

## TTA Newsletter

Juniper School's "**Green Action Team**" is a group of students and teachers who come up with initiatives to enact throughout the school, over the school year and beyond. Our main focus centers around our 6R's of Reusing, Reducing, Refusing, Removing, Rethinking & Recycling that which we consume (or not) on a daily basis to lessen our environmental footprint on planet earth. Thus far, our "**Green Action School**" has achieved several badges, banners & certificates for reaching specific green action goals. These are proudly displayed in the hallway of our school. The most notable to date is having achieved Earth status recognition for completing 1000 green actions as a collective, all-inclusive school community. Green actions can be anything from the use GOOS paper to reusing milk cartoons to water the plants located in our in-school green house. Plants grown are given to students and green team members or sold to the parent-public to support further green action possibilities. Other major "**Green Action Initiatives**" completed are: 1.) The construction of a compost bin and the creation of a weekly compost program that sees the entire school recycling greens to create soil. 2.) The construction of a raspberry planter containing a fruit garden within. 3.) Having staff purchase compost bins for their own compost programs at home. 4.) The establishment of vermi-composting units in specific classrooms throughout the school. 5.) The organization of Waste Reduction week in October and EARTH week in April. 6.) Entering the 28 Challenge with Sage Gardens in Winnipeg. They provided the seeds for classes and individuals within Juniper to grow lettuce, basil and parsley in mini-gardens. Lettuce grown was used to make salads for in-school meals, or to feed pets here and elsewhere. 7.) Touring Thompson's Recycling Center (TRC) to see the 6W's of their operation. And, 8.) Touring Vale to see how their waste management program was run. Mr. Land & Mrs. Paulic were very interested in the "**composting**" side of our equation. Also, a new campaign that the Green Team and the TRC will be promoting is that of the "**Tabs for Wheelchairs**" program. Be sure to stay tuned for further details, but in the meantime, please save & forward all of your tabs to Juniper School –THANK YOU.

