



NATIONAL SWEATER DAY - THURSDAY, FEB. 7TH, 2013

WWF-Canada is calling on all teachers and students to join our campaign and take action on climate change. It's easy to participate:

1. Turn down the heat to reduce energy consumption.
2. Put on a sweater to stay warm.
3. Share your stories and pictures to spread the word.



IN THE CLASSROOM

Here's how you and your students can show your love for the planet on February 7th.

- Turn down the thermostat a few degrees.
- Ask everyone to wear a sweater.
- Build a lesson around National Sweater Day. It's a great way to teach science, social studies, language and visual arts – all in one lesson. Use our in-class activity sheets to help students:
 - *Identify ways to help slow down climate change*
 - *Make the link between energy consumption and climate change*
 - *See National Sweater Day as a symbolic act of support for a better future*
- Promote National Sweater Day throughout the school to get as many people as possible taking part. Even the youngest students have the power to make a difference!



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NATIONAL SWEATER DAY STORIES

Last year, at St. Andrew School in Ottawa, ON., the whole school participated in National Sweater Day. The heat was turned down and all students were asked to wear a sweater to show their support. Each classroom was then given a paper outline of a sweater and asked to sign and decorate it. Once complete the school put together a beautiful mosaic of sweater art that decorated the atrium serving as a reminder about the impact that each student can have on the planet.



MORE IDEAS...

- Send a note home with students letting their families know about National Sweater Day. Encourage them to turn down their thermostats on February 7th.
- Post National Sweater Day information on the school website or in the newsletter.
- Have students make morning announcements, or download WWF's PA announcements leading up to February 7th. A countdown to National Sweater Day!
- Ask fellow teachers to take part in a fashion show of funky, funny and fabulous sweaters.
- Look for these books in the library to read aloud:
 - *Amos's Sweater* by Janet Lunn (Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press) for younger grades
 - *The Hockey Sweater* by Roch Carrier (Tundra Books) for all ages



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MORE IDEAS...

- Organize a collection drive to donate sweaters and other clothing to a local charity. Reduce, reuse and re-wear!
- Offer hot chocolate as a reward for participating.
- Take pictures of your celebrations and create a photo wall display.
- Alert local media to your National Sweater Day plans and invite them to cover your events.
- Continue the National Sweater Day momentum, and plan ahead for Earth Hour! Download curriculum-linked activity sheets and register your class to take part by turning off the lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., March 23rd, 2013.
- Bring the power of the environment into your classroom all year long. Access our Schools for a Living Planet program for printable in-class activities for grades K to 8. Each grade level focuses on a unique environmental theme with materials linked to the science curriculum as well as social studies, language arts and art. Simply register online and download what you want, whenever you want.