

Humewood's Eco-Fair 2016

Thursday, April 28th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

The following opportunities will be available and we look forward a wonderful evening celebrating Eco literacy and community building.

Student Work:

Classes have been working hard preparing eco-based projects. Take a tour of our main floor hallways and gym to see the incredible work that will be displayed. We couldn't be prouder!!

Sensory Garden:

Our early years garden in the front of the school is almost ready for everyone to enjoy. We have decided to take our mental health programming outdoors and establish a sensory garden within the early years garden. Each student will have the opportunity to plant and grow their own seedling that they will then plant in the garden.

We invite families to bring your own established plant (BYOP!) on the evening of April 28th and plant it in our sensory garden. Here is a list of indigenous plants that we will be planting and you are encouraged to bring established versions of these plants to our garden.

Woodland garden

Woodland plants thrive in low-light conditions and are a perfect choice for shady yards. Many woodland plants can be used as groundcovers, and their early blooms provide a welcome sign of spring. Below is a selection of suitable plants for a woodland garden.

PLANT SPECIES	HEIGHT	DESCRIPTION
Bloodroot (<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>)	25 cm (10")	white flowers in spring; lobed leaves
Bottlebrush Grass (<i>Elymus hystrix</i>)	90-150 cm (3-5')	bristly seed head resembles a bottle brush
False Solomon's Seal (<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>)	45-90 cm (1.5-3')	cluster of creamy white flowers at end of arching stem in spring
Foam Flower (<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>)	15-30 cm (6-12")	groundcover with spikes of white flowers in spring
Large-leaved Aster (<i>Aster macrophyllus</i>)	30-120 cm (1-4')	many lavender blooms throughout summer; large, heart-shaped basal leaves
Wild Columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>)	30-90 cm (1-3')	showy red and yellow tubular flowers in late-spring and summer
Wild Geranium (<i>Geranium maculatum</i>)	30-60 cm (1-2')	pink or magenta blooms in late-spring and early-summer
Wild Ginger (<i>Asarum canadense</i>)	15-20 cm (6-8")	groundcover with single maroon flower under large heart-shaped basal leaves
Woodland Strawberry (<i>Fragaria vesca</i>)	7-15 cm (3-6")	small white flowers followed by edible red berries
Zig Zag Goldenrod (<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>)	45-90 cm (1.5-3')	clusters of tiny, yellow flowers along zigzagging stem from August - October

Thank You Card Station:

Stop by the "Thank you card station" to share your appreciations for the different organizations who have volunteered their time and materials to help grow our sensory garden.

Wish Tree:

Take a moment to write a wish that is special to you and place it on our wish tree in the early years garden.

Sport Swap:

Nothing better for the environment than recycling and reusing. We will be hosting a Sports Equipment Swap. We will collect sports equipment and you can either swap your equipment for newer or bigger equipment or purchase at a very reasonable price. See humewoodcouncil.com for drop off details.

Rain Barrel Station:

Get ready for spring by ordering a Rainbarrel. Rainbarrel.ca will be on hand to provide information and to sell rain barrels as a solution to the City of Toronto's Downspout Disconnect Program.

QSP Seedlings:

We will have information and order forms for eight varieties of organic seedlings that will be ready to plant for the spring.

