



**Let us teach you about
the birds and the bees
and the flowers and the
trees...**

Our bulletin board display is conveniently located in front of the cafeteria and immediately visible to anyone entering the school from the parking lot. It is used to educate students, staff and parents about the EcoSchools program and our initiatives for certification. This document was sent via email to members of BRIGHT in order to aid them using the display to explain our past success and future goals.



The Birds:

We researched and constructed a number of bird houses in various styles. This year, we will be decorating them and auctioning them off as a fundraiser. We will also be building a Winter Roosting House that allows many birds to take refuge from the harsh climate and benefit from each others' body heat.

The Bees:

BRIGHT has adopted a bee hive from the Vice President of the Golden Horseshoe Beekeepers' Association, Les Simonffy. We also have a hive at Hayseed Farm. We will be provided with equipment to assist with the collection of honey, auditing the varroa mite population and winterizing the hives. Members of BRIGHT have been invited to speak to the Gr. 2 class at St. David's about our Apiary and the role of bees. Our first class visit is in November.



The Flowers:

In association with Terra Greenhouses, members of BRIGHT planted a garden in front of the school specifically designed to attract butterflies. This year, we will experiment with Aquaponics – a unique gardening method that circulates water from a fish tank to nourish the plants.



The Trees:

We will add mulch and stake the Elderberry tree planted last year beside the rock circle. We will also become involved with local tree planting initiatives. Benches were installed around the deciduous trees in front of the school. Some elementary schools have requested we construct benches for their Grounds Greening projects.

