved Ontario EcoSchool Certification.

This year we need your help to push for 70 Certified EcoSchools.

The September 30<sup>th</sup> "Introduction to EcoSchools" workshop at the CEC was very successful. Over 20 schools were represented, and we feel that we are on the way to 70 certified this year. It is not too late to get involved. Contact an EcoTeam member to find out how to get involved with EcoSchools.

**Get kids outside with nature.**

2010 has been declared the "International Year for Biodiversity" by the United Nations. The Learning for a Sustainable Future organization has a great link with teaching resources on how to get students learning in an outdoor environment. Check out the "Step-Outside" articles at [www.r4r.ca](http://www.r4r.ca) for more information.

**Clean Air Champions.**

HSBC Clean Air Achievers is a curriculum based program for grades 6-9 that explores transportation choices and the impact on air quality, climate change and health, check out: [www.cleanairchampions.ca](http://www.cleanairchampions.ca) or [www.cleanairachievers.ca](http://www.cleanairachievers.ca)

**"WATTS"UP? CORNER.**

- [www.youthenergy.ca](http://www.youthenergy.ca) – Youth Energy Network of energy conservation related ideas, and events in Toronto.
- Kids World of Energy Festival, May 11-14, 2010 @ Exhibition Place. Grades 5 & 6 students. Register soon: <http://www.trec.on.ca/reeducation/KWE-registration-09-web-fill.pdf>
- Green Energy Act is close to being enacted: <http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/FIT/TREC>

**RECYCLING & WASTE REDUCTION 2009/10**

Waste reduction week is just around the corner from October 19-25. Some ideas for the week: have a litter-less lunch week; conduct a waste audit; combine the garbage waste reduction with an energy waste reduction by turning off unnecessary lighting during the week.

Please see the next page to register for the City's Park Clean-up Events between October 19 – November 6, or contact an EcoTeam member to find out more. Please register soon.

**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES TO TACKLE THIS YEAR.**

To assist with tackling the reduction of bottled water check out the Polaris Institutes RE-FRESH program at <http://www.insidethebottle.org/re-fresh-re-jaillir>

A few points to think about relating to bottled water: Water is a sacred resource; Water is the common heritage and right of all living species; Tap water is regulated, bottled water is not; It can take 3 litres of water to make one 1-litre bottle of water. Reusable bottles and reusable lunch packs make for great fundraising campaigns.

**COMPOST YOUR LEAVES.**

Fallen leaves can make for some of the best compost material. Whether you have a garden at home or at school, composting your leaves can be a great investment for good topsoil for next year. Don't just send it to the municipal composting facility!

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We Borrow It From Our Children"**