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Getting Organized—Student Tips

To work most effectively as a team within a school it is important to organize yourselves from the get-go!

In our experience, our most successful EcoTeams...

- meet on a weekly or bi-monthly basis
- create a school identity by naming the EcoTeam
- take notes/'minutes' of the meeting's discussions, decisions, and action items
- create a school legacy by recording the EcoTeam's initiatives in the EcoSchools portfolio binder, e.g., descriptions, photos, posters, announcements, etc.

► Tips from student EcoTeams...



At Dr. Norman Bethune CI, BEAT (Bethune Environmental Action Team) has an executive Council of 16 students that meets weekly to make decisions, set the agenda, and decide on action items. The full team of students meets on a bi-monthly basis, making this team extremely well organized and prepared to take action!



North Toronto CI has created a new Environment Minister position on the student council for 2009/10. This person will help to ensure that all student-led initiatives are green! The Environment Minister will also train student eco-ambassadors and equip them to lead public tours of their new "green" school when it opens in 2010.



The Martingrove CI Environmental Club (MEC) members make short 3 - 5 minute classroom presentations at the beginning of each semester. Quick reminders include what goes in the recycling bin and what does not, lights-off competitions, and any upcoming MEC eco-events. Regular PA announcements and weekly trivia complete this club's recipe for keeping school-wide consciousness of environmental behaviours top of mind.



The George S. Henry Academy 'Green Team' has designed its own logo to make its identity known. All members sport their team logo on a button, and students who participate in environmental initiatives at the school may also receive one of these prized buttons. So the numbers keep on growing! A tour of many of our EcoSchools will reveal a range of creative ways to advertise the team's presence, from EcoTeam branded T-shirts, buttons, and wrist bands, to pencils and logo-stamped water bottles, to name just a few.