

Join us for a series of exciting greening workshops this spring. The workshops are open to all Ottawa schools and daycares that want to engage their students in the creation of healthy, stimulating outdoor spaces—right on their own school ground! Teachers, administrators, parents, custodians, students and community volunteers are all welcome.

All workshops run from 7–9 pm and are held at the Ottawa Technical Learning Centre, 485 Donald Street—Library Resource Centre.

Getting Started

Tuesday, February 20th, 2007

Participate in a lively evening of slides and discussion. Learn how to build a greening team and the different stages of planning and creating a sustainable school ground project.

Surveying People and the Grounds

Tuesday, February 27th, 2007

Find out how to get the information you need about your site and the people who share it. Conduct class-by-class brainstorming sessions, gather critical site info and apply it to design your project. Includes suggestions for involving children at all stages of your project.

Note: Homework for those attending the Site Design Workshop will be assigned.

Exploring Curriculum Connections

Tuesday, March 27th, 2007

Discover how a greening project enhances learning and healthy lifestyles and how to embed projects such as food gardens, natural habitat and tree planting into the curriculum at appropriate grade levels. Local experts will be on hand to share their success stories.

Financing Your Project

Tuesday, April 17th, 2007

Money doesn't grow on trees, but trees can attract money! You will learn how to create a budget and hear about proven strategies for bringing dollars to your project like funding sources and grant application tips, as well as simple and effective fundraising ideas. You will also learn how to tap into sources of free materials, in-kind support and expertise within your community.

Site Design: Putting the Pieces Together

Tuesday, April 24th, 2007

A large floor model will demonstrate how results from surveys are used to design a project. Participants are invited to share their surveys, photos, site plans, and describe the ways they have involved children and enlisted volunteers from the school community. See what design features work well on Ottawa school grounds (and which ones don't!). Create a concept plan for *your* project.

Sustaining Your Project

Tuesday, May 8th, 2007

Begin with the end in mind. How will your project be maintained? Who will care for it? Increase the long-term success of your project by finding out about Board versus school responsibilities, written maintenance agreements, design tips for low maintenance, "passing the torch" and maintaining your site through the curriculum. This workshop also includes strategies for rejuvenating an existing project.

To Register:

Email your name, school and contact information to Ann Coffey, ann.coffey@schoolgrounds.ca. Please indicate your workshop choices.

For more information call Ann Coffey, Evergreen Associate at 613-746-8668

These workshops are presented by Ann Coffey, author of *A Guide to Transforming School Grounds*, and OCDSB School Ground Design Consultant, Jeff Kaster.

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