



Please Welcome: SWC Earth Club

I would like to introduce you some absolutely wonderful students from our neighbourhood high school, Sir Winston Churchill. One of the many active groups at SWC is the Earth Club, and they are stepping out into the local community to make a difference. Already they have attended community functions, met with neighbours and local schools, and are working with City of Calgary Parks in stewardship roles in nearby natural areas.



We are lucky to have them in our midst, and look forward to finding out more about the creative things they are doing to effect positive change right here in Brentwood.

Please see their first Bugle article below, and join me in wishing them all the best for their New Year.

Environmentally yours,
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A New Year

For a student, the month of August is New Year's Eve. It is a time for contemplation, preparation, and goal-setting for the new year, September, when friendships are to be made and knowledge is to be gained. At Sir Winston Churchill High School, we have a school body of over 2000 students and a detrimental environmental footprint to match. As a member of Earth Club, we plan

to initiate educational programs in the school to inform students and staff of our impact and implement long term initiatives such as hand driers and compost bins this year. To alleviate our energy consumption, we believe that every small step taken has a long lasting impact, which is why we not only aim to reduce our impact in the school, but in the community as well. Our "New Year's resolution" is to engage our school's citizens in the community by garnering attention and fostering participation. After all, it is a collective responsibility to preserve the environment for future generations. Having met the delightful and inspiring Polly Knowlton Cockett at the Brentwood Garden party in August, we have blossomed a wonderful friendship. We plan on contributing to the maintenance and preservation of Natureground and Whispering Woods through the eradication of invasive species, litter pickup and monitoring for vandalism. When we first visited this idyllic spot we were in awe of its beauty and tranquility, and wish to share it with fellow citizens. We know that this year will bring more lasting liaisons and a greater appreciation of our environment. We greatly value being able to contribute to the Brentwood community and are always on the lookout for more opportunities. We will keep you informed of our actions and hope that you will continue on this learning experience with us.

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