

Ten schools share \$200,000 to superpower their school in recognition of their environmental efforts

RICHMOND HILL, ON, April 10, 2018 – Ten schools across Canada have each won \$20,000 in new technology from Staples Canada thanks to their achievements in environmental stewardship and education in their respective communities. The tech ‘shopping sprees’ are part of the Superpower your School contest organized annually by Staples and Earth Day Canada to mark Earth Month and celebrate ecovators of all ages – both students and teachers.

“Through the program, we’re able to see the incredible depth of eco-stewardship found in the Canadian character, particularly in our schools,” said David Boone, Chief Executive Officer of Staples Canada. “I’m thoroughly impressed and inspired by the initiative and passion shown by our young minds and members of the education community as they come up with ideas that have local impact and make the world a more liveable, enjoyable place.”

Organized in partnership with Earth Day Canada, the contest recognizes Canadian schools paving the road to solidifying youth participation in environmental protection by teaching current and future generations about the importance of sustainable development.

“From a chicken coop on campus that provides eggs for the school’s breakfast and lunch programs, to establishing an annual forest festival that engages 2,000 children, the work of this year’s winners goes far beyond traditional school initiatives,” says Deborah Doncaster, President of Earth Day Canada. “The winners are an inspiration and we are proud to recognize and celebrate their efforts.”

The winners – five elementary and five secondary schools – were chosen from among more than 740 applications submitted across the country.

Winners of the 2018 Staples Superpower your School Contest are:

Atlantic Canada

- Elementary: Petite Rivière Elementary, Petite Rivière, Nova Scotia
- Secondary: Waterford Valley High, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

Ontario

- Elementary: Vimy Ridge Public School, Ajax, Ontario
- Secondary: East Elgin Secondary School, Aylmer, Ontario

Quebec

- Elementary: École Alternative des Cheminots, La Prairie, Quebec
- Secondary: Louis-Philippe-Paré, Châteauguay, Quebec

Western Canada

- Elementary: St. Joseph School, Calgary, Alberta
- Secondary: Central Memorial and the Career Technology Centre, Calgary, Alberta

British Columbia and Yukon

- Elementary: École Margaret Jenkins School, Victoria, British Columbia
- Secondary: Walnut Grove Secondary School, Langley, British Columbia

“We hope the new technology and boost in recognition will lead to even more projects in 2019 and that, together, we can encourage more and more ecovators and ecovation in Canada,” Boone adds.

First launched in 2011, the program has awarded a total of \$1.95 million in tech products to some 80 schools.

To learn about the winning projects, visit www.staples.ca/powereco.

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About Earth Day Canada

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