

And the tidiest schoolyards are...

Students across the city got their hands dirty this year to take part in the annual [Schoolyard Cleanup program](#). Showing their school pride, students and staff rolled up their sleeves to keep trash out of their schoolyard.

Schoolyard Cleanup is a Capital City Clean Up program sponsored by West Edmonton Mall and the Edmonton Sun. It encourages students and staff to keep their schoolyards clean from April to June. The City provides gloves and bags to participating schools. City staff visit schools to see how well they're doing in staying litter-free.

"We're so proud to be able to partner with city schools to get our kids involved in maintaining a clean and safe Edmonton," said Tammy Francis, community relations advisor with the City of Edmonton. "Cleaning up litter is everyone's responsibility. The schools involved prove that citizens of any age can make a positive contribution to their community."

The winners of the 2015 Schoolyard Cleanup are:

- Brander Gardens School
- Eastglen High School
- École J.A. Fife School
- Edmonton Christian Northeast School
- Edmonton Islamic Academy
- Hardisty School
- L.Y. Cairns School
- Mary Butterworth School
- Menisa Elementary School
- Norwood School
- Patricia Heights
- Tipaskan Elementary School

This year's winners received \$500 for an environmental project of their choice. About 130 schools registered for the program.

The Capital City Clean Up program is a joint initiative between the City of Edmonton, participating business partners, and thousands of volunteers which provides programs and services that help keep our city litter and graffiti free. For more information on Capital City Clean Up programs, visit edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup.

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