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## Winner of the YES Award Announced

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie Environmental Advisory Board is pleased to announce École Edwards Elementary School, as the winners of the 2010 Youth Environmental Stewardship Award.

École Edwards has been working on the Green school program run by the SEEDS Foundation since September 2009. The program encourages students to be environmentally responsible with classes undertaking projects to communicate about and enhance the environment. To successfully achieve GREEN status, École Edwards must complete 100 environmental projects.

École Edwards has almost achieved the SEEDS goal with successfully completing 63 projects at the time of applying for the YES Award. One of their projects reduced the waste in their school on litterless lunch days by eighty-five percent. École Edwards has more GREEN projects lined up for the spring including composting, the introduction of a school garden, and focusing on endangered species.

Upon becoming a certified GREEN School, École Edwards will continue with a GREEN attitude encouraging other elementary schools in Airdrie to adopt GREEN initiatives within their schools too.

The award was presented to École Edwards students and Shannon Wiebe, École Edwards teacher and GREEN Committee Member, at the Airdrie Home and Garden Show on Saturday, April 24 at 1 pm on the Here's the Scoop Stage.

The City of Airdrie Environmental Advisory Board supports this award encouraging youth to contribute to environmental initiatives in Airdrie. The Youth Environmental Stewardship Award challenges young people to take a proactive approach towards maintaining and enhancing the environment. Criteria for the award include projects positively affecting the environment within the past 12 months.

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