

Killarney School EcoClub 2020

Pre-Spring Newsletter

February 26th, 2020



EcoClub Receives Boundary Consumers Co-op Grant

The EcoClub recently received a \$500 grant from the Boundary Consumers Co-op. The group proposal was centered around recycling items that are not normally recyclable in our local facility. The money was used to purchase a Break Room and Coffee Pod recycling box from Terracycle. Read more about Terracycle on their website:

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-CA>



Vermicomposting at Killarney School

By Mr. Outhwaite



We've got worms!

Over the past few weeks we have been rolling out our worm composting program at Killarney School. Students collect vegetable and fruit waste at lunch, during their nutrition breaks, and any other time healthy snacks are consumed. The compost is then brought down to the EcoClub room and deposited into our green holding containers so it can be frozen overnight, thawed, processed, and then fed to our Red Wiggler worms. We have a healthy multi-tiered worm tower where each of the 5 floors will convert approximately 5L of food waste into vermicast in roughly a month. We also have a large Urban Worm Bag that is almost fully activated. The plan is to use the vermicast to enrich the soil of the Learning Garden in the spring.

To learn more about worm composting visit:

<https://www.planetnatural.com/worm-composting/>

<https://www.redwormcomposting.com/getting-started/>

Recycle: Batteries and School Supplies

By **Aaron Mason**

There are several of these bins set up around the school. We encourage children to bring in used batteries and school supplies from home and place them in these bins.

Batteries accepted include: alkaline, lithium primary, lithium ion, nickel cadmium, small sealed lead acid, nickel metal hydride, and nickel zinc batteries.

School supplies accepted include: mechanical pencils, highlighters and highlighter caps, markers and marker caps, pens and pen caps, and dry erase markers and dry erase marker caps.



Information on Battery Recycling:

<https://www.call2recycle.ca/manitoba/>

Information on Staples Recycling Partnership with Terracycle:

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-CA/brigades/staples-en-ca>

Learning Garden Update

By Mae Steele & Mrs. Campbell

We received a \$3000 grant from Nutrients for Life to use with the learning garden. This money allowed us to buy and construct seed beds, a fence, materials to build a shed, and to construct our outdoor compost bins. We also purchased soil and seeds.



We collected old copies of the Killarney Guide (which is printed with soy based ink) and folded them into seedling starter boxes. Zero waste! Why is soy based ink important? It prevents chemicals from traditional inks from leaching into our soils.

There may still be snow outside, but we are busy planting seeds. We began planting our seeds in early February and hope to move them into the learning garden in May. As the plants grow, the newspaper pots will break down and be composted into the soil. We have planted carrots, lettuce, bush beans, tomatoes, pumpkins, bittergourd, and celery.

Youtube video that shows how to fold your own starter box.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dIGQP81yfo>

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, April 25th

10am - 2pm Shamrock Centre

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES

Product Care

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The following items will be accepted for recycling:

Paint Products

- Latex, water based, oil and solvents based architectural coatings
- Aerosol paints – all types including automotive aerosols
- Maximum container size: 25 litres

Fluorescent Lights (residential use only)

- Tubes, and
- Compact fluorescent lights

Flammable Materials

- Gasoline & diesel fuel
- Solvents
- Maximum container size: 10 litres

Corrosive Materials

- Cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Paint stripper


Physically Hazardous Materials

- Non-refillable camping fuel cylinders
- Butane cylinders

Pesticides

- Consumer pesticides that have the poisonous (skull and crossbones) symbol, and the Pest Control Product (PCP) Number
- The word "Domestic" on the label
- Maximum container size: 10 litres


E-WASTE
Recyclable Electronics can also be dropped off



Toxic Materials

- Fuel additives
- Non-flammable strippers

Environmentally Hazardous Material



The following hazardous waste materials are not accepted:

- Commercial, industrial or agricultural products
- Products that are unlabelled or cannot be identified (unknowns)
- Products that are leaking or improperly sealed
- Cosmetics, health and beauty aids
- Insect repellents, disinfectants and pet products

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