Hello parents

Your child has expressed a wish to join our School's environmental group during 2012. Our school has conducted this group now for many years and the Grinning Gardeners Eco Group are responsible for creating the many terrific gardens and learning environments which has made our school such a lovely spot to be. We expose the children to many environmentally-sound practices, such as water conservation, energy conservation, recycling, composting and growing chemical-free foods, as well as gardening sustainability. Students participate in activities during Friday's lunch play break, from 11:30am to 12:00pm and are supervised by teaching and school staff, peer buddies and parent volunteers.

For your child to participate in this program, we must have your written permission for the reasons outlined below:

- Students will be working with gardening implements, such as spades, rakes, wheelbarrows, pruning tools, etc.
- Students will be working with soils, mulch and fertilisers.
- Students will be exposed to potential bites from insects, scratches from branches and sticks and will be working with many species and varieties of plants.
- Students will be working in the sun and may get wet from watering and will from time to time get dirty.

Children will be taught how to handle all implements and tools correctly and safely and must wear a hat, gloves (student provided) and sunscreen (student provided) at all times when working outdoors. They will learn how to treat other creatures with respect and to keep their distance. First Aid will always be available and on site. Students will be responsible for working with each other in a safe and courteous manner and if they demonstrate they can’t do this, permission to participate in the group will be withdrawn immediately for safety considerations.

We are always looking for parent volunteers to supervise and join in the fun, so if you can help in any way even for a short time please indicate below.

Parents will need to complete the accompanying medical alert form and must give all information available accurately. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information.

DONNA SORENSEN
Environmental Education Coordinator

SEAN ANDREWS
Principal

GRINNING GARDENERS ECO GROUP PERMISSION NOTE 2012

I give my child ____________________________ of class ________________ permission to join the Grinning Gardeners Environmental Learning Group. I have read the above information and am aware of what this involves.

I am able to join the Group on Friday at 11:30 to 12:00    Yes / No

I am able to give assistance by: ____________________________________________

Signed: ___________________ Name: ___________________________ Date: ____________
MEDICAL INFORMATION for PARTICIPATION in GRINNING GARDENERS ECO GROUP

Child’s name: __________________________________________

Class in 2012: ______________________

Allergies and / or medical considerations and required / suggested treatment: (Please be detailed)
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Is there anything else I should know about your child which will need to be a consideration when your child is working as part of the Grinning Gardeners Eco Group?
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Parent / Caregivers name: ______________________________________________________

Daytime contact numbers: _____________________________________________________

Alternative contact name and numbers: __________________________________________
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Please contact me if you wish to discuss anything further.

DONNA SORENSEN
Environmental Education Coordinator