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The issue surrounding birds crashing into the windows of the newly renovated Brick Building has become a large problem in the Gunston community that needs a solution very soon. I suggest the use of visual, eco-friendly art as a way to impede the flow of birds colliding with the windows. As a "Green School" that promotes the welfare of the natural environment and life around our community, the fifteen bird a day death rate is completely problematic. Many factors play into finding a solution to this problem, including cost and visuals that may be necessary for preventing further collisions.

To start, the following alternatives must be ruled out in order not to waste time, money, and effort. There are many myths as to what can prevent bird crashes including: Hawk Silhouettes, single window decals, noise deterrents, plastic owls, and magnetic fields. For a multitude of reasons these have been proven to have little to no effect on the visibility of the window to birds. It is important to remember that the visuals used should be effectively applied to provide a visual cue that will alert birds of the incoming glass window.

Since Gunston is a green school, ideally artwork that won't hurt the environment would be a great way to distract the birds from hitting the windows. I believe that something as simple as hanging up old CD's outside or on the windows, or other natural items like pinecones would be an acceptable visual cue for the birds. Anybody that has CD's, or whatever we decide to use, might be willing to contribute theirs to the project, thus making it a community effort. As a community, the project might further our goal of reapplying for being a Green School. Hopefully, the instillation of these items will not be too difficult a task to handle and we find the right solution.