

# DUNRAE GARDENS

## THE SCHOOL SCOOP

MAY 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe it's already May? Time seems to be flying by, and the weather is finally starting to accompany the season!

As we move further into spring, we're thrilled to provide you with the latest update on our sustainability efforts at Dunrae Gardens Elementary School. As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and our school values, we've embarked on an exciting journey to establish a vibrant school garden, complemented by Grade 5's compost unit.

Our students have been actively engaged in learning about composting, waste reduction, and the importance of sustainable practices. We've seen their enthusiasm reflected in the success of our recent waste-free lunch day and in the thoughtful paper wrote to the Mayor of the Town of Mount Royal, where they showcased how our compost initiatives at Dunrae Gardens align with broader efforts in our district and city.





Now, we're delighted to announce the next phase of our project: the creation of our school garden! This garden will serve as a hands-on learning environment where students can further explore concepts of sustainability, biology, and nutrition.

We believe that involving our students in projects like this not only teaches them important life skills but also instills in them a sense of responsibility and connection to the world around them. We're excited to see the positive impact this initiative will have on our school community and beyond.

We'll keep you updated on the progress of the garden and invite you to get involved wherever possible. Together, we can make a real difference in fostering a more sustainable future for our children.













On Saturday, April 20th, our Dunrae Gardens Global Issues Problem Solving teams participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian National Future Problem Solving International event hosted at Laurenhill Jr Academy, alongside other EMSB schools.

We are thrilled to announce that one of the DG teams (Marcus Khairy, Nolan Hernu, Francesco Pace) qualified as Junior Champions!! Their booklet on 'Autonomous Transportation' was read & evaluated by the official evaluators at the University of Indiana. As a result of their victory, our Dunrae team has earned the opportunity to represent Canada at the Future Problem-Solving International event. This is an amazing experience for our students, and we're thrilled that they have the chance to showcase their talents on an international stage.

We are happy to hear that all 3 boys will be attending the event that takes place June 5th-9<sup>th</sup>. We believe that exposure to enrichment programs like FPSPI is invaluable for our students. It fosters critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity, all of which are essential skills for success in the 21st century.

We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the students for their outstanding achievements and to Mrs. Camelia Birlean, MEd., PhD, and her dedicated team to help support our students each step of the way. The student's hard work and commitment have truly paid off, and we couldn't be more excited for them.

Thank you for your continued support of our school's enrichment programs. Together, we're helping to shape the future leaders and problem-solvers of tomorrow.











***Additionally, two of our very own students here at Dunrae Gardens have achieved remarkable success in the Math Caribou competition, ranking among the top in the world. Max Carreira Rafael and Izaak Wolfson Trudeau! What an absolute honor! They both ranked 1st at the school board level, provincial, national (N = 1,072), and yes, international level (N = 2,217)!!!***

***We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to these two outstanding students for their hard work, dedication, and exceptional performance in the competition.***

***It is truly inspiring to see our students excel on a global scale, showcasing their skills and abilities in mathematics. This accomplishment is a testament to their perseverance and determination to strive for excellence.***

***Let us continue to support and encourage our students to pursue their passions and reach for the stars. Congratulations once again to our exceptional students on this incredible accomplishment!***

***As we welcome the new month of May, we want to take a moment to express our appreciation for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's education. We are immensely proud of the progress all our students have made so far, and we believe that with your continued encouragement, they can achieve even greater heights.***

***The end of the school year is approaching, and it's essential to keep encouraging and motivating our students to maintain their hard work and dedication until June. Every day counts, and every effort they put in brings them closer to their goals. Together, we can provide the support and guidance needed for your child's success.***

***Your encouragement and support play a significant role in your child's academic journey. Let's continue working together to inspire and motivate our students to finish the school year strong.***

***Thank you for your continued partnership.***

***Respectfully,***

***Mrs. Canale***

