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Valley students cool it for their community

COMOX VALLEY, B.C.– Royston Elementary students participated in a cool challenge with students across the province and came out with impressive results.

Cool It! Climate Leadership Training offered by the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) is a program designed to develop and empower young sustainability champions in schools.

Students learn about the challenges posed by climate change and the actions they can take to reduce their carbon footprints. Following their training, the students educated their families and recorded small but meaningful changes they made in their daily habits such as taking shorter showers, walking to school, turning out lights, and unplugging appliances.

Students in Mr. Robert Webb's class at Royston Elementary collected the most points in the Valley for their participation in provincial-wide challenge.

After the four-week contest period, data is collected by BCSEA and the results are converted into measurable greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions. BCSEA also encourages City Councils to invite students and classes to receive acknowledgement for their achievements at their meetings in their community.

Since 2007, BCSEA has delivered 2,727 workshops and reached over 70,000 students and their families. This has resulted in a GHG reduction of 43,907 tonnes throughout the province.

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For more information about the Cool It! Climate Leadership Training program visit
<https://www.bcsea.org/cool-it>

IMAGE (Source Royston Elementary)

Judah Liddell (left) finished with the highest point total in the contest closely followed by Lily Benton (middle) and Chelsea Tomko (right).