



Social Justice Earth Day Incentive Funding

Earth Day is April 22, 2019. Again, this year, the GEETF Social Justice Committee is sponsoring Earth Day Programs or Activities in Grand Erie Elementary Schools. Our local committee has set aside \$1000 which we believe will be matched by ETFO Provincial's Earth Day Incentive Funding. This means a total of \$2000 is available to sponsor Earth Day Programs and/or Activities.

Following, are the steps Grand Erie Elementary Teachers need to take to qualify to receive these funds:

1. Plan an Earth Day program or activity which engages students, educates students and/or creates an earth friendly change.
2. Decide on the timeline for the program/activity. It needs to happen by the end of April.
3. Determine the number of expected participants.
4. Determine expected expenditures that will be incurred.
5. Determine the total amount being requested and consider if the project can go ahead without full funding from this source.

By **February 28, 2019 at the latest**, send an email to Beth Edwards, beth.edwards@granderie.ca GEETF Social Justice Committee member. The email should include all of the information in #1 to #5 above.

The GEETF Social Justice Committee will determine the projects it is able to support this year and inform all applicants by Friday, March 8, 2019. In the event that the committee receives more qualified applications than it can afford to support, the committee will make its decision in the following way:

1. Screen applications to ensure that they meet the criteria of engaging elementary students in earth friendly activities, educating elementary students about environmental issues, or creating an earth friendly change.
2. All applications that meet the criteria will then be discussed and the decision will be made to either fully or partially support projects. All submissions will be evaluated based on the above-mentioned criteria with preference being given to those who have not received funding in the past two years.

After the decision is made: All teachers that submitted applications for funding will be notified of the result.

Programs/Activities receiving funding will carry out the intended activities. There is the need to save all receipts associated with the funding request. Photos would be appreciated as well. When the program/activity is complete, send the receipts to Jeannette Dodds at the GEETF Office via email at jdodds@geetf.ca or fax at 519-753-9291. Please indicate the school that the purchases were made for, the purpose (Earth Day Project) and who the cheque needs to be made out to. Jeannette will then arrange for a cheque to be issued up to the amount that the committee was able to allot for the specific Earth Day Project

