

Update: John Sweeney Greening Project

Our Greening Project initiative to create a shade garden with mature trees and seating area in the school's yard where students will be able to enjoy a peaceful and shaded place to gather during outdoor breaks is coming along! Council would like to update our Sweeney Community on what work has been done as well as the proposed plans for the future of this multi-year project:

Phase 1 - Fundraising and Planning (2018/2019)

- Thank you for your support! The November Poinsettia fundraiser raised \$4,627!
- Our Eco Sweeney Club students have drafted and presented some excellent ideas on what they would like to see be included in the Greening Project.
- The Council sub-committee has met with school board members and community partners to ensure the right species of mature shade trees are chosen as well as selected the most ideal layout and planting schedule for the health of the Greening Project for years to come. The project now proposes to also include shading surrounding the school's play structure. See planning photos below:





Phase 2 - Potential Planting and Fundraising (2019/2020)

- Council is working towards September 25th, which is National Tree Day, to have at least one of the mature trees planted on this date. (A goal towards planting the remainder of the mature trees may also occur in the fall of Phase 2).
- A fall, school fundraiser is in the works to continue to inject more funds into the project.

Phase 3 - Fundraising and Installation of Final Landscaping Details (2020/2021)

- Final fundraising event
- Adding the landscaping details and Eco Sweeney Club ideas.
- Official John Sweeney Greening Project Opening Ceremony!

We thank our John Sweeney Community for your continued support and welcome anyone who is interested/experienced in horticulture/landscaping in joining the Greening Project Sub-Committee to contact the school office at 519-579-5212.

- John Sweeney School Council