



ENERGY WIRE

SD43 Sustainability and Energy Management Newsletter

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"Let's commit to building a sustainable future now!"

ABOUT US

We work with BC Hydro, Fortis BC and Clean BC, to find ways to make our schools run more efficiently to reduce our carbon footprint. New LED lights at your school? That was us. New efficient heating system? We were there too. Holiday Shut Down competitions, us too, and so much more.

This newsletter is designed to let everyone know about SD43 sustainability initiatives. All through the District, great things are going on to make our students, our community, and our world more sustainable. We want to know what you are doing and how you are doing it.

MESSAGE FROM THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Keep the Green Going, SD43! 🌱☀️

The school year may be winding down, but your sustainability actions are just heating up!

With just one month left, now's the perfect time to reflect on what you've done and keep that momentum going into summer. Share your class, club, or school's green projects with us and your story might be featured in our final newsletter of the year!

Let's finish strong and show that sustainability doesn't take a summer break! 🌍💪

Your Energy Team ⚡️





Empowering Students Through Energy Awareness



Last month, our Energy Team shared an engaging session focused on sustainability, and how students can take action—both at school and at home at Eagle Mountain Middle School.

It was inspiring to see the curiosity and enthusiasm from the students as we explored real-life examples of conservation efforts happening across SD43 and simple ways they can make a difference every day.

Thanks to Eagle Mountain for welcoming us and showing that middle schoolers are more than ready to lead the charge toward a greener future!

Celebrating Our Eco-Challenge Champions!



A big thank you to all the students and staff who participated in this year's SD43 Eco-Challenge in celebration of Earth Day!

From turning off lights and unplugging devices, to bundling up in cozy sweaters and bringing litter-less lunches—657 students across the district joined in, making small changes that add up to a big impact.

We're excited to congratulate the six winning teams who showed outstanding engagement during the challenge. A total of 163 students from these teams will enjoy a well-deserved pizza lunch as a prize for their efforts. The teams that won are:

- 🏆 Div 30 Haer - Minnehada Middle
- 🏆 The Laminators - Pitt River Middle
- 🏆 Chan block 1 - Riverside Secondary
- 🏆 We just got ate free pizzas - Riverside Secondary
- 🏆 Jolly Jeong - Riverside Secondary
- 🏆 Protectors of Our Planet - Heritage Mountain Elementary

Let's keep the energy going and continue making sustainable choices every day—because when we work together, we all win! 🌱🍕



Spring School Garden Clubs!



45 school garden clubs received starter herbs and vegetables for their gardens during the last week of April.

The Delivery Department played a key role in picking up, sorting, and distributing the plants, making this one of our most well-received programs yet. It's been an inspiring way to engage students in learning about the importance of plants, food systems, and sustainability.



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EVENTS COMING UP!

Celebrate Canadian Environment Week!

June 2–8, 2025 is Canadian Environment Week—a time to celebrate our natural world and take action to protect it for future generations. This national initiative encourages all Canadians to connect with nature, reflect on our environmental impact, and explore ways to live more sustainably.

This week includes key events like:

- 🌱 World Environment Day – June 5
- ♿️ ♀️ Clean Air Day – June 4
- ♻️ Local initiatives and community clean-ups

Whether it's reducing waste, walking or biking instead of driving, or simply appreciating the beauty of your surroundings—every action counts.

Let's come together to celebrate and protect our environment, not just this week, but every day.

Learn more [here](#).



Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Tour – Metrovancouver



Metro Vancouver is offering school programs and tours at their Wastewater Treatment Plants—a unique opportunity for students to discover how our region manages the water we use every day.

Through interactive, curriculum-connected activities, students can explore how wastewater is collected, treated, and returned safely to the environment. It's a great way to learn about environmental protection, engineering, and how each of us plays a role in keeping our water systems healthy.

These free programs are ideal for Grades 5–12 and are available at multiple treatment plants across the region.

For questions or additional information, please contact Metro Vancouver at teacher@metrovancover.org

Learn more [here](#).



What is going on at your school?



By fostering a supportive and conscious environment, we not only protect the planet but also nurture a generation of resilient, compassionate, and empowered individuals.

Let's continue discovering new ways to care for our environment, build stronger communities, and inspire those around us to take action.

At Coquitlam School District, we believe in the power of collective action for a sustainable future. If you or your school is making a positive impact on the environment, we want to celebrate and share your achievements with the community.

Connect with Adrian Pettyfer at apettyfer@sd43.bc.ca to share your eco-champion stories. Let's work together to get the word out and inspire more positive change.

**Start making energy saving
changes today and enjoy the
benefits!**



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