

Community Partnerships

Students Making a Difference through EcoSchools ...

About the program ...

At Dublin Heights Elementary and Middle School, the EcoSchool student leaders organized the whole school to take part in an [Earth Hour campaign](#). Through this campaign, they learned about nature's independent cycles and they also learned about the indispensable role of teamwork and working respectfully with everyone to create a common sense of purpose. Mulching, watering and shrub planting provided active learning that appealed to those students who thrive on seeing concrete results for their efforts.

EcoSchool student leaders delivered separate assemblies for the elementary and middle school and they also organized and chaired a formal EcoSchools lunch meeting with the principal and two parent council representatives.

The 4 [EcoSchool](#) Components ...



**Ecological
Literacy**



**Waste
Minimization**



**Energy
Conservation**



**School-ground
Greening**

Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Social studies and science learning acquired authenticity and relevance as the Grade 6-8 students engaged in environmental footprint activities that pointed to where and how they could live more lightly on the earth.
- The student club is a driving force that brings energy and ideas to the school's every day life. Earth Day represents the culmination of a year of persistent work in many areas.
- This group of activist students worked hard to bring their message to the rest of the school community. Students see the value, the challenge and the fun of prompting school-wide engagement.
- The caretaking staff is involved, and is especially supportive and helpful in collaborating with students in reducing energy use.

Community Connections ...

Mulching trees was a first-hand opportunity to see how nature's systems are interdependent. Representatives from community groups such as Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Watershed on Wheels Program and the City of Toronto's Water Education Program were invited to work with several grades in the school.

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