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***BC Green Games* Winners Announced**

(Vancouver, BC)—This Earth Day, students across British Columbia will celebrate their entries into the *BC Green Games* contest. This is the fifth year of Science World's annual province-wide contest that rewards students' environmental success stories. Winners of the contest, including 10 teams from grades K–7 and 10 teams from grades 8–12, were announced today. Each winning team will receive \$1,000 for their school to sustain or begin environmental initiatives. Three teams that demonstrated a strong commitment to energy conservation will each receive an "Energy Prize."

"It is always exciting to see how, when my students are given an opportunity to participate in *BC Green Games*, they become even more passionate about making the world a greener place," said Lisa Warnock, sponsor teacher at Erma Stephenson Elementary in Surrey. "My students have taken a personal interest in sustainability issues and they seem to feel further empowered to explore what they can do to make a difference in the environment."

"I am really thrilled to see how the students have realized the power they have to change the world, as they see municipal politics in action," said Jane Millen, sponsor teacher at Spring Creek Community School in Whistler. "They have gained a huge understanding of the process of making change, the effort it takes and now have the satisfaction of seeing change happen as a result of their hard work."

"Our Electric Circus team of young environmentalists inspires us all to keep vigilant about sustainability," said Frank MacLean, Principal at Eagle View Elementary in Port Hardy. "Finding fun ways to promote awareness about the future of our environment will have a long-lasting effect on the way today's youth serve the planet of tomorrow."

"I always love reading about how much work and energy kids are putting into their green initiatives," said Omar Bhimji, Project Manager at Hub for Active School Travel and *BC Green Games* judge.

Four teams will also receive \$500 in prize money for their schools as winners of the Viewer's Choice Awards. Over 4,500 votes were cast by students, teachers, parents and other community members.

All 132 projects entered this year, as well as over 500 past projects can be viewed at bcgreengames.ca. Participants are encouraged to celebrate their projects on or before Earth Day in their own communities. Science World will host participants from across Metro Vancouver at TELUS World of Science during the first week of Science World's "Green Month," April 18–May 17.

"We're pleased to be working together with schools and partners in support of *BC Green Games*," said Sarah Smith, Director, Energy Efficiency and Conservation at FortisBC. "The event is one that reflects FortisBC's commitment to delivering a sustainable future and giving back to the communities in which we operate. Congratulations to this year's winners and to all of the students, teachers and schools for their effort and participation in *BC Green Games*."

Science World manages *BC Green Games* with input from youth, government, school district, university, science and environmental education community partners. Presenting sponsors are BC Hydro and FortisBC.

Elementary Winners:

- Chalo School, Fort Nelson
- Chartwell Elementary, West Vancouver
- Daniel Woodward Elementary, Richmond
- Dogwood Elementary, Surrey
- General Currie Elementary, Richmond
- Huband Park Elementary, Comox Valley
- Pender Islands Elem-Secondary, Gulf Islands
- Royal Oak Middle School, Saanich

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- Sardis Elementary, Chilliwack
- Spring Creek Community School, Howe Sound

Secondary Winners:

- Brocklehurst Middle School, Kamloops-Thompson
- Carson Graham Secondary, North Vancouver
- Dover Bay Secondary, Nanaimo-Ladysmith
- Highland Secondary, Comox Valley
- New Westminster Secondary, New Westminster
- Pleasant Valley Secondary, North Okanagan Shuswap
- Reynolds Secondary, Greater Victoria
- Richmond Secondary, Richmond
- Spring Valley Middle School, Central Okanagan
- Wellington Secondary, Nanaimo

Elementary Energy Prize Co-winners:

- Dogwood Elementary, Surrey
- Erma Stephenson Elementary, Surrey

Secondary Energy Prize:

- Chemainus Secondary, Cowichan Valley

Elementary Viewer's Choice:

- KLO Middle School Eco Club, Central Okanagan
- Eagle View Elementary Electric Circus, Vancouver Island North

Secondary Viewer's Choice:

- Highland Secondary Eco Team, Comox Valley
- Churchill Secondary Youth4Tap, Vancouver

Elementary Honourable Mentions:

- Bamfield Community School, Alberni
- Henry Anderson Elementary, Richmond
- Ecole des Sept-Sommets, Conseil scolaire francophone

Secondary Honourable Mentions:

- Mount Sentinel, Kootenay Lake
- Lucerne Elementary-Secondary, Arrow Lakes
- Rockridge Secondary, West Vancouver
- Reynolds Secondary, Greater Victoria

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