

Climate Action *Initiatives*

Lights Out

What is a Lights Out campaign?

Lights Out is an energy saving campaign where students design stickers for their school's light switch covers that encourage the school community to turn off the lights when rooms are not in use. Messages about climate action and sustainability are also encouraged.

The art project is combined with classroom visits from the District's Energy Manager who teaches students about the impact of energy on the planet and how they can be mindful of how they use energy.

First piloted at Tillicum Elementary in 2022, the campaign saw an average decrease of 3.5% of electricity use compared to the same three-month period in the previous year across participating schools. This is estimated to be an overall annual savings of \$35,000 and nearly 300,000 kWh.

Supported by the District's facilities team and their sign shop, the stickers cost less than 5 cents each to produce.

Thank You

We extend gratitude to all staff and students who participated and helped everyone remember to turn our classroom lights off.

Featured to the right is artwork by Grade 5 student Crystal at Tillicum Elementary during the pilot campaign in fall of 2022.



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How can you take part in a Lights Out campaign?

1. Contact community@sd61.bc.ca who will connect you with the district's Energy Manager who will support you with promoting the day and making class presentations.
2. Share photos, lessons learned, and successes with the Climate Action Committee through community@sd61.bc.ca.

Class Discussion Questions

1. What is energy? Where does it come from?
2. What kinds of energy are there?
3. What does "clean energy" mean?
4. What uses energy in our homes? In our school?
5. Why should we be mindful of our energy use?
6. What are ways to reduce our energy consumption?

Elementary Student Light Switch Art Examples

