



We have our very own Watson Butterflyway! Mrs. Fordham has joined the David Suzuki Butterflyway Project, and they donated several native pollinator plants for us to plant in the school gardens. These are all plants that are native to the area and support the next generation of butterflies. Butterflies often need a different host plant to support the eggs and caterpillars, so planting pretty flowers and butterfly bushes is not quite enough. We need to think about plants that typically grew in our area before the houses, lawns and roads. The Butterflyway Project promotes these native pollinator patches and raises awareness of the dwindling pollinator population.

Please feel free to visit the garden (beside the portable) and check for the silver tags to see which native plant species we are growing. We hope to keep adding to it! And check with Mrs. Fordham if you would like an email with a list of the plants and a picture to go with it, so you can spot them on your nature walks this summer. You can also request an illustrated list of native butterfly species if you are interested!

Thanks to Ms. Crozier's class for keeping up with the never-ending weeding and watering, and for the adding other flowering plants to the garden.