

## Earth Warriors Walk the Talk ...

### About the program ...

At Bellmere Junior Public School, the student Earth Warriors club is putting waste reduction front and centre. After a school-wide student waste audit, the group created a play on waste minimization for the entire school. They also covered the halls with colourful student-made posters about how to protect the environment and bulletin boards that display graphs about the school's monthly energy consumption.

Environmental action is not limited to this group of students. The student recycling team arrives at 8 a.m. to do its rounds and to create daily eco-announcements and parents help the student team with organic green-bin waste recycling since it is not yet accepted in schools. Students also take on special projects. For example, Grade 6 students worked with local volunteers to do clean-up work at a nearby creek and also collaborated with local firefighters and city councillors to collect used cell phones.



### Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Students had the opportunity to practise language and visual and dramatic arts to communicate information about initiatives that mattered to them, making the exercise authentic and meaningful.
- The students at Bellmere are part of a comprehensive, school-wide communications strategy about [environmental education](#). Students are able to identify their own contributions within the larger learning community and take pride in the difference they are making in their school.
- The teamwork displayed by the students and staff reflects a high level of cooperation that is essential to the school's vibrant community.
- The parent community works with the school to help students reduce the school's environmental impact, extending students' learning opportunities beyond the classroom.



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