



# EcoSchools Canada

## Annual Calendar 2023-24



### Welcome to a new year in your EcoSchools adventure!

This calendar provides an overview of the EcoSchools program and highlights key dates, events, activities, and school communications throughout the year. With the exception of program deadlines, the calendar is meant to act as a guide and can be used to plan your actions and campaigns throughout the year. For more environmental, social, and sustainability events happening throughout the year, please refer to our [EcoCalendar](#).

| Month               | Events & Important Dates   | Activities  |
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| September - October | <p><b>Registration Opens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Waste Reduction Week</b> (3rd week of October)</li><li>• <b>Walk to School Month</b> (October)</li><li>• <b>Take Me Outside Day</b> (October 18)</li><li>• <b>EcoSchools #CertTips newsletter</b> scheduled for the weeks of September 14 and October 12.</li></ul>  | <p>Get started! <a href="#">Register your school</a>, <a href="#">establish an EcoTeam</a>, <a href="#">create a plan for the year</a>, and let people at your school know how to get involved with the EcoSchools program.</p> <p><b>Our school's plans and goals:</b></p> |
| November - December | <p>Don't forget to update your <a href="#">online application</a> as you complete actions. This will help you avoid the end-of-school-year rush.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Radon Action Month</b> (November): Learn about environmental health hazards and ways to protect yourself, friends, family, and the environment.</li><li>• <b>Happy Holidays!</b> Make the most of the holiday season while continuing to take action at home: reduce waste, use energy responsibly, and enjoy time outdoors.</li><li>• <b>EcoSchools #CertTips newsletter</b> scheduled for the weeks of November 9 and December 14.</li></ul> | <p>Keep up your amazing work and provide opportunities for all students at your school to learn <b>IN, ABOUT, FOR and FROM the environment</b>.</p> <p><b>Our school's plans and goals:</b></p>   |
| January - February  | <p><b>Platinum Eligibility Questionnaire</b><br/>(Last Friday in February)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Sweater Day (first Thursday in February)</li><li>• Winter Walk Day (first Wednesday in February)</li><li>• The winter is a great time to focus on energy. Reduce your carbon footprint by running actions such as Heating and Cooling, Switch Off Lights and Devices, and School Energy Footprint.</li><li>• EcoSchools #CertTips newsletters scheduled for the weeks of January 11 and February 8.</li></ul>  | <p>Resume your actions as you return from holidays and monitor your progress. Start planning for outdoor gardening and planting projects.</p> <p><b>Our school's plans and goals:</b></p>   |



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| March - April | <p><b>Early Bird Deadline</b><br/>(Last Friday in April)</p> <p>Enjoy your March Break!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>World Water Day</b> (March 22): Celebrate by taking <b>The Great Gulp</b> with your school.</li><li>• <b>National GOOS Paper Day</b> (first Thursday in April): Express your creativity while reducing paper use!</li><li>• <b>Earth Month</b> (April)</li><li>• <b>EcoSchools #CertTips newsletters</b> scheduled for the weeks of March 14 and April 11.</li></ul>  | <p>For Earth Day, engage your school in learning, action, and celebration around environmental issues that are important to your local community.</p> <p><b>Our school's plans and goals:</b></p>  |
| May - June    | <p><b>Application Deadline</b><br/>(Second Friday in May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Bike to School Week</b> (May): Embrace the spring season by biking or rolling to school.</li><li>• <b>National Indigenous History Month</b> (June)</li><li>• It's time to start <b>gardening</b>! Get outdoors to create food gardens and create pollinator habitat.</li><li>• <b>EcoSchools #CertTips newsletter</b> scheduled for the week of May 9 and June 13.</li><li>• <b>Certification results</b> will be released in June. Celebrate your achievements with your school community!</li></ul> | <p>Make sure to <a href="#">complete your actions</a> and <a href="#">submit your school's plan</a> before the second Friday of May! We are so excited to learn about your actions this school year!</p> <p><b>Our school's plans and goals:</b></p> |
| July - August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take environmental learning and action with you while you enjoy your summer break.</li><li>• Keep taking care of your gardens during this fruitful season!</li></ul>   | <p>We wish you a beautiful summer, looking forward to seeing you again in September!</p> <p><b>Summer notes and reminders:</b></p>   |