

Parents 4 Climate June Climate Action Newsletter

Please JOIN US for:

Info Session: Eden Grove Artist in Residence Program

Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 7pm - 8pm Pacific Time (US & Canada)

We are excited to be able to once again offer this information session with Jessie Demers, Curator of the Eden Grove Artist in Residence Program. The session will include a presentation by Jessie Demers, and the opportunity to ask questions about the program. Please **register below** to join us.



Reciprocity, by Heather Kai Smith. Coloured pencil and pastel on paper. 20x25"

The Eden Grove Artist in Residence Program began with the opportunity for artists to be immersed in ancient temperate rainforest ecosystems while witnessing the frontlines of the forest protection movement and building relationships with the local community. The residency site was a five-minute walk from the Eden Grove protection camp, established in December 2020 to prevent road building by the Teal Jones corporation and contractors.

Sadly, on June 9th Eden Grove Camp was completely dismantled by RCMP. The Land defenders who had been peacefully protesting there for over

four months were removed after being taken out of their hard blockades. And **despite a commitment from the government to stop logging and road building in this area the RCMP and industry are still there arresting peaceful protesters and active logging continues.** Jessie can speak to this issue as well as the purpose of her program, which was designed to heighten awareness of what is happening and continues to happen at Fairy Creek.

The Eden Grove Artist in Residence Program acknowledges and respects Pacheedaht rights and title and is grateful for the opportunity to draw inspiration from these sacred lands.

Sign up here at our original link:

https://www.forourkids.ca/parents4climateinfosession_may31

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Update on holding the School District 61 accountable to their commitment to creating a Climate Action Plan

On June 14 the motion cited below was brought by Nicole Duncan to the Ops meeting and was approved. It is now to be presented at the Board Meeting on June 21. We need your letters of support to make sure this motion is approved by the board. Please email P4C <p4c@forourkids.ca> for a copy of a prewritten letter or take the time to write your own in support of the below motion. Submit to trustees@sd61.bc.ca today, June 15th, **or before the deadline of noon on Wednesday, June 16th.**

The motion:

*"That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a Climate Action Plan as directed by the Board in its motion of 24 June 2019, **by September 2021** for consideration by the Board and our stakeholders. Further the plan should establish measurable targets and strategies to reduce GHGs by 2030 commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call*

to limit warming to 1.5 degrees. The plan should also include funding options to support targets and strategies such as available rebates and government funding to meet sectoral targets set by the provincial government. "

The effort to put this motion through is supported by:

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