



## Students Receive Climate Change Superhero Training

*Over 40 free workshops are being delivered to Grade 5 and 6 classes in School District No. 23 to teach students what they and their families can do to become more climate-friendly.*

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Kelowna - Okanagan students are joining thousands of other BC students to participate in an innovative contest about taking action against global warming that will reach 500 classes and 15,000 families.

The BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) Climate Change Showdown project is a fun and informative workshop for Grade 5/6 students. These free workshops teach students about global warming, how they can reduce their impact, and provides them with prize incentives to reduce the most emissions in their homes and family lifestyles over a 30-day period.

Cyclepath in Kelowna has donated a 2008 Giant, Boulder SE 21-speed mountain bike with front suspension for the winning student, water bottles for the winning class, and local producers of a new children's program to teach kids about the value of cooking with local, nutritious and delicious ingredients are offering a "Cooking with Monkey" party for the winning school. Mantra Venture Group has donated special rulers to help the winning class measure their carbon footprint.

Angela Reid, President of Tigress Ventures Sustainability Consulting and a Director of the BCSEA, has secured funding to deliver the workshop to 44 classrooms in the Kelowna area, and was solidly booked within one week of announcing the program to area schools. "Training students to become climate change superheroes is an important part of creating the leaders of tomorrow and the next caretakers of our communities. We're very excited and honoured to be working with youth and teachers to deliver this outstanding program in Kelowna."

Marni Richardson, a teacher at Anne McClymont Elementary, the first school to receive the workshops, was thrilled with the workshop. "The students seem much more aware of how to reduce greenhouse gasses and are eager to take the challenge!" Her colleague, Heidi McMillan said "The students were active participants during the presentation and will, hopefully, follow through with earth-friendly initiatives in their daily lives."

It is estimated that the Climate Change Showdown will reduce BC's green house gas emissions by approximately 7,500 tonnes annually and improve air quality through the actions of participating students and their families. The BCSEA is able to offer these workshops thanks to generous contributions from Environment Canada, Vancity, City of Vancouver, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, City of Coquitlam, City of Richmond and **Kelowna-based Epod Solar**.

To learn more about the Climate Change Showdown Project, visit [www.bcsea.org/ccshowdown/](http://www.bcsea.org/ccshowdown/) or call Kelly Badger at Tigress Ventures (250) 861-4972.