

# ENERGY WIRE

SD43 Sustainability and Energy Management Newsletter

EMBRACE WINTER'S CRISP AIR AND PEACEFUL SNOW AS WE BEGIN A FRESH YEAR FILLED WITH HOPE, WARMTH, CLARITY, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

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## 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

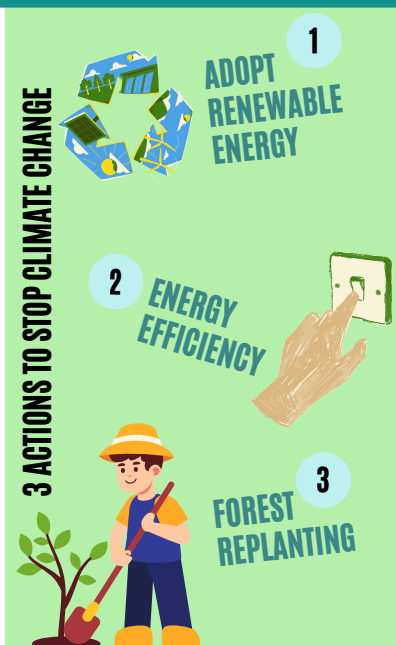
### Are you ready to be a hero for your school and the planet?

Every single one of us can make a difference, and together, we can create a sustainable future for everyone. Let's work together to make our schools cleaner, greener, and more energy-efficient. Stay tuned for exciting activities, tips, and stories of students like YOU making a difference!

 **Have an idea or a question?** Let your teacher or the energy team know—we'd love to hear from you!

The future is in your hands—let's make it bright!

Your Energy Team ⚡





# Winter Shutdown Campaign Winners!



Thanks to all the schools that participated in shutting down your schools during the Winter Break

Aspenwood Elementary, Riverside Secondary, Encompass Ed. And Eagle Mountain Middle all won pizza lunches.



## National Sweater Day



Celebrate National Sweater Day on **Friday, February 6!**

For all participating schools, we will maintain the building temperature at the night setback level (16°C) until 9:00 AM that day. After that, the heat will return to its regular temperature. It's the perfect excuse for everyone to show off their favorite sweaters, hoodies, or jackets!

### 🌱 What's in it for your school?

Since this initiative is a team effort, we want a prize that grows with you!

We are giving away a beautiful, large tree to three winning schools. Our Grounds Crew will even help your students with the planting process—a lasting gift for your campus environment.

### 📸 Participating is easy:

1. Authorize us to schedule your building's heat for the event.
2. Snap a photo of your warmly dressed students giving a "thumbs up."
3. Send us the picture, and your school will be entered into the draw!



**If you can participate, email us!**

# Looking Ahead: Sustainability Events



In 2026, we plan to put on an activity each month to empower students to take the lead in creating a greener future. We hope you participate by joining us for these fun and impactful events:

## February



### The Waste Wizard Challenge

Our District Sustainable Leadership (DSL) students are creating a refresher course on proper waste sorting. Expect fun games and interactive videos to participate in!



## March



### Turn it Off Challenge

During this month, we'll focus on turning off unused lights, devices, and equipment throughout the school to achieve real energy savings.



## APRIL



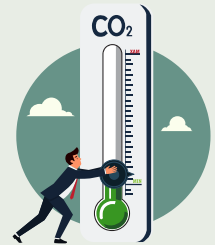
### District-Wide Clothing Swap - (DSL)

Like last year, our District Sustainable leaders will be putting on another district-wide clothing swap on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pinetree Community Center. Start collecting your clothing!



### Earth Day Week Eco Challenge April 20 - 23

Celebrate Earth Day with four days of eco-friendly challenges focused on energy, waste, water, and active transportation.



### Vancouver Landfill Field Trip April 24 Pro-D Day

District Sustainability Club members will visit the Vancouver Landfill to learn firsthand about waste management and the environmental impacts of consumption. Transportation and lunch provided by Metro Vancouver. (Pro D Day)



## May



### Spring Gardens

The Energy Team will provide assorted vegetables, herbs and pollinating flowers to registered schools early May. Start thinking about your design ideas!



# SD43 Clothing Swap Meet – Save the Date!



## Refresh Your Wardrobe: The SD43 Clothing Swap is Back!

Back by popular demand! After the incredible success of last year's initiative, our **District Sustainability Leaders** are bringing back the community event that helps you fight fast fashion while scoring a brand-new look.

Whether you have a closet full of clothes that no longer fit or you're just looking for some unique "new-to-you" pieces, this event is for you.

**How it Works:** Donate clothes, get free entry, and take home as much as you want!

- 1. Clean Out Your Closet:** Start collecting gently worn clothing that deserves a second life.
- 2. Drop Off:** Secondary schools will set up receiving stations immediately after Spring Break
- 3. Swap:** Join us at the Pinetree Community Centre to find your next favorite outfit.

### EVENT DETAILS

- **When:** Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Who:** Exclusive to all SD43 families (Elementary through Secondary).
- **Where:** Pinetree Community Centre (right next to Pinetree Secondary).
- **Cost:** Free entry with your donation.



## What is going on at your school?



Your achievements, creativity, and dedication are the sparks that inspire others to join the movement. Together, we're creating a connected and sustainable community that values innovation and teamwork. Let's stay motivated and keep pushing forward—every action brings us closer to a brighter, greener future!

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](mailto:apettyfer@sd43.bc.ca) to share your eco-champion stories. Let's work together to get the word out and inspire more positive change.

