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Straits Elementary signing stewardship agreement

Straits Elementary in Flowers Cove is the first school in the province to sign a stewardship agreement.

The official signing ceremony will take place at the school on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.

On hand for the event is Tourism, Culture and Recreation Minister Julie Bettney.

The agreement makes the school a signatory in protecting and preserving the limestone barrens habitat, which is home to some of the rarest and most valuable plant species in the world.

The Great Northern Peninsula's barrens are significant because they are home to the earth's total population of Long's Braya, Fernald's Braya, Barrens Willow and the Burnt Cape Cinquefoil.

The ecosystem, which is called 'Unique in the World', is benefitting from groups and individuals working together with the community to ensure responsible management of the habitat.

The signing ceremony is open to the public. A reception will follow the ceremony.