

## **Grade Two Students Learn “Water Wise Ways”**

Waverly Park School is “Going Green” and students and staff have been involved in a wide variety of activities to promote earth-friendly habits. Earlier this year, Mrs. Patterson’s grade two class studied a Science unit about Water. They took a field trip to the Brandon Water Treatment plant to learn more about where our tap water comes from. The staff at the treatment plant provided a very informative and interesting tour. The students from Brandon learned that their water comes from the Assiniboine River and that many processes need to happen before the water is fit for everyday use. The class came away with a new appreciation for their drinking water and why it is important not to waste it. Next, the grade two students brainstormed ideas for simple ways that we could all save water. It was decided that each student would write one, water- saving tip and create a poster to present that tip to others. Parents were involved in helping their children to think of a water saving slogan for each poster.

Just as the class was busy learning about Water Conservation, Mr. Lee, the principal, shared information about Green Manitoba’s Eco-Poster Art Event for Manitoba schools. The purpose of the poster event was to promote learning in the school system on waste reduction, water conservation, habitat loss, climate change and energy efficiency, through the production of creative artwork. The grade two class decided that their posters were a perfect fit for the Eco-Poster Event. Students participated in lessons to learn about what makes a good poster and made rough drafts to try out their illustration ideas. Everyone worked extra hard to do their best work and twenty-five terrific posters were sent off to Winnipeg.

Green Manitoba received close to 900 entries from Manitoba school children. Three random prize draws were done to select 3 field trip winners and posters were also selected for public education and display purposes. One of the Waverly Park students, Winston C., was thrilled to find out that his poster ranked among those chosen to represent the category of Grade K-3 and Water Conservation. His slogan was, “Short Shower...Feel the Power!” followed by a creative illustration and ending with this tip, “Using less water means more money in your pocket!!” For his fine work, Winston received an enlarged, mounted reproduction of his poster, as well as a T-shirt with his poster printed on the front (see photo below). Winning posters in all categories will be on display in public venues in Winnipeg such as The Forks, Portage Place Shopping Centre, The Millennium Library, FortWhyte Alive, and the Living Prairie Museum in the months of May - July.

Waverly Park would like to thank Green Manitoba for promoting the Eco-Poster Art Event and for motivating students to care for and respect our environment. Finally, a big congratulations to the Grade 1 / 2 class at Winnipeg’s Minnetonka School for winning a field trip to the Living Prairie Museum; the Grade 5 class at Neepawa’s Hazel M.

Kellington School for their field trip to FortWhyte Alive and the Grade 7 class at Oakbank's Springfield Middle School for their field trip to the Manitoba Model Forest.

Please visit Green Manitoba's website: [www.greenmanitoba.ca](http://www.greenmanitoba.ca) to view more wonderful student eco-poster selections from across Manitoba.



**Photo of Waverly Park Grade 2 student, Winston C., with his “Short Shower...Feel the Power!” eco-poster**

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