



## Climate Action *Initiatives*

# Sweater Day

### **What is Sweater Day?**

During a Sweater Day, students and staff celebrate climate action together by wearing sweaters to school as the heat to the school gets turned down a little bit for one day. The goal of the event is to showcase how a small action can have a big impact on our carbon footprint.

Schools are invited to pick a theme (e.g. ugly sweaters, school colours, etc.) or create challenges amongst students (e.g. Grades 9 and 10 versus Grades 11 and 12), to ensure awareness.

To ensure your event is a success, district staff will:

- Help advertise the event for several weeks in advance by providing posters that include school colours and logos
- Provide “Sweater Day” water bottle stickers
- Turn down the school temperature (not too much)
- Provide 20 minutes classroom presentations (scheduled in advance) about greenhouse gases and how they relate to our schools heating systems
- Collect room temperature data to improve future efficiency and comfort

## *Thank You*

We extend gratitude to Rogers Elementary and Frank Hobbs Elementary for their participation and their feedback.

Thank you in advance to all future participants!



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### How can you host a Sweater Day?

1. Contact [community@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 are greenhouse gases? What is a carbon footprint?
4. Why should we be mindful of our energy use?
5. What are ways to reduce our energy consumption?

### Poster Example



### Sticker Examples

