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Citizen science project examining Ontario schoolyards to be launched at Toronto school

BRANTFORD – Are schoolyards across Ontario equitably promoting health and access to nature? A new citizen-driven research project aims to find out.

Schoolyards Count!, a partnership between Wilfrid Laurier University and [Ophea](#) (Ontario Physical and Health Education Association), is being launched at a news conference **Friday, April 12**, at [Rose Avenue Junior Public School](#) in Toronto.

Speakers will include:

- [Kelly Gallagher-Mackay](#), an educational policy expert and assistant professor in Laurier's [Law and Society](#) program, principal investigator of the project
- **Chris Markham**, executive director of Ophea
- **Alorani Van Hahn**, teacher and co-lead of EcoSchools at Rose Avenue Junior Public School
- Grade 5 student schoolyard auditors

All participants, including students, will be available for photos and interviews.

Time: 10:25-11:15 a.m., Friday, April 12

Address: Rose Avenue Junior Public School schoolyard, 675 Ontario Street, Toronto

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