

Dear team leaders,

It feels good to be connecting with you again. I'm compelled to share this image from the final day of my road trip west to see my kids, and the reason is that I was amazed at the strength of this spider's web: enough to withstand the wind on Lake Huron - Naadowewi-gichigami -



throughout the two-hour ferry ride. It reminds me of the web you've created across the FOK network to support each other. I hope you've felt that over the summer, as the pace of everything seemed to pick up at a time when we all could have used a slowdown.

There's plenty to catch up on and I really appreciate you sharing what your teams are involved in and planning. We've been adding actions to the [online calendar](#) on FOK's website, which is getting a lot of views from supporters (:

Do you have any actions to add to the calendar? I started [this shared document](#) to capture actions around the election and the Sept. 8 - 350.org day of action, but we can use it for any action or event you're planning – a good example would be actions related to the Sept. 24 global climate strike. In the "Support from FOK" column, let me know if you'd like it included in the calendar, set up as an event in NationBuilder (i.e. capturing registration through the For Our Kids site), shared on FB, or any other support that would be helpful.

The [FOK elections page](#) is up; we'll be tweaking it and adding pieces as we go, like suggested wording for letters to the editor and op-eds. The intent is to amplify the voices of parents/grandparents/adults concerned for kids' futures – so images and stories are really important. If you can **send in a selfie with your kids using #VoteForOurKids, or capture your story about voting** so it can be part of a blog post, we'll share it to encourage others to do the same.

Reminder to **save the date: Friday October 1st** for an online workshop by Mothers Against Racism who will present [How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child](#) for the FOK network (10 am PT / 11 am MT / 12 noon CT / 1 pm ET / 2 pm AT). We'll have the event info and registration link up very soon.

Plans for **coordinated school actions and a national electric school bus campaign** (from the session held July 21st) are still underway, but we feel it makes sense to move any follow up to later in September, due to the election and ongoing uncertainty at the start of this second school year during a pandemic. In the meantime, please continue to engage with me about your plans and ideas, and what kind of support would be helpful.

Thanks to Natalie, we now have an [interactive map](#) of teams in the FOK network, and it's heartening to see how the network is spreading. Did you know there are teams developing in Yellowknife and in Halifax? And more to come! The latest IPCC report and the federal election have spurred many parents to **reach out and do something** and when they reach out, they're finding FOK. You're inspiring a lot of people. If you have family members, friends, parents from your school community, neighbours or work colleagues that you think may be looking for a way to turn their climate anxiety into action, why not invite them to one of your team meetings or for a one-on-one, informal, no-pressure chat? You may find they're looking for just the kind of connection the FOK network web is all about.

Wishing you a positive, healthy return to school/start to the school year/return to work routine and whatever else this September holds for you. And eagerly anticipating a result on Sept. 20 that shows all our voices are being heard.

Take care and please stay in touch,
Lella