

Dear team leaders,

Every year, "springing forward" gets harder for me, especially as it's one more example of an arrogant belief that we can control nature. Imagine forcing our bodies to adjust to an abrupt and arbitrary time change rather than following the natural schedule of the environment around us, gradually awakening from the needed rest of winter, gathering energy and strength from increasing warmth and daylight.

Clearly, it leaves me, for one, pretty grumpy. I apologize. Let's move on to better things.



National actions

- **Just Transition**

Following up on the day of action on March 12 (March 19 in Montreal), there is still advocacy work happening. Petitions can still be presented to your MP, and [online feedback is open until April 30](#) - if you are interested in a collaborative submission, let me know, and please follow the discussion on Slack in the #federalpolitics channel. [Here's more info on the just transition action](#)

- **Climate Strike March 25**

[Here's the info from Fridays for Future](#) - if you will be participating, please take photos/video clips that we can share!

- **Spring Family Action: Making Art of What You Love**

We're launching our first seasonal family action! Based on feedback from many of you last year, we changed the monthly actions to less-frequent seasonally-based actions. You can find out about the very cool [Spring Family Action here](#).

These are intended to provide opportunities for parents and families who are not already part of a team to be involved with the network. Of course you and your teams are also invited to take part if the action speaks to you (and we think this one will). Please also share on your social networks to encourage parents who may be on the periphery to take part on their own.

We're eager to hear your feedback on this kind of action, as we're planning similar events for summer, fall, and winter.

- **School Action: Climate Action Plans**

Kate, from Parents 4 Climate Victoria, is keen to share resources and insight she's gaining as a member of the team developing SD61's climate action plan! There will be a post in Teamspace shortly - in the meantime, if you'd like to connect with Kate about her experience, and/or share your own resources, let me know, and please join the #schoolclimateplans channel on Slack.

Regional actions

- **Banning FortisBC "curriculum resources"**

For groups in BC: we're hosting a session with Dogwood and CAPE to go over strategies parents can use to call on school boards to ban the curriculum resources developed by energy giant FortisBC. It will be sometime in the next few weeks - stay tuned for your invitation to attend. We'll record the session in case you can't make it.

This could well be happening in other provinces as well - if you're aware of similar propaganda by fossil fuel companies in your area's curriculum, let me know.

- **Ontario's Provincial Election**

There's been a huge surge in action by groups working on making climate change a focal point for the election in June. We're part of a few collaborative actions, but still want to hear from you about specific questions you want to pose to candidates. We're also still behind sending a survey to candidates with those questions, and posting the results, so please look at the [collaborative action page](#) and add your thoughts.

- **Keeping the pressure on to stop old growth forest logging**

BC groups are trying to keep this issue in the spotlight as Indigenous land defenders as well as allied protesters, continue to be arrested and old growth continues to be logged.

In case you haven't seen the post yet, [here's the speech delivered at a rally in Victoria](#) by parent Erin Renwick.

Local actions

- **FFNPT - Ottawa**

The city has had its share of challenges lately, but it looks like the push is now on for city council to endorse the global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and FOK Ottawa-Gatineau is part of this push, launching March 24!

- **"Family Friendly Community Resilience Events"**

I like this name being used by Parents 4 Climate Victoria for their community clean-up events: they've hosted a beach clean-up and are planning an invasive species pull next week.

- **Schoolyard Climate Conversations**

Toronto's initiative - bringing parents, educators, staff, and others in the school community together to learn about climate change and collective action - has had a great response and is growing. We ran out of time at the Feb. team leaders' meeting to hear an update from FOK Toronto leader Brienne Whyte - please plan to be part of the April meeting, where we'll make sure there IS enough time.

Speaking of the next team leaders' meeting, please **save the date for April 24th**. Invitations will be sent out soon!

And one more reminder:

As Lorna mentioned in her email last week, the Local Group Team Leaders private group FB page will close next week, as we focus on communicating via email and on Slack. [Here's more on FOK's Slack space](#). Happy to address any comments or questions you have about this. And remember, if you have a FB group page that you'd like to tie to FOK's public FB page, you just need to make Lorna, Natalie, or myself an admin on your page. This would make it easier for us to amplify your posts and events.

As always, take care out there. Please reach out if there's anything we can do to support you.

Lella