



Eco Club News

October 29, 2024

Horace Allen Eco Club mission: 'take care of the environment' by finding ways to help nature!

September – Horace Allen is a **PLATINUM** level **ECOSCHOOL** (the highest certification awarded in Canada) so...we hope to be able to retain that status – any suggested actions or projects would be wonderful!

October – Organize our EcoClub! This year teachers asked their classes for 3 volunteers willing to give up one lunch hour recess **every 2 weeks** to be the Eco Leaders for their classroom! We will be alternating **Thursdays and Wednesdays** for our meetings in order to include both Kindergarten classes!

-Eco Club Rangers have taken a letter home with the **year's schedule** for parents explaining that their child has volunteered to represent their class and lead the school in Eco actions!

- We held the **"Lettuce Veggie Wrap Buffet"** using veggies from our own garden (tomatoes planted by grade 3s were part of the *Tomatosphere* project, a national science project that compares tomato seeds that were sent to space and spent time on the International Space Station, and some vegetables from IGA and The Pantry, also the popular rice noodles and cheese to give some 'sticking power'! All Horace Allen students, even Early Learning, made their own wraps and enjoyed eating their nutritious creations! Volunteer parents and grandparents kindly kept the buffet bowls filled! Thanks to the wonderful volunteers, school staff and the Nutrition program for funding this fun event! Comments were heard such as "This is the best food I have ever had!" and "I like kale!"...

- Currently, Mrs. Snider has a draw bucket for the **ONE pumpkin** that we grew (thanks to Samantha for her nurturing of it) for any classes interested in having a chance to win it for their classroom!

November – We will be making some Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes to send to help kids in another part of the world!

Outdoor Learning Environment News

- Thanks to grants received from the following organizations:
 - World Wildlife "Go Wild" program
 - LSF (Learning for a Sustainable Future)
 - Fortis Alberta
 - Tree Canadaand fundraising from the Hike-a-thons, we were able to complete some work on the mountain/alpine ecosystem by creating the rock/boulder amphitheater meeting area and native shrub gardens. These grants were dependent on student involvement.
- Four large spruce trees, some funding came from donations, were planted to help with wind protection, shade and beauty!
- The water drip lines were extended from the system installed last year to the raised garden beds and the shrub and pollinator gardens. Watering can be set automatically.
- All classes chose native shrubs to learn about, plant, make signage for and care for. Thanks to Mrs. Snider for providing stakes for the signs! They are great to read but are not winter-worthy so professional interpretive signage is being investigated.
- Crowsnest Conservation donated a huge number of bee, butterfly and bird attractant seeds which all classes spread in the pollinator garden.
- Wood chips donated by Surerus Murphy (pipeline) were spread over the garden areas providing a layer of protection for the plants, trees, water lines and topsoil (we had to get 5 loads which Clint got for us and donated the trucking costs). We are always looking for more wood chips!
- Jeremy (His and Hers Woodwork- Coleman) is building new wood stump seats for the stump tables (forest/foothills ecosystem) that will be identified, possibly numbered (a little math), to stay at the lunch meeting area!
- Next area to develop is the prairie/grassland ecosystem with plans for a dig site as the students do love to dig! We hope to include some stationary and some removable artifacts connected to local history and landforms such as mining, rockslide, dinosaur bones and Indigenous items.
- Festival on the Field/BBQ was a great success thanks to all the help and the wonderful donation from School Council! See attached financial report.

- Festival on the Field Anticipated Budget September 26, 2024
- * Actual Financial Report – October 28, 2024

- **Anticipated Revenue:** **Actual Revenue:**

• Silent Auction -	\$1000.00	1345.00
• Food (chips, candy) -	400.00	524.75
• Category 3 grant		1000.00
• School Council		500.00
• Total	1400.00	3369.75

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- **Anticipated Expenditures:** **Actual Expenditures:**

• Advertising & promotion -	\$200.00	\$210.00 (\$410.00 -200.00 donated)
• Children's games/prizes -	100.00	0 (donated by school/artists)
• Propane -	40.00	0 (donated by Lions)
• Food:		
• Burgers -	300.00	0
• Hot dogs -	200.00	136.34
• Buns -	150.00	213.86
• Pop -	125.00	0
• Juice -	125.00	184.87
• Condiments -	25.00	23.99
• Chips -	75.00	234.92
• Wrappers, napkins -	50.00	103.90
• Ice -	25.00	0
• Water -		66.71
• Candy		204.63
• Veggie Bags		0 (donated by Veggie Guy)
• Total	\$1415.00	\$1379.22

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- **Profit** **\$1990.53**