



September 25, 2025

Eco Club Parents,

Your child has volunteered to be a representative for his/her class on the **Horace Allen School Eco Club** this year! Our club has 3 students from every class in the school! These 'Eco Rangers' will be the Eco leaders in their classrooms informing their classmates of the club's plans, projects and activities and bringing their class ideas back to our Eco Club meetings. We welcome your input and invite you to our meetings if you are interested in being involved - stop in to a meeting any time - the more connections we make, the better!

We plan to meet at noon hour (12:00 – 12:40 PM) every second week (room 209) alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays. We would love to have volunteer parents/grandparents if you are interested! Here is the tentative schedule:

September – Wed. 24

October – Thurs. 9 & Wed. 22

November – Thurs. 6 & Wed. 19

December – Thurs. 4 & Wed. 17

January – Thurs. 8 & Wed. 21

February – Thurs. 5 & Wed. 25

March – Thurs. 5 & Wed. 18

April – Thurs. 2 & Wed. 15 & Thurs. 30

May – Wed. 13 & Thurs. 28

June – Wed. 10 & Thurs. 18

Horace Allen Eco Club Mission

Purpose: to continue our eco club driven by students (cross-grade), staff, parents, community in order to identify needs for 'place-based' relevant projects, empowering student leaders!

-to meet regularly, set goals for reducing waste, nurturing green spaces school-wide, and increasing awareness of taking care of our school and community environment (posters, assemblies, projects)

National Programs Horace Allen is working with: Ecoschools Canada, Learning for Sustainable Future and Earth Rangers Canada = Citizenship, Stewardship, Responsibility, Collaboration!!

Goals 2025-26:

1. To continue to find ways to commit to the 3 "Rs" at H.A.S. / repeat some past years' projects:

REDUCE - Waste-free Wednesdays, reusable containers, "1 Hour-No Power", phantom power, carbon footprint ***New - partner with an Eco school in another part of the world**

REUSE - Treasure Swap, loose parts play days, GOOS paper project, SPCA used blanket drive

RECYCLE - Gorilla cell phone recycling, markers/pens recycling, classroom paper/plastic boxes...

2. To continue construction/expansion of our outdoor classroom/school garden and encourage outdoor learning experiences!

Tentative Schedule of Possible Events, Projects, and Special Days:

September –

24 - National Tree Day (connect to a tree; Sit, hug, climb, swing!)

24 - organize Eco club

30 – Truth & Reconciliation Orange shirt Day

October –

15 – Garden Harvest lettuce Wrap Buffet with Nutrition Program

20-26 - Waste-reduction week in Canada - 'Waste-free Challenge', Schoolyard Cleanup!

22 - Take Me Outside Day! (Extend recess and/or outdoor classes)

November - waste-free lunch program with "Waste-free Wednesdays" & Nutrition program

- classroom recycling, Fall Quest, Earth Rangers missions

- fill boxes - Samaritan's Purse shoebox program

December – Eco- gift creating/re-gifting

January – Ecoschools Canada Actions involving projects connected to United Nations

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) chosen by Eco Club, continue to Earth Day - April 22

February – t-shirt tote bag making, Winter Walk Day Hike-a-thon/ Outdoor Play Assembly

March - annual 'Treasure Swap", SPCA reusable items drive, "Cupcakes to the Rescue"

April - Earth Play for Earth Day, planting garden seeds, submit report for Ecoschools Canada status (Horace Allen has received Platinum certification for the last 2 years)

May - Outdoor Classroom Day / Get Outside Day - International School grounds month (rediscover your school grounds), native tree & shrub planting, transplant seeds and seedlings, Tomatosphere project

June - International Mud Day, Gorilla cell phone Calgary Zoo recycle drop-off, finishing projects!

Thank you,

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