

# *Celebrating our Difference Makers*

## **Junior Gardeners of the Earth**

Mrs. Sharon Foster, and her class of 24 Grade 2 students at Shannon Lake Elementary, are showing that no one is too small or too young to change the world. A seed of an idea, to become Junior Gardeners of the Earth, has grown into grants of \$9,000, tremendous community involvement and a transformation of their school. Using \$1,000 in funding from winning BC Hydro's Community Champions contest, \$8,000 from the Okanagan Basin Water Board and money donated by the PAC, the class has purchased efficient water taps for the older part of the school and created several gardens. They rallied the entire school to join them. Working together they created a pollinator garden to attract butterflies and bees and planted and tended to a sustainable vegetable garden. Other students constructed an interpretive trail, which upon completion will be used to teach others about native plants. In the fall shade trees will also be planted in their schoolyard to create even more learning areas. Community volunteers came out in droves to donate and help build these gardens. Thanks to Mrs. Foster and her students, this garden project will be a focal point for learning at Shannon Lake Elementary for years to come. To all involved in this tremendous undertaking, you truly are Difference Makers in our community - **THANK YOU!**



**Mrs. Foster's Grade 2 class at Shannon Lake Elementary are changing the world, one plant at a time.**

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