

SUSTAINABILITY?

Sustainability is a word that is used a lot these days. In order to sustain ourselves, our schools, our communities, our nation and the planet, we need to act and live responsibly. Unite to Change brings people together to address issues and imagine possibilities. Education plays an important part in the development of citizens who live in a sustainable manner, who take care of each other, the community and the world.

RESEARCH? Teacher participants in our Unite to Change conferences have participated in professional development and



ongoing research by university professors in the area of teachers' awareness of ESD and teaching practice. Questions are always welcome!

COLLABORATION...

Seven Oaks Style



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7-OAKS UNITE TO CHANGE... MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

Promoting...

- Environmental Responsibility
- Cultural Awareness and Collaboration
- Social Justice Initiatives
- Health and Wellbeing



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EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Classroom Focus

Education for sustainable development (ESD) is considered important globally and is growing as a priority in our division, schools and classrooms. It makes sense that we understand more about how to be good citizens and caretakers of our school, our community and our planet. ESD is part of many courses throughout the grades here in our division. Teachers and students explore issues related to the environment, culture, economics, social justice and health/well-being in many of their classes as these areas are embedded in curriculum.



Working
Together
In
Seven
Oaks

The four strands of ESD:

- Environmental Responsibility, Cultural Awareness and Collaboration, Social Justice Initiatives, Health and Wellbeing

UNITE TO CHANGE CONFERENCES

To increase consciousness and celebrate ongoing efforts in the area of sustainability education, a group consisting of two trustees and two school leaders attended a major provincial conference at Hecla in the fall of 2008. From that conference, a committee was formed that coined the name, SEVEN OAKS UNITE TO CHANGE. From this small beginning, students, teachers, school leaders, superintendents and trustees gathered periodically to plan division wide conferences. The idea was to hear the voices of folks in many different roles and ages from throughout Seven Oaks. The planning committee is open to all. The Unite to Change committee has grown from 6-16 members. The committee organized the first Unite to Change conference at the Garden City Inn, May 2009. A second conference, which focused on cultural awareness and understanding our urban core,



INSPIRATION!
Planting the seeds of change!

took place in October 2009 at the Thunderbird House. Conferences feature a theme from our four strands, guest speakers, team building, hands on activities, research, field trip opportunities and planning time for school teams.

In the spring of 2010, each of our families of schools will host an environmental summit on Earth Day. A variety of activities ranging from video creation to "junk" art will be featured.

Fall 2010 UNITE TO CHANGE CONFERENCE..October 21st, 2010....location TBA

WEB SITE...check out Unite To Change @

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