

## Announcements

### Pen and Marker Recycling Pilot



As part of NVSD's ongoing waste management efforts we are now collecting used writing instruments for recycling at four elementary schools: Canyon Heights, Montroyal, Cleveland, and Highlands. We have placed special receptacles (made from repurposed floor wax buckets to keep with the theme of waste reduction) in each of the schools. When the buckets are full, NVSD facilities staff will collect the used writing instruments and deposit them at Staples for recycling through the TerraCycle program. From there the writing instruments are separated by material composition, then cleaned, shredded, and made into new recycled products. Early reports from the schools indicate

this is working well and we plan to expand this to more schools in the near future.

### Student Environmental Network Takes Flight



On January 16th we hosted the first NVSD student Environmental Network meeting at the Education Services Centre to help students from different schools connect with each other to discuss what they have been working on. This was a fun session that started with everyone sharing a bit about themselves by making paper planes to fly around the room - check out some of the creations! We then heard stories about the amazing student-led environmental initiatives happening across the

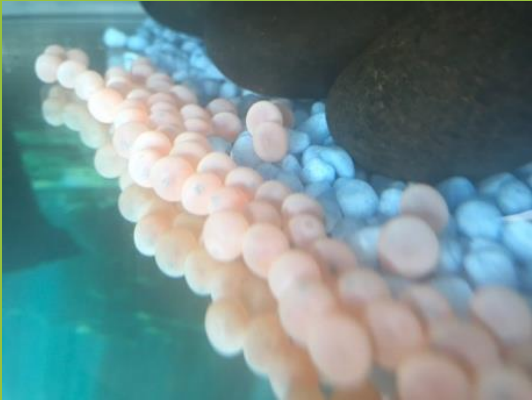
school district, like hands-on community cleanups, fundraising initiatives, and awareness campaigns. In addition to celebrating successes, we also reflected on some of the challenges faced when inspiring others to take environmental action. Based on the student feedback we will definitely be having more events like this and hope to expand the network further. If you are interested in being part of future events, please email [lsmeaton@sd44.ca](mailto:lsmeaton@sd44.ca) to be added to the invite list.

### NVSD Green Ideas Campaign



**PLEASE SHARE with secondary students:** Attention NVSD secondary school students – we want your ideas! From February 11 to 22 we are running a “Green Ideas” campaign in NVSD secondary schools. This is your chance to submit ideas for environmental projects or initiatives that would make our school district a better place. We are working with Environment Club and Green Teams to coordinate the campaign activities at each school so keep an eye out for promotional material soon. There will be prizes and an opportunity for students to present the best ideas to the Board of Education for consideration.

### Salmon at the Education Services Centre



For decades, students in the North Vancouver School District have been taking part in the Salmonids in the Classroom program. This program allows students to care for a tank of salmon from eggs to fry, and then to release the salmon into a local salmon stream. This year, the Education Services Centre is also taking part in the salmonids program. 100 chum salmon eggs from the Seymour Hatchery were gently introduced into the school district's tank, which is located next to the escalator on the ground floor of the Education Services Centre. Traditional Squamish Nation protocol, led by Dallas Gus, Swalklanexw, welcomed the salmon to the school district office. Staff will care for the salmon until late April, when they will be released into a local stream. To find out more about this cool initiative, including the lifecycle of a salmon, click [HERE](#).

## Learning opportunities

### Green Collar Futures Career Conference

Green Bricks is very pleased to offer to grade 10-12 students FREE participation in the 6th Annual Green Collar Futures Career Conference on Saturday March 2, 2019 at the Hilton Metrotown, Burnaby. Students attending will also have a chance to win a \$500 scholarship. \*Space is VERY LIMITED (and a school limit may apply) so students can register at <http://www.greenbricks.ca/futures/register.php>. Students MUST be registered by February 27, 2019 to attend this event but as it "sold out" last year we recommend registering as early as possible.

### Cool It Challenge

The BC Sustainable Energy Association is excited to invite classrooms in the City of North Vancouver to take part in their Spring offering of *Cool It! - Climate Leadership Training*. The workshops are offered FREE for schools as they are generously sponsored by the City of North Vancouver. Experienced Environmental Educators facilitate the 90-minute, interactive classroom-based workshop, which will equip students with the skills and enthusiasm to undertake the 4-week take home activity, the Cool It Challenge, where they will work with their families to reduce their carbon footprints at home.

The program has been designed specifically to connect with the new BC Curriculum (Curriculum Connections document available upon request). It includes videos, quiz worksheets, activities, and a contest form, which includes worksheets for students to plan their actions and reflect on them

afterwards. Pre and post-workshop activities, workshop materials and supporting resources will be provided to teachers in advance. Prizes and certificates will be awarded for top classes and top students. Prizes include a pizza party, certificates, and science kits!

If you would like to reserve a spot for the Spring 2019 workshops, please email [cool-it@bcsea.org](mailto:cool-it@bcsea.org) as soon as possible. Workshops are booked on a first come basis.