

Hello! My name is Emily Menzies – your Climate Action Facilitator for the Capital Regional District (CRD) with the BC Ministry of Environment’s Youth Climate Leadership Alliance (YCLA).

To better support youth climate action, I am doing a survey of climate education and action in the region. Teachers, administrators, students, parents, staff—please take a few minutes to complete the survey at:

[www.sureforms.net/emilymenzies.form](http://www.sureforms.net/emilymenzies.form)

February survey respondent **WINNERS arrange/pick up your PRIZES** at

**Youth Green Drinks: Wed, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 4- 6pm, Solstice Café: 529 Pandora Ave, Victoria: ALL are Welcome!**

Karen Lindsay:	set of class compost bins	Selena Raven Cordeau:	Sustainable Campuses Package
Allison Weick:	free solar panel rental	Nicole Zimmer-Bains:	Handcrafted earrings & journal
Miriam Vos-Guenter:	DVD teaching resources	Alecia Ford:	Teacher Resource Presentation
Emily Morin:	American Apparel shirt	Sarah McKerlich:	Club Mentorship & ReJournal
Hannah Gray:	Smoking Lily shirt	Esther Callo:	Good Planet guide for kids

## Opportunities

- **VANOC U-Reduce/U-Produce Video**

**Contest:** The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games invites BC youth aged 13- 24 to send a 10 to 90-second video or animation clip showcasing innovative things people can do to reduce their eco-footprint. Submit by **March 10, 2009** to win **\$2000** cash grand prize: [www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/-/62782/33970/1kxfyep/u-reduce-u-produce.html](http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/-/62782/33970/1kxfyep/u-reduce-u-produce.html)

- **Young Reporters for the Environment:** High school students from around the world are invited to write and take photos of environmental problems and solutions in their communities. Topics include climate change, agriculture, coastlines, cities, energy and waste or water issues. Submit by **April 1, 2009** to: [jfrye@environmentaldefence.ca](mailto:jfrye@environmentaldefence.ca)

- **United Way of Greater Victoria:** Funding Proposals and Youth Initiative Grants due March 26, 2009. Download funding guide & application form: [www.uwgv.ca](http://www.uwgv.ca)  
**2009 Youth Now Awards:** nominate the amazing youth (ages 11 to 24) who contribute to your community. Contact Lilaine at 385-6708 or [youth@uwgv.ca](mailto:youth@uwgv.ca) for nomination packages. All nominees recognized at the YouthNow Gala.

- **Wild BC:** download FREE curriculum-linked, Ministry of education sponsored Climate Change lessons and apply for teacher training workshops for grades K-12: [www.wildbc.org](http://www.wildbc.org) Register for K-8 Science in Action program by March 31, 2009, and receive cash towards an outdoor field trip: [www.wildbc.org/programs-workshops/sia-application-2008.pdf](http://www.wildbc.org/programs-workshops/sia-application-2008.pdf)

- **Natural Resources Canada Art Contest:** Winning entries on the theme “Save energy! Save nature!” from students **6-13 years** could be published in the NRC calendar. **All entries win prizes –submit by April 15, 2009.** For more info, contact BC coordinator, **Emily Eng** at: (250) 952-0665 or <http://oeo.nrcan.gc.ca/calenderclub>

- **Earth Day, Earth Week, Earth Month:** How is your class, school, club or community **planning to celebrate April 22<sup>nd</sup>**? Advice, ideas, and outreach materials are available from groups throughout the CRD to help you organize fun, meaningful events to help others enjoy and protect our earth. Contact [Emily.Menzies@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.Menzies@gov.bc.ca)

- **Trees For Tomorrow:** Register for Evergreen’s online workshop (March 16, 4-6pm) to help plan, fund, implement and sustain green spaces: call 1-866-848-9034. **Next funding application deadline is March 31, 2009**

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# Climate Action & Education

## in the Capital Regional District

### Resources for Administrators, Educators and Students

March 2009

Youth Climate Leadership Alliance	<a href="http://www.ycla.ca">www.ycla.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Action Primer</li> <li>• BC Climate Action Toolkit</li> <li>• Global Footprinting Network</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.idlefreebc.ca">www.idlefreebc.ca</a></li> </ul>
Ministry of Education Green Schools Program	<a href="http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/greenschools">www.bced.gov.bc.ca/greenschools</a> <a href="http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/edinfo">www.bced.gov.bc.ca/edinfo</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Green Games &amp; EdInfo Monthly Digest</li> <li>• Environmental Learning and Experience: an Interdisciplinary Guide for Teachers</li> <li>• Climate Lesson Plans (gr. 4,7,10)</li> <li>• BC Hydro Education programs (K-12)</li> <li>• WildBC Teacher programs &amp; resources</li> <li>• Livesmart BC</li> </ul>
Trees For Tomorrow	<a href="http://www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca">www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca</a> <a href="http://www.lifecyclesproject.ca">www.lifecyclesproject.ca</a> <a href="http://www.gorpsaanich.com">www.gorpsaanich.com</a> <a href="http://www.goert.ca">www.goert.ca</a> <a href="http://www.victoria.ca/urbanforest">www.victoria.ca/urbanforest</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• public greening funding &amp; resources</li> <li>• Growing schools &amp; Fruit tree projects</li> <li>• Garry Oak Restoration Project</li> <li>• Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery team: great list of government links</li> <li>• Victoria Urban Forest public plan</li> </ul>
Sierra Club BC Education programs	<a href="http://www.sustainablehighschools.ca">www.sustainablehighschools.ca</a> <a href="http://www.sierraclub.bc.ca/education">www.sierraclub.bc.ca/education</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K-12 class environmental education programs</li> <li>• SHS Kit and other resources</li> <li>• Green Star newsletter</li> <li>• Ecoprovinces map</li> </ul>
Walking the Talk: the BC Sustainability Education Network	<a href="http://walkingthetalk.bc.ca">walkingthetalk.bc.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K-12 resources</li> <li>• "higher" education</li> <li>• Informal education</li> <li>• Working Group on Sustainability Education: Network, Events</li> </ul>
Campus Climate Network / Go Beyond Project	<a href="http://www.campusclimatenetwork.org">www.campusclimatenetwork.org</a> <a href="http://www.gobeyond.ca">www.gobeyond.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiki profiles on "people" and "places" in BC working on climate change</li> <li>• Common Energy and the Go Beyond Project</li> <li>• Online encyclopedia of articles</li> </ul>
Green Street	<a href="http://www.green-street.ca">www.green-street.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmarks for excellence in EE</li> <li>• Top 40 Canadian environmental education service providers</li> <li>• Youth Action Centre &amp; monthly e-news</li> </ul>
Hub on School Transportation Emissions	<a href="http://www.hastebc.org">www.hastebc.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MyTravel emissions calculator &amp; funds</li> <li>• Walking school bus resources</li> <li>• Showcase map &amp; Partner providers</li> </ul>
Capital Regional District	<a href="http://www.crd.bc.ca">www.crd.bc.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Energy Plan</li> <li>• Climate Change Corporate Action Plan</li> <li>• Education programs: waste, water</li> <li>• One Day site &amp; new resources to come</li> </ul>
Youth Service Providers Network	<a href="http://www.youthcore.ca">www.youthcore.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive map of youth services events &amp; programs in CRD</li> </ul>
Social Marketing	<a href="http://www.cbsm.com">www.cbsm.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sustainable behavior change resources</li> <li>• Enews, list serves, research</li> </ul>
Million Acts of Green	<a href="http://www.green.cbc.ca">www.green.cbc.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contest run by CBC's The Hour</li> <li>• Calculates GHGs saved per action</li> </ul>

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