During Earth Month (April), there are two community environmental events where TCDSB schools participation is encouraged.

The City of Toronto’s - Clean Toronto Together, Friday April 19, 2013

The City Park Clean-up – April 2nd to April 26th, 2013 (grades 1 to 8)

Clean Toronto Together 2013 (All grades)
TCDSB has displayed a phenomenal participation rate and demonstrated our Board’s commitment to our community and the environment. In response to the City of Toronto’s invitation, the Board encourages all schools and administrative sites to participate in the Clean Toronto Together Campaign. On Friday April 19th pitch in to clean up the grounds around your school. Here’s your chance to show Toronto how your school pitched in to clean Toronto together.


To receive some bags inform Paul Deighan, Officer Waste Management and Recycling, of your participation and registration at Paul.Deighan@tcdsb.org. We have a limited number of bags available and these will be provided on a first come first serve basis. The remainder of bags must be provided by the schools. There are no gloves available this year.

The following links can assist staff: http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen/greenkids.htm, for additional tools and http://www.ecokids.ca courtesy of Earth Day Canada to give the schools more details on how they can participate and engage their students on these important initiatives.

Students are to be cautioned against picking up any broken glass, sharp objects or animal droppings. Please instruct them to identify these objects to the supervisory personnel in attendance. Schools should bring a first aid kit with them to their clean-up area, and students should be accompanied by a staff person trained in First aid treatment.

The bags are to be returned to our schools and placed in the appropriate containers. This is to reduce the carbon footprint of trucks being used to collect this waste. It is suggested that students be divided into teams of recycling material and garbage material. During the Clean Up, students and teachers are asked to clean up litter in any public place – school grounds, streets, parks etc. Participants should bring small plastic grocery bags from home for litter collection. Now plastic grocery bags are recyclable. When the bags are emptied place them inside one bag and place them in the recycling container.
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

City Park Clean Up – Spring 2013 (all grades)

Due to the growing demand for the Park clean-ups, the City is now asking all interested schools to contact the City Customer Service line at 311 and request to speak to their local Park Supervisor about a clean-up. Teachers will need to have the following information: The exact name and location of the park they would like to clean-up, the name of their school and the number of students wishing to participate and their contact information, including the teacher's name, phone number and School Board (not personal) e-mail address.

It is important to arrange this with the Parks Supervisor. The Supervisor will need to know the date of the clean up (any time between April 2\textsuperscript{nd} and April 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2013) to avoid a conflict with any other groups interested in cleaning the same park. If you are interested in a waste diversion presentation, review this with the Park Supervisor.

Please let Paul Deighan, Officer Waste Management and Recycling paul.deighan@tcdsb.org or 416-222-8282 ex 2177 know that you have contacted the City. This information tells us how many schools and students are participating in this event.

For both events the following should be included:

1) Prayer services to be used during earth week
2) Schools must bring a first aid kit with them to their clean-up area, and students should be accompanied by a staff person trained in first aid treatment

Participation in events like these allows students to live the Catholic Graduate Expectation: A Responsible Citizen, as they do their part to help create a clean and beautiful Toronto. The leadership project may be championed by a student leadership team, an environmental club, the chaplaincy team, a science or social science class or staff and students who are passionate about environmental issue (i.e. Eco Team). We would ask that all schools include their custodial staff as partners in this initiative.

For Information, please contact Paul Deighan at 416-222-8282 ext. 2177 or paul.deighan@tcdsb.org.