

SHORTREED 'ENERGIZED' BY POWER SAVINGS



Community Outreach representative Jaclyn D'Rozario educates Shortreed Community Elementary School staff member Donna Masse-Cieszcki, about energy-saving lighting modifications completed at the school.

On Friday, February 4th BC Hydro Community Outreach representatives visited Shortreed Community Elementary School to inform staff about the new lighting retrofits being made to their school. This lighting project was initiated by Langley School District's director of energy and environment, Debby Sansome and BC Hydro Power Smart. Community Outreach representatives took faculty on a tour of the school and highlighted upcoming lighting modifications. The changes are focused on improving existing lighting systems, increasing energy savings and lowering operating costs for the school.

The main physical changes include the installation of more efficient fluorescent lighting and occupancy sensors in the gymnasium, staff room, classrooms and washrooms. In addition, excess light bulbs around skylights and low traffic areas will be removed to reduce wasted energy. Overall, the changes are expected to save over 70,000 kWh of electricity, equating to more than \$5800 per year.

Shortreed Community Elementary School and Betty Gilbert Middle School are the first two schools to undergo energy efficient lighting transformations. The lighting retrofits have already begun at Betty Gilbert Middle School, and Shortreed retrofits will occur after Betty Gilbert has been completed.

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