



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.

GET READY FOR SWEATER SEASON!

With November around the corner, temperatures are dropping, and rain is becoming a regular guest! Now is the time to layer up and keep those cozy sweaters handy.

Dressing warmly not only keeps us comfortable but also helps reduce heating needs across our schools. So, let's welcome the season with a little extra warmth – and maybe a favorite sweater or two!





PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Congratulations to the CABE Horticultural Club!

We're thrilled to announce that the CABE Horticultural Club has won the *Giant Pumpkin Competition* with an impressive **153-pound pumpkin!**

With 25 schools participating, the competition was a fantastic showcase of teamwork, dedication, and green thumbs across the district. Thank you to all the schools for their enthusiasm and effort – we can't wait to see what you'll grow next year!



Pumpkin Carving



The CABE Horticultural Club kept the Halloween spirit alive by donating their massive 153-pound pumpkin to Pitt River Middle for a fun Halloween carving project. Centennial Secondary also participated by transforming their pumpkin into this festive masterpiece.

Happy Halloween to all our schools!



JOIN THE DISTRICT SUSTAINABLE LEADERS (DSL)

The District Sustainability Leadership (DSL) is a group of students from different Secondary schools that regularly meet virtually for an hour at 3:30 pm using Teams, on the first Wednesday of the month.

This platform connects students district-wide to share sustainability ideas and collaborate on initiatives. Facilitated by SD43's Energy Management and Sustainability team, these meetings are led by students on the DSL executive.

This year we are opening the meetings up to interested Middle School students while still encouraging more secondary participation.



If you are interested, send us an email address to apettyfer@sd43.bc.ca.

Sea Smart Programs



Sea Smart is a BC-based charity that delivers programs and educational resources to inspire love for the ocean.

Their goal is to encourage and empower tangible sustainable action. They introduce the basics of sustainability and marine biology in a fun way that builds the foundation for a curious life.

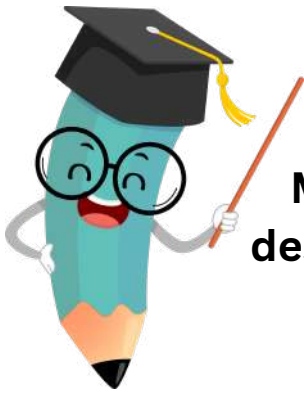
They are offering the following programs:

- Clean Water Champions Workshop
- Ocean Design Lab Workshop
- Shoreline Cleanup Field Trip



**Interested in booking a workshop?
Reach out!**

Email: programs@seasmartschool.com
Web: [Seasmartschool](https://seasmartschool.com)



Teacher Professional Development

Mind Your Plastic is offering a free program that is designed to teach youth about the harmful impacts of plastic pollution and what they can do about it.

GET OUTSIDE

Students will complete a cleanup of their community - no shoreline required!

HANDS ON LEARNING

Students will sort, track and analyze their findings

ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED

We mail you all the curriculum and clean up supplies to make this happen!

GET VOLUNTEER HOURS

Participants are eligible to track their time spent as hours volunteered



Registration is now open for our Spring 2025 program. Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code or visiting us at www.mindyourplastic.ca



Join Metro Vancouver's Youth and Education Advisory Panel (YEAP)!



YEAP invites youth (ages 13-25) and K-12 educators to share ideas that shape Metro Vancouver's future. This voluntary panel offers a platform for youth voices on topics like waste management, water conservation, Climate 2050, and more. Meetings are held four times a year, ensuring a space where youth voices are heard and valued.

Apply for the 2025-2026 Term!


Applications open October 1 – November 15, 2024.

More Information click [here](#).

Calling Students and Families!

Looking for a hands-on way to learn about environmental stewardship, connect with others, and earn volunteer hours? Join us for an Invasive **Plant Removal Day at Seaview Park in Port Moody!**

 Date: Sunday, Nov 3

 Time: 9:45 AM - 1 PM

 Location: Seaview Park, Port Moody

Sign Up: Register [here](#) or email Ashton@greenteamsCanada.ca.



What is going on at your school?



Your experiences and ideas can spark inspiration across our community. By contributing to our newsletter, you'll help others embrace sustainable practices and create positive change. Let's work together for a 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** to share your eco-champion stories. Let's work together to get the word out and inspire more positive change.



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