

March 2022 Newsletter

Wonderful, hard working parents, we see you and know first hand how difficult things are in these times that seem so fragile and bleak. Our job to raise the healthiest happiest little humans has become much more difficult but we are in it together and we are here for you. This month, like all others, we hope you can join us to fight for our children's future through actions, protests and community resilience events.

If you would like to learn more join us for our next planning meeting on April 6th at 8:00. Rsvp to p4c@forourkids.ca and we will send you a zoom link!

**1 - Community Resilience Event - Invasive Species Pull at Highrock Park
March 20th - Family friendly event!**

2 - Old Growth Update

3 - Ukraine

4 - March 12th - National day of Action for a Just Transition

5 - March 25th - Youth Lead Global Climate Strike

6 - Climate Anxiety Project

7 - SD61 Climate Action Plan and Committee

8 - Ban FortisBC's fossil-fuel promotion in schools by Feb 14th

9 - P4C's Statement to SD61 School Board

1 - Community Resilience Family Friendly event for Parents 4 Climate members - Invasive Species Pull at Highrock Park March 20th.

These events bring families together to take actions that foster a tangible connection with nature and each other. These activities allow us to practice reciprocity towards the Earth which in addition to helping our natural environment, can dispel despair by reminding us that we do not stand alone. There are many of us and we are all working together for a brighter future for our children.

Sunday, March 20th, 11 to 1 pm

Highrock Park in Esquimalt

Drop by or RSVP to p4c@forourkids.ca

Come learn about native plants and get your hands dirty pulling invasive species.





Thank you to those that came to the Surf Rider Beach Clean at the Selkirk Waterway up on February 13!

2 - Old Growth Update

Elders for Ancients and Parents 4 Climate organized this February 14th event to keep the ancient forests in the news. In the words of Susan Gage of Elders for Ancients “while we did achieve this, even more important was that we realized how much we all needed this for ourselves. It felt so good to be standing on the lawn under a blessedly blue sky, amongst faces both familiar and new. There was a feeling of spring in the air—a sense that the sap is once again flowing and we’re getting moving again.”

"Elder Bill Jones was there to thank us for coming and remind us why Standing for the Ancients is so vital. Erin Renwick, of Parents 4 Climate, gave a stirring speech about fierce women, and exhorted Forest Minister Katrine Conroy to fiercely defend what's left of BC's ancient forest, reminding her of her responsibilities as laid out in her mandate letter from the premier. (Note: You may want to send a [copy of this speech](#) to minister Conroy, along with your own comments.)". You can find media coverage of the event [HERE](#)

Read - [BC Budget Fall Short of What is Needed to Protect Old Growth](#)

Ada'itsx / Fairy Creek Update - there will be a call for support over the spring and summer in the coming weeks. We'll update as information becomes available.



3 - Ukraine

We are deeply saddened by what is happening in the Ukraine and our hearts are with those who are directly affected in Ukraine and Russia.

Read - [How to Talk to Your Children About the Invasion of Ukraine](#)

4 - Join us for a National Day of Action for Just Transition

March 12: 1:30 - 3:30

Centennial Square, Victoria, Lekwungen Territory

It's been nearly 3 years since Justin Trudeau first promised a Just Transition Act and we've barely seen any action.

Join us and demand a big, bold Just Transition that works for everyone.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1344617512626599/?ref=newsfeed>

5 - Youth Global Climate Strike, March 25th

At the time of this writing, there is nothing being organized in Victoria by our youth. Perhaps your youth would be interested in organizing or learning more about this youth led movement. Here's information from [Fridays for Future](#).

6 - Climate Anxiety Project

Kate, Sarah, Emma and Faro have started to put resources together to share with parents and teachers, looking into offering a workshop and creating events to fight against Climate Anxiety. [Watch Eco-Anxiety and Youth](#), to hear youth expressing what Climate Anxiety means to them and the important work we as parents have to engage in this subject with our children in an active and age appropriate way.

Here is one of the many resources we have found - [All We Can Save](#)

7 - SD61 Climate Action Plan and Committee

Kate attended the first meeting of the SD61 Climate Action Plan and Committee. We have been pushing for this for years and are excited but feeling a little cautious. Excited because we can finally tell our children that our school system is taking the Climate Crisis seriously by taking action but cautious because of the mood around the board of directors right now and the limits that our BC government has put on the school district's budget to achieve what is needed.

Currently there are some positions that are not filled and having everyone's voice around the table is essential. Student voices, indigenous voices and parent voices. Kate is currently the only parent representative and not a PAC member so has been put into the community member role which is supposed to be a climate expert. We believe the role of climate expert needs to be filled. INTERESTED?! Let's work together to create healthy schools for a healthy future!

8 - Ban FortisBC's fossil-fuel promotion in schools - Update

[CAPE BC](#), Forourkids and Dogwood are taking this issue province wide. There has been a good amount of press coverage - [Globe and Mail](#), [Global News](#), [CTV News](#), and [CBC News](#)

9 - P4C's Statement to SD61 School Board

We call on SD61 to embrace the principles of good governance: Transparency, accountability, ethical conduct, participation and representation and leadership

With gratitude for all you do as parents to fight for our children's future,

P4C working members - Kate, Erin, Emma, Faro, Angeline, Sarah and Matt

Keep in touch by finding us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook

@Parents4climate and at <http://www.forourkids.ca/>

P4C has also become members of the international group ourkidsclimate.org

P4C is very deeply grateful to live, work and play on the unceded territory of the Lekwungen speaking peoples.