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2016 BC Green Games Winners Announced!

(Vancouver, BC)—On April 1, elementary and secondary school green teams from all over British Columbia began celebrating the completion of their inspiring sustainability projects. *BC Green Games*, Science World’s sustainability storytelling contest, encourages BC schools to share and celebrate the considerable environmental efforts of BC schools and their communities. The competition was fierce this year with projects that encourage students to think globally and act locally.

Winners of the contest include 10 teams from grades K–7 and 10 teams from grades 8–12. Each team will receive \$1,000 for their school’s environmental initiatives. In addition, two BC Hydro Energy Prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded to teams that demonstrated a strong commitment to energy conservation. This year, Lindsay Park Elementary in Kimberly, BC won the Energy Prize for turning the science behind solar energy into a school-wide science, technology, engineering, art and math project.

“With *BC Green Games*, I truly see kids thinking about their environment and trying to make a difference,” said Carol Hsu, Teacher. “Just today, I saw students in the hallway educating their peers about the bins and getting a bit upset, because one seaweed wrapper and lunch container were in the wrong bin. They were even talking about the potential consequences of everyone being careless about waste. This green momentum you have built is just amazing! Thank you.”

Thanks to the continued support from the folks at Encorp Pacific, Science World was once again able to offer the Return-It Trip prize. With this travel subsidy prize, two teams from outside Metro Vancouver received \$1,500 towards Science World field trip travel costs. This year, we are welcoming teams from Alert Bay and Zeballos, BC. These teams are coming to us from such a distance that without this prize, a field trip to Science World would not have been feasible.

Our Call2Recycle Viewer’s Choice award broke all of our records for votes this year. With nearly 200,000 votes in total, the winning teams received: 42,230 votes for Nicola Canford Elementary, 25,172 votes for Dr Annie B. Jamieson Elementary, 17,313 votes for Port Moody Secondary and 13,394 votes for Lindsay Park Elementary. This kind of dedication to eco-communications and information sharing is exactly what this contest stands for. We are so proud of these teams!

This year’s entries, as well as over 775 projects from previous years, are permanently archived at bcgreengames.ca. To celebrate our student projects, all participating teams are invited to attend a free field trip to a local science centre. Participating science centres include: NS3 in Nanaimo, Okanagan Science Centre in Vernon, BIG Little Science Centre in Kamloops and The Exploration Place in Prince George.

Thanks to our sponsors at Encorp Pacific, BC Hydro, Call2Recycle and Electronic Products Recycling Association, we supported 102 sustainability projects and will be able to provide over 50 free field trips, province wide.

“I love this program and wish more schools would get involved,” said Sheri Kasper, parent. “The kids are looking forward to their field trip! Thanks for doing that for them!”

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To learn more about *BC Green Games* and how you can get involved, visit bcgreengames.ca.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNERS

Abbotsford Middle School—Abbotsford
Ecole Cobble Hill—Cowichan Valley
Greendale Elementary—Chilliwack
Hyland Elementary—Surrey
Jessie Wowk Elementary—Richmond
Lindsay Park Elementary—Kimberly
Manoah Steves Elementary—Richmond
Nicola Canford Elementary—Lower Nicola
T'lisalagi'lakw School—Alert Bay
Zeballos Elementary—Zeballos

SECONDARY SCHOOL WINNERS

Brentwood College—Mills Bay
Fraser Heights Secondary—Surrey
King George Secondary—Vancouver
Nechako Valley Secondary—Vanderhoof
New Westminster Secondary—New Westminster
North Surrey Secondary—Surrey
R E Mountain Secondary—Langley
Reynolds Secondary—Victoria
Robert Alexander McMath—Richmond
Saturna Ecological Education Centre—Saturna Island

ENERGY PRIZE WINNERS

Earl Marriott Secondary—Surrey
Lindsay Park Elementary—Kimberley

RETURN-IT TRIP WINNERS

T'lisalagi'lakw School—Alert Bay
Zeballos Elementary—Zeballos

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