



# HERITAGE **ib** NEWSLETTER



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Letter from the Coordinator

Angelina Lapalme (IB-4) organized a school wide clean-up initiative, extending Earth Day to Earth Week here at Heritage. Because of her leadership and the participating students' work, we can now enjoy the warm weather across our clean grounds!

Angela Cavaliere & Sebastien Porco



first-hand how polluted the outdoors can get if we continue to turn a blind eye.

This activity not only helped our environment but students as well. During these times, our activities are restricted, so joining a collaborative project that ignited a sense of purpose in many participants was great! This activity not only helped us develop on our own, but as a community as well.

We had to communicate these issues to a large audience and encourage others to join our cause. Students from different grade levels made time to help, which was fantastic. It is amazing to see what we can accomplish when we work together.

Personally, I am very satisfied with this first initiative to help contribute to the restoration of our beautiful planet. I was simply awestruck to see the before and after of our school grounds. Not only that, but the fact that the IB students also inspired other students from different programs at Heritage to lend a hand. I believe that this is the first Heritage Earth Week of many! I hope this has inspired you to advocate for our planet and make a change for the better of our world.

***"The world is full of trash and pollution, and we need to change that now before it's too late!"***

*-Secondary 2 Hub 91 students*



## EARTH WEEK

by Angelina Lapalme - IB Secondary 4

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a day we all know as Earth Day. This is an especially important day to be aware of our impact on the environment and be more conscientious. This year at Heritage, we wanted to highlight the importance of reflecting on our actions and commit to making a change. From April 19<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, we held Earth Week at our school. During this time, students were encouraged to go help clean up our school grounds by picking up litter. The importance of physically aiding in the clean-up of our environment is that we humans took part in the harm of it. This helped us develop a certain selflessness, since we put aside our problems for a little while and took part in something bigger than ourselves.

This initiative helped spread awareness about the problems our environment faces. We saw

