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Dawson Creek, BC- Peace Country students are joining thousands of other BC students to participate in an innovative contest about taking action against climate change. The program was launched in Vancouver in September and has recently come to the Peace River Regional District.

The BC Sustainable Energy Association's (BCSEA) Climate Change Showdown project is a fun and informative workshop for Grade 5/6 students. These free classroom workshops teach students about climate change and how they can reduce their impact, and provides them with an incentive to carry out actions in their homes and family lifestyles.

The Climate Change Showdown will deliver the message of action on climate change to 500 classes and 15,000 families across the province during this school year. It is estimated that the Climate Change Showdown will reduce green house gas emissions by approximately 7,500 tonnes annually and improve air quality through the actions of participating students and their families.

Cheryl Shuman of the South Peace Chapter of the BCSEA has secured funding to deliver the workshop to twenty classrooms in the Northeast. There are currently ten workshops booked in Dawson Creek. Shuman is hoping to book the remaining ten workshops in some of the other communities in the Northeast.

"I have delivered the workshop to three Dawson Creek classes so far and the students and teachers participated enthusiastically," said Shuman, "I am confident they will all make very successful Energy Super Heroes"

Lydia Neville whose Electric Education class is the latest to receive the workshop said, "It was really nice to receive this workshop. It fits into the curriculum under socials studies, science or personal planning." "There is always room in the K-12 curriculums to include caring for the environment."

"This is an excellent opportunity for both teachers and students to enter the Climate Change Showdown Contest taking the fun and learning to the next step of real lasting behavior change and tangible action," said BCSEA vice-president Scott Sinclair.

The BCSEA is able to offer the Climate Change Showdown workshops thanks to generous contributions from Environment Canada, Vancity, City of Vancouver, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, City of Coquitlam and City of Richmond. Local contributions from Aeolis Wind Power Corp and Spectra Energy will go towards prizes for participants in the Northeast.

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To learn more about the Climate Change Showdown Project, visit www.bcsea.org/ccshowdown/ or call Cheryl Shuman 250-782-5323

City of Dawson Creek Councilor Marilyn Belak plays the Climate Change Game with Lydia Neville's Electric Education Class.

