

#### **Active and Sustainable School Travel**

Run a campaign to encourage low-carbon transportation options such as walking, cycling, busing, and carpooling to school.

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## **Community Clean-up**

Remove litter from the environment, learn about proper waste sorting, and demonstrate the power of working together!

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## **Conduct a Waste Audit**

Discover how much waste your school is producing so you can start reducing!

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#### **Create Nearby Nature Guides, Maps, and Signs**

Grow deeper connections to nearby-nature and share your learning by developing place-based field guides, maps, or signage!

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## **Create Your Own Action 3**

Do you have a plan for an action that doesn't quite fit? Let us know all about it!

**Points** 

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## **Earth Day**

Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22nd. Engage in collective action to support climate change resilience, biodiversity, and ecosystems.

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## **EcoCode**

An EcoCode is your school's environmental policy or mission statement that demonstrates your commitment to climate action. \\

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## **Climate Hero Escape Room**

Do you have what it takes to "escape" climate change? Increase your awareness of the global climate crisis while engaging in a fun and immersive online learning experience!

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## **Community Science**

Become a community scientist (also known as citizen scientist) and contribute to important environmental research projects from across Canada, and beyond!

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#### **Create Homes for Wildlife**

Help protect local species and support biodiversity by creating safe homes and spaces for wildlife, where they can nest, feed, and

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## **Create Your Own Action 1**

Do you have a plan for an action that doesn't quite fit? Let us know all about it!

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## **Environmental Health**

Learn about environmental health hazards and ways to protect yourself, your friends, your family, and the environment.

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## **Environmental Literacy**

Deepen environmental literacy by providing opportunities for all students at your school to learn IN, ABOUT, FOR, and FROM the  $\,$ environment.

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## **Get Cooking**

Learn how to cook from scratch, preserve food, and feed your school community.

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## **Create Your Own Action 2**

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Do you have a plan for an action that doesn't quite fit? Let us know all about it!

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#### **Divert Textile Waste**

Reduce, reuse, repurpose, repair, and recycle old textiles such as clothes, shoes, and bedding, and help to divert waste from the

**Points** 

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## **Eco-Friendly Meals**

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase food sustainability by trying eco-friendly meals and food habits.

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#### **Environmental Fair or** Conference

Organize an environmental learning event for your school or broader community.

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## **GOOS Paper**

Get creative and reduce paper use at your school by using GOOS (Good On One Side) paper bins throughout your school.

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## **Extend Your Action**

Has your school extended an EcoSchools action into a larger school project? Let us know about it!

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## **Getting Started**

Start your year by building a strong EcoTeam, reflecting on student interests and community needs, then making an action plan for success!

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## **Green Bin Organics Program**

Get to know the process for operating the City of Toronto Green  $% \left\{ \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{r}}\right\} =\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{r}}$ Bin Organics Program within TDSB schools and sites.

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#### **Grow a Food Garden**

Get your hands dirty, grow food for your community, and learn about plants, ecosystems, and nutrition in an outdoor food garden.

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#### **Idle-Free Zone**

Breathe clean air and reduce air pollution by promoting Idle-Free Zones at your school and in your community!

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#### **Let's Talk Air**

Explore the properties of air and why good indoor air quality is important for human health.

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## **Phantom Power**

Reduce your school's energy footprint by monitoring and unplugging your appliances!

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## **School Water Audit**

Explore how your school uses water through an audit, and implement water-saving strategies to protect this precious resource!

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## **Sit Spot**

Cultivate awareness and well-being by regularly visiting one specific spot where you can sit, slow down, awaken your senses, and learn more about yourself and the local environment.

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## **Green Gatherings and**

Make your next school event or meeting green by going waste-free and incorporating eco-friendly practices!

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## **Heating and Cooling**

Optimize heating and cooling systems at your school through data collection, communication, and monitoring.

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## **Indoor Gardening and** Greenhouses

Bring gardening inside for hands-on, year-round learning about plants, food systems, nutrition, health and wellbeing.

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## **Paper Reduction and Purchasing 100% Recycled Paper**

Paper can come from new trees, from 100% post consumer fiber (recycled), or a mix; choosing 100% recycled paper has the lowest impact on the environment.

**Points** 



## **Pollinator Garden**

Plant a pollinator garden at your school and create a space that is not only beneficial to pollinators like beetles and butterflies, but is also fertile grounds for learning.

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## **Reduce Harmful Single-use**

Raise awareness and take a pledge to reduce harmful single-use plastic waste at your school.

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#### **Sort Your Waste to Reduce Contamination**

Track and reduce contamination in your recycling and garbage bins, raise awareness, and establish an effective waste sorting program.

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## **Greenbelt Biodiversity**

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Learn about Ontario's Greenbelt and take action to track and enhance biodiversity on your school grounds.

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# **Recycle Personal Electronic**

Collect personal electronic waste (e-waste) from your community and ensure items get properly reused and recycled.

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### **Reduce Your Food Waste**

Get your school ready to reduce avoidable food waste through an awareness campaign and school-wide pledge

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## **School Energy Footprint**

Investigate your school's energy consumption to help understand your building's carbon footprint.

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## **School Water Footprint**

Collect consumption data to investigate your school's water use and provide a baseline for success!

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## **Repurposing and Innovative Recycling**

Recycle, repurpose, or repair items that are not recyclable through the regular recycling stream and help to divert waste from the

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## **Staff Professional Development**

Create opportunities for school staff to enhance their environmental knowledge and skills by participating in webinars, workshops, and conferences.

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## **Supporting Canadian Species at Risk**

Take action to raise awareness and support a species at risk in Canada.

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#### **Take Me Outside Day**

Celebrate outdoor learning by hosting a one-day Take Me Outside Day event at your school to promote the importance of reconnecting with nature.

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#### **The Great Gulp**

Take a synchronized gulp of water to raise awareness about drinking water and the importance of reducing single-use plastic waste!

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#### **Vermicomposting and School-Based Composting**

Get your hands dirty and turn your food scraps into nutrient-rich

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## **Water Exploration**

Dive deep into the world of water! Explore the importance of water and our water systems globally and locally.

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## **Land Recognition and** Reciprocity

Touch and honour the land, root reflection and connect with Indigenous knowledge, culture, and relations. This action card is intended to support a path toward reconciliation through a land-based approach to learning that centres awareness, gratitude, and reciprocity.

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#### **Switch Off Lights and Devices**

Conserve energy by turning off lights, monitors, and other electronics when they are not needed!

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## **The Bondar Challenge**

Take inspiration from the work of Dr. Roberta Bondar and get



connected to nature through the lens of a camera!

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## **Track School Transportation Emissions**

Track how staff and students travel to and from school to better understand transportation-related GHG emissions and the transportation options you have.

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# **Zero-Emission Vehicles and**

Explore how zero-emission vehicles and low-carbon driving can contribute to a more sustainable future.

**Low-Carbon Driving** 

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# **WWF National Sweater**

Our planet is getting hotter. Your school can help by turning down the heat on National Sweater Day.

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## **Indigenous Nature Based Technologies**

Expand your understanding of existing green technologies by learning about and applying traditional ecological knowledge.

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## **Tree Care and Stewardship**

Care for trees on your school grounds and experience the benefits for decades to come.

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## **Waste-free Lunch**

Reduce your school's waste by encouraging students and staff to bring waste-free lunches!

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#### **WWF Earth Hour**

Switch off your lights and make noise for the Earth Hour movement.

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#### **Young Reporters for the Environment**

Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) Canada is a national environmental journalism competition for writers, photographers, and videographers aged 11-18.

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