



Ten schools across Canada each win \$25,000 toward new technology from Staples Canada

2014 Staples Canada Recycle for Education Computer Lab Contest Winners Announced

TORONTO, May 9, 2014 – Staples Canada, in collaboration with Earth Day Canada, announced the 10 winning schools in the 2014 Recycle for Education Computer Lab Contest. Open from January 6-February 21, 2014, the contest asked publically-funded elementary and secondary schools across Canada to submit an entry detailing their environmental initiatives for a chance to win 1 of 10 \$25,000 grants toward a new computer lab or technology. Close to 700 schools entered.

"This is our fourth year running the Recycle for Education Computer Lab Contest, and we are more inspired than ever by the schools' passion for environmental education," said Steve Matyas, president of Staples Canada. "It's evident that the schools and students are dedicated to their environmental initiatives, and what better way to reward them than by giving them the technology needed to enhance their learning."

"The opportunity to see what some of the schools are doing in Canada was great, there is so much more going on than we could have ever imagined or hoped for," said Deborah Doncaster, president of Earth Day Canada. "It really inspired us and gave us confidence to take our existing programs even further."

The following schools were each told they won in a surprise assembly held earlier this week:

- **Atlantic Region**
 - Florenceville Elementary School, Florenceville-Bristol, NB
 - River Hebert District High School, River Hebert, NS
- **Ontario**
 - Erin Public School, Erin, ON

- Blessed Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School, Toronto, ON
- **Western Region**
 - Oak Lake Community School, Oak Lake, MB
 - Lillian Osborne High School, Edmonton, AB
- **British Columbia**
 - Alderson Elementary School, Coquitlam, BC
 - New Westminster Secondary School, New Westminster, BC
- **Quebec**
 - École St-Antoine, St-Gédéon, QC
 - John Rennie High School, Pointe-Claire, QC

The schools each receive \$25,000 from Staples Canada toward the purchase of new technology and computer lab equipment, plus:

- Staples Canada and Bullfrog Power will bullfrogpower® the computer labs/new technology with 100% clean, pollution-free energy for one year
- HP Canada is giving each school one free HP Pavilion Touch Notebook, and an HP LaserJet Pro 400 Printer
- TakingITGlobal (TIG), a Toronto-based charity empowering educators to drive student engagement through global citizenship and environmental stewardship, will provide an interactive professional development e-course for an educator at each school, with a special session on environmental collaboration co-organized with GreenLearning Canada

For more information, including the winning schools' entry summaries, visit staples.ca/environment.

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About Earth Day Canada

Earth Day Canada (EDC), a national environmental charity founded in 1990, provides Canadians with the practical knowledge and tools they need to lessen their impact on the environment. In 2004, it was recognized as the top environmental education organization in North America for its innovative year-round programs and educational resources, by the Washington-based North American Association for Environmental Education (the world's largest association of environmental educators). In 2008, it was chosen as Canada's "Outstanding Non-profit Organization" by the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication. EDC regularly partners with thousands of organizations in all parts of Canada. To donate to EDC, please visit earthday.ca/donate.

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