

EW ENERGY WIRE

SD43 Sustainability and Energy Management Newsletter

An initiative from SD43's Facilities Department - Energy Management and Sustainability

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About Us

We are the District's Sustainability and Energy Management Team.

We work with BC Hydro, Clean BC, and Fortis BC in finding 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.

Calendar of Sustainable Events:

Earth Day April 22nd Save The Date. Eco-Challenge – week. April 17 – 24th 2023.

Please plan to participate in the Eco-Challenge next year from April 17 through April 24th. With Earth Day at the end of this week, we hope to get more schools participating this year in this fun and educational structure to bring awareness to Climate Action and Sustainability. **Scan the QR code for more information:**

Earth Day

Join us for
Eco-Challenge
Competition Week

April 17: Turn off the lights Day
April 18: Sweater Day
April 19: Walk-Bike-Bus to School Day
April 20: Literless Lunch Day
April 21: District-wide ProD Day
April 22: EARTH DAY (Saturday)
April 24-28: Earth Day Reflection Week

Lots of Prizes to be won!!

Scan the QR Code to get more information!



Winners of the Winter Shutdown Campaign

Thanks to all the schools that took part in our annual Winter Shutdown.

This year we asked that participating schools encourage as many students as possible to take part in looking through their schools for opportunities to turn off, unplug or turn down equipment before the break.

We gaged participation by photos sent in showing the number of students in each school that participated. Winners of the contest were provided pizza lunch as an incentive for having the highest number of participants.

And the winners are:

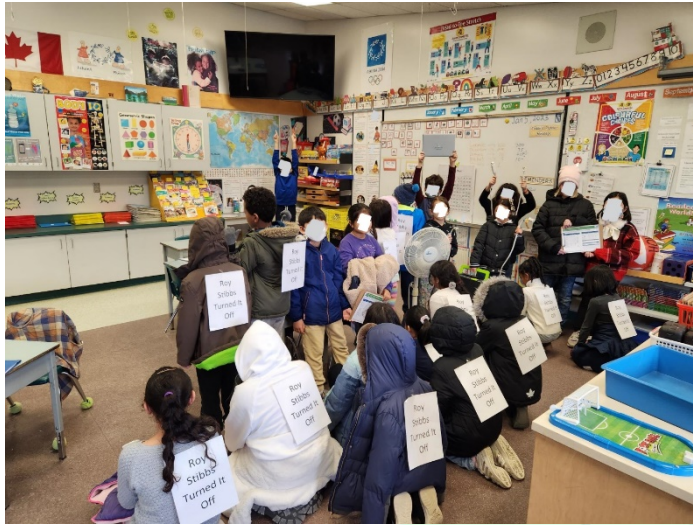
#1 Baker Drive Elementary



2 Dr. Charles Best Secondary



3 Roy Stibbs Elementary



Planet Protector Academy- A fully funded Climate Change Curriculum

BC Hydro in partnership with the City of Coquitlam has launched the “Planet Protector Academy”.

This fully funded program has been designed with engaging content that is linked to the Grade 3 -6 curriculum. SD43 teachers can access these resources free of cost-focused on climate change and inspire students to act.


It has 6 weeks of pre-planned lessons about an hour long which are led by a website you project at the front of the class and students express learning in group art-based activities.


PLANET PROTECTOR ACADEMY Inspiring environmental superheroes in your classroom!

FULLY FUNDED FOR SD43 TEACHERS!

KEEP COOL ★ Engaging curriculum-linked content for Grades 3-6
★ Fun and easy to use
★ 97% of teachers recommend!

The Planet Protector Academy: *Keep Cool* resource teaches students about climate change and inspires them to take action!




 Just press play and it runs itself. It's literally plug and play. You get to ride along with the class and it's so much fun!
—Shane Hipwell, teacher

 The Academy is fantastic... students are fully engaged and ask for it every day so, thank-you!
—Melissa Mackie, teacher

HOW IT WORKS

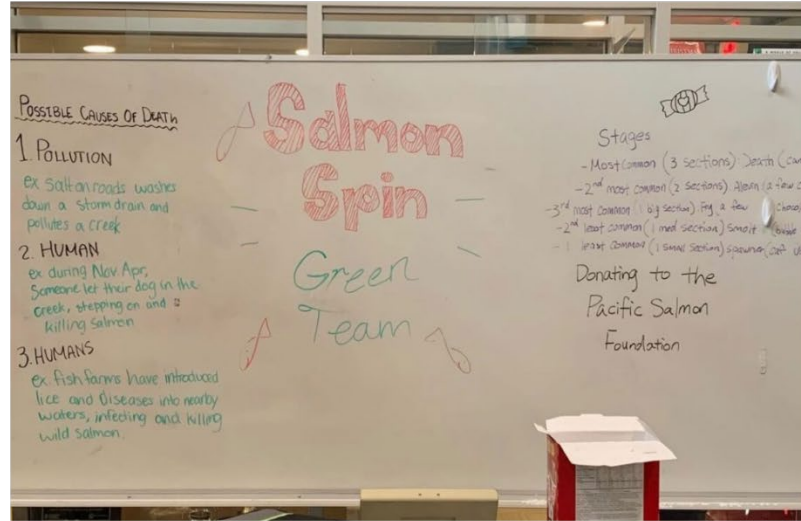
- ★ 6 weekly pre-planned lessons, about an hour each
- ★ Led by a website you project at the front of the class
- ★ Students express learning in group arts-based activities

Sign up your class at:
planetprotectoracademy.com/in/coquitlam

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Salmon Awareness “Spin the wheel” Event

Gleneagle Secondary’s Green Team organized a 2-day Salmon Awareness “Spin the wheel” event to raise funds for Pacific Salmon Foundation.



Eco-schools Participation

Join the 17 schools in our District already signed up for this great program to give sustainability initiatives structure while providing easy-to-follow and simple-to-complete small projects.

It is Free and it only takes a few minutes to get involved. <https://ecoschools.ca/>

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. [Register:](#)
2. [Create](#)
3. [your EcoSchools plan:](#)

For a more in-depth overview of the program, please check the following resources:

- [Intro to EcoSchools webinar](#)
- [Certification](#)
- [Guide](#)



Congratulations! Ashish Dev



Our Energy Specialist, Ashish Dev is now a Canadian. We are proud to live in a country that welcomes talented and contributing individuals like Ashish to be a part of it.

What is going on at your school?

If you or your school is doing something that will help sustain our world's environment, we want to hear about it and let everyone else know. Please contact us so we can help get the word out.

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