





RECIAL FEATURE BY THE TELEGRAPHJOURNAL

e all have the power to make our community better. The marigolds and children have proven that." - Barry Ogden, Marigold Project

The Marigold Project has been a great initiative in our community for 14 years! Each March children start growing the marigolds, and plant them at the first of June. The marigolds are there until the end of October. This project empowers our children – showing them what they they can do and how we enjoy their work. Cross curriculum learning is used, to enhance their math skills by counting germination rates. The children do art work, poetry, stories, science and environmental work. This project touches on all 3 ways we learn - hands on, visual and audio. Children and families are involved! The best thing to spend on children is time. Class size and class composition is very important to a teacher that engages children. We have a huge learning deficiency and obesity population in New Brunswick. We need to be with our children and engage them in their learning .

The Marigold Project has now grown to 50 sites in South West NB - wither over 2.5 million Marigolds planted in 14 years by tens of thousands of children.

Main Street has 40,000 marigolds, 1,200 children and volunteers to plant in 40 minutes. At the planting event we have speakers, songs, food, a parade and more. Other sites are also done in June: Grand Bay-Westfield to Sussex to Hampton, KV and all over the city! This event has won 6 awards in Japan, UK, US, Germany and 2 in Canada. We have 110 sponsors and schools. Our cruise ship passengers love this event. It's now become a tourist attraction and copied in Upstate NY and BC. Marigolds are hardy flowers and when "dead headed" they multiply multiply [it means Marys Gold]. This year we created a new logo & look for the project, with over 250 Marigold Bumper stickers given out.

We welcome everyone growing Marigold Gardens and Evergreens and creating signs with our message of Growing Children and Marigolds, to use our design. Judge each child one at a time and spend time with them. The marigolds are growing with our children in their classrooms.

Sincerely, Barry Ogden



We Encourage Our Communities To Grow More Trees in Community Gardens



A Proud Sponsor of the Annual Marigold Project

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**MARIGOLDS ON MAIN** 

to environmental stewardship by supporting the "Marigolds on Main" community initiative.

#### PLANTATION DE MARGUERITES

Nous saluons avec plaisir l'engagement communautaire envers l'environnement manifesté par la plantation de marguerites dorées sur la rue main.

# And Grow Evergreens Too! To Have Green All Year Long!

## When we work together *Pride, Hope & Opportunity* are created (Over 100 Partners)

### "A Big Thank You to all the school staffs and Municipal employees for making this great project work."

The children and schools of Greater Saint John have shown leadership by planting flowers, trees and shrubs in our community. They have cleaned corner lots and have shown pride in our community. It is our hope that this spirit will be carried on by other citizens. We encourage people to paint their homes and buildings, landscape their places of work and homes and plant flowers and trees to show their pride and commitment to our community.

# Proud Marigold participants include the students and teachers at the following schools:

Barnhill, Champlain Heights, Fundy Shore, Glen Falls, Havelock, HazenWhite, Inglewood, Lakefield, Lakewood Heights, Dr. Leatherbarrow Primary, Loch Lomond, Lorne Middle School, Morna Heights, Quispamsis Elementary, River Valley Middle School, Rothesay Elementary, St. John the Baptist/King Edward, St. Martin's, St. Rose, Seawood School, Simonds High, Westfield, Woodlawn, M. Gerald Teed, Bayside Middle, Centennial, Holy Trinity, Islandview Heights School, PES, St. Pats, Grand Bay, Sussex Elementary, Belleisle Elementary, St. Stephen Elementary, MacDonald Consolidated, Quispamsis Middle School, Beaconsfield School, Harbourview High School, Bayview Elementary School, Forest Hills, Prince Charles, Rothesay Park, Fairvale Elementary, Sussex Middle School, Millidgeville, Boys & Girls Club.





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Lhe Marigold Project is an inclusive, cross curricular, multiple intelligence learning experience. When we include all the children we build a better society." - Barry Ogden, Marigold Project



Proud to Support The Marigold Project Thank you to the Marigold Project for making our Communities brighter!

> Mayor and Council Town of Grand Bay-Westfield

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