

Dear Parents of Ontario Elementary Students,

## Together, we will “Grow” this Autumn!

Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce has confirmed that all publicly-funded schools across Ontario will provide the option for remote learning, and in-person school attendance will be optional for the 2020-2021 school year.

Katie Job, Garddwest’s experienced primary educator, has created an eight-week Ecological Education program for Ontario elementary students opting to learn from home during this time.

Garddwest’s EcoEducation program includes classes, activities and extension resources tailored to each individual student’s abilities and needs. Garddwest’s weekly half-day program is available for in-home instruction to groups of 1-4 students, and weekly sample activities will be provided online.

Garddwest’s EcoEducation program complements traditional classroom or homeschool curriculum, and has been designed to connect the next generation of Ontario students with Nature. Specific Ontario Elementary Curriculum tie-ins can be tailored for an individual student’s grade level and progress. Garddwest’s one-of-a-kind EcoEducation program has been created using researched-based strategies from ‘The Nature Playbook’ published by Canada Parks Council, and commitments by Canadian representatives to the IUCN World Parks Congress #NatureForAll initiative.

### PROGRAMS AGE GROUPS:

CHILDREN (Ages 5-7+) Activities suitable for Kindergarten to Grade 2

YOUTH (Ages 7-12+) Activities suitable for Grade 3 to 6

*\* please note: ages and grade levels are approximate*

### PROGRAM RATES:

1 Student - \$65 per 3 hour class

2 Students - \$75 per 3 hour class

3 Students - \$85 per 3 hour class

4 Students - \$95 per 3 hour class

*\* please note: there is a 15% discount when paying for the 8 week program in full*

A calendar; description of classes, learning objectives, activities; and customized learning plan will be provided to parents or group leaders upon registration. All materials required for teaching and activities are included in the fees. *\*PLEASE NOTE: ALL RESOURCES AND MATERIALS WILL EITHER BE DEDICATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL / GROUP FOR DURATION OF PROGRAM OR SANITIZED AND HELD 72 HOURS BETWEEN USE.*

Each week one free bonus activity per age group, along with instructions and online resources will be posted to Garddwest’s EcoEducation website: [garddwest.com/ecoeducation](http://garddwest.com/ecoeducation). Activities and supporting materials will also be promoted through [facebook.com/garddwest](https://www.facebook.com/garddwest) and [@Garddwest](https://www.instagram.com/Garddwest) on instagram. Students and parents are encouraged to participate together in these forums to ask questions, engage other students and share their experiences, using the hashtag **#GarddwestEcoEducation**

**TO REGISTER: [garddwest.com/book-a-class](http://garddwest.com/book-a-class)**

*\* please note: as spaces are very limited this year, priority is given to those booking before Sept 1, 2020*

You are welcome to request a booking for just one lesson, or participate in them all. No experience required!

Let’s get growing,

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