



2024 SCHOOL ECO-CHALLENGE

Are you ready to make a positive impact on our planet while inspiring youth in Mission?

MESS Invites all classrooms in Mission to participate to win the 2024 School Eco-Challenge!

The Challenge consists of 4 parts:

- ✓ **School yard Cleanup**
- ✓ **Waste Sorting Lesson**
- ✓ **Energy Saver Challenge**
- ✓ **Solution Starter Activity**



All 2024 School Eco-Challenge participating classrooms will receive a certificate upon completion.

All participating groups will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 3 class pizza parties! Winning classrooms will be announced at our 2024 Earth Day Celebration, Green Living, on April 20th, 2024.

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Details & Challenge Descriptions

The Mission Environmental Stewardship Society (MESS) is a non profit organization that delivers comprehensive waste diversion and anti-litter programming across the beautiful City of Mission, British Columbia. In 2017, MESS gained the support of School District 75 to bring the School Litter Challenge to every classroom in Mission.

The 2024 School Eco-Challenge is an extension of the School Litter Challenge to encourage environmental stewardship and eco-conscious decision making in Mission's youth. The purpose of this challenge is to educate students on their carbon footprint, while promoting positive waste and energy consumption habits.

Classrooms must complete all parts of the challenge and submit the final part of the challenge by **Monday, April 15th at 10am** to be eligible to win. To submit, contact info@messociety.ca to arrange pick up/ electronic transfer of final submission. All participating classrooms will receive an Eco-Challenger Certificate to put up in their classroom upon completion of the Challenge.

All groups will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 3 class pizza parties! The 3 winning classrooms will be announced at the City wide Earth Day Celebration, Green Living, on April 20th, 2024 from 11am-3pm at Fraser River Heritage Park.

All classrooms, including public, private and homeschool groups are welcome to participate in the School Eco-Challenge. Good Luck!

The School Eco-Challenge consists of 4 parts:

Part One:

School yard Cleanup

The School Yard Cleanup Challenge consists of the following:

- The participating teacher will contact info@messociety.ca to have a MESS representative lead a litter picking activity of the school grounds or neighboring park. This must be booked in advance.
- All equipment and instructions will be provided by MESS. Students will participate in 10-20 minutes of active cleanup.
- Optional: the MESS representative can also provide a presentation on the effects of litter on the environment and proper waste management.
- **If you have already participated in the MESS School Litter Challenge from September 2023-present, part one is complete.

Part Two:

Waste Sorting Lesson

The Waste Sorting Lesson consists of the following:

- Using the slides provided by MESS, create a poster showing 'what waste goes where' that can be displayed in your classroom.
- *Poster boards can be provided by MESS if requested.

Part Three:

Energy Saver Challenge

The Energy Saver Challenge consists of the following:

- Students and staff must vow to always keep lights, electronics and appliances turned off when not in use for the duration of the challenge.

Part Four:



Solution Starter Activity

The Solution Starter Activity consists of the following:

- To encourage students to reduce their ecological footprint, have students brainstorm an idea that could make schools in Mission more eco-friendly.
- Present this idea in a creative and unique way, such as: have students create a drawing or art piece, make a mind web poster, a short video skit, poem, etc. to describe the idea.
- Students can do the project individually, be broken into groups or submit a classroom wide project. Projects must be submitted to info@messociety.ca by **10am on Monday, April 15th** to be eligible for the Pizza Party prize. Submission can be sent electronically or pick up of materials can be arranged before the submission date. If educators have questions about the activity, please contact info@messociety.ca.

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APRIL 20, 2024 11AM-3PM
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