

# COMPOST COUNCIL!

## Who we are

The Compost Council is a group of six students: Cindy, Andrew, Paris, Michael, Jennifer and Tanisha. The teachers that run the compost council are Miss McGuire and Miss DeFrancesco.

## What we do

The six of us visit each area to collect the little compost bins with all of their fruit scraps, greens waste etc. Once we collect the little compost bins, we go outside to the big, main compost bins and dump the scraps into it. When the compost mix has been put into the main bin, three volunteers from the compost council turn the main bin to mix the soil in with the scraps. Every Friday, we go and grab two grade 1/2s to come and help us compost the scraps as a reward for them, we also go and wash the little compost bins and place paper towels on the bottom to keep them clean over the weekend.



## Why we do it

We do this because we want to reduce rubbish collection waste in our school environment. This can also be used as soil for our herbs and vegetables. Compost helps to retain soil moisture so you water less. The nutrients from compost are not affected by the rain Process of layering

## Process

1. Start with a thick layer of materials such as mulch.
2. Follow the ABC system each time new materials are added.
3. A- Greens: Garden clippings or kitchen scraps
4. B- Browns: Dry leaves and wet paper
5. C- Add water (a spray/drizzle) just to keep it damp, NOT WET
6. Repeat the ABC system, then
7. Step D is to add a small amount of soil/completed compost.

## What we can and can't put in the bin

### **CAN-**

- Fruit and vegetables peel and scraps (bananas, oranges, carrots, etc.)
- Egg shells
- Plants
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Shredded paper

### **CAN'T-**

- Acidic foods (no meat)
- Plastic (bottles, chip packets, etc.) or Cans (soda cans, tin cans, etc.)
- Cheese
- Sandwiches
- Dough (pizza, bread, etc.)

