



HOW IS YOUR SCHOOL HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT? TELL US AND GET A FREE BOOK!

by Michael Ernest Sweet

As some of you may know, when I began teaching in 2003, I wanted to make my classroom more connected to the world, I wanted the learning to be more engaging and authentic, I wanted to see what school could be! So, I started publishing books with my students by way of taking print-on-demand technology and making it relevant to the English Language Arts classroom. Five years later, the Learning for a Cause Student Press Initiative is leading the way for publishing from the classroom in Canada. We have published five annual anthologies from our home school, Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal, as well as a number of other books for other schools in Canada and the USA. Last year, we released *Raising Humanity* a creative response to what it means to be human, with a foreword by Emmy-award-winning actor Martin Sheen. *Raising Humanity* is now on sale at Amazon.com.

I am happy to announce that our award-winning anthology *Down to Earth*, with Roberta Bondar and Justin Trudeau, is now available to teachers across Canada free of charge. Thanks to generous support from Metro Grocery Stores and Canadian Teacher Magazine, Learning for a Cause will send any teacher a free copy with one small condition. Since *Down to Earth* is an emotional response to our current environmental problems, we are asking that teachers send a letter telling us what their

classroom or school is doing to make their community a little greener. Anyone who tells us about their green project will be sent a copy of *Down to Earth* – it's that simple!

So, what are you waiting for? Find out what 100 plus students had to say through poems, essays and short stories when they were asked how they felt about the current state of the world's environment. Find out what astronaut Roberta Bondar and MP Justin Trudeau had to say too! This unique book of "environmental poetry, essays and short stories" is yours free.

To get your copy send a letter carefully detailing your school's green project(s) and include your name and mailing address. Send the letter to:

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