

# "IT'S ELEMENTARY"

# This Month's Featured School



Ballantrae Public School  
An Eco School

There are a number of ways a school takes on the characteristics of its community. At Ballantrae Public School we have embraced our rural environment and become an Eco School, partnering with Mark Carroll of the Community Resource Centre of

Crystal Zoras and Micky Rochon celebrate their tree planting endeavours

Scarborough on a variety of environmental initiatives. We use these initiatives to enhance our education programming to teach our whole school community the importance of being responsible global citizens.

To celebrate Earth Week our students went tree planting to the Willowgrove Conservation Site. But why plant trees you may ask? Our grade 2/3 students asked and incorporated the answer into their science, language and drama lessons before the event.

They first talked about why it might be important to plant trees. They were then visited by "Mother Nature" who asked the students to create tableaux to illustrate to "Father Nature", who doesn't speak English, the importance of tree planting.

They then concluded their lesson by writing persuasive letters as to why they should be allowed to participate in this very important event. So why tree plant during Earth Week you ask? Just imagine the answer you might get if you were to visit Ballantrae and ask our grade 2/3 students.

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The Eco leaders are: Tessa MacMurchy, Jessica Denbroeder, Brandon Walsh-Hennings, Mark Volk, Kyle Pontone, Michael Bourgeois. Eco leaders come up with environmental projects for the year like the Rock and Log circle project.



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