

The Water Ship News

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The Water Ship News is a monthly e-newsletter for teachers, students, and community members who are interested in salmon, watersheds, and our local ecosystems. Each month, the WSN will feature different community events and learning resources. For more information, please get in touch with me or check out www.salmoninschools.ca

Thank you for your passion for environmental education!



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You're invited! Adipose Fin Clipping at the Hatchery



Join volunteers at the Goldstream Hatchery on **Friday, February 14** in clipping Coho smolts! Clipping the adipose fin from these juvenile salmon allows us to distinguish between hatchery-raised salmon and those that haven't spent time at a hatchery. Learn more about how and why we clip these fish while spending a fun day at the Goldstream Hatchery. To sign up, please contact Bill at equineminx555@gmail.com 10:30am – 2:00pm. Bring a Lunch. Meet at 2979 Sooke Lake Road at first gate.



On **Saturday, January 18**, everyone is invited to the Community Science Celebration and Symbiosis Launch at St. Margaret's School (1080 Lucas Ave)! The drop in event runs from 10:30am - 4:00pm featuring interactive booths from over 30 local

STEAM organizations and Science Shows at 11:15am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm. Event info and free tickets available at bit.ly/ssvilaunch More information about Symbiosis South Vancouver Island (SSVI) is available at symbiosis.ca/



The Bateman Foundation has several events coming up. Please visit [their website](#) for more info.

- 3 winter Nature Sketch classes starting in February for ages 15+ - info for each is on our website here.
 - Pro D Day workshop for teachers from 9-11:30am on Friday February 14th. Students get free admission to the gallery on Pro D days.
 - Family Day - admission by donation.
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2020 Tapestry Conference: a tri-district event brought to you by Sooke, Saanich and Greater Victoria Teachers' Associations – **Friday, February 14.** [Click to Register.](#)



Live It connects students with experts in the field for real-time educational experiences from sea to space. Our vision is to spark curiosity, build empathy and inspire the exploration of our spectacular world and its fascinating stories.

On **Thursday, February 6th** at 10 & 11am PST, students will connect in real-time to explore hydroelectric power, it's benefits & impact. The fees are normally \$20 per class or \$225 per school, but if you use the promocode: RioTinto, these two shows will be FREE!

We are busy preparing your educator resources and will send them out as soon as they are ready. [Sign your class up now!](#)



Did you know that Peninsula Streams Society has an education program that is an excellent lead up to your fry release? They may also be able to assist with your stream-side fry release event. Peninsula Streams aims to connect children with their local environment at the elementary and middle school levels and offer programs to classes and groups in Greater Victoria. In April and May, they visit Gr. 3 classes to deliver a one hour interactive presentation, composed of two parts: Watershed Education and the Salmon Lifecycle. [Click for more info.](#)



Become a CRD Watershed Warden – Capital Regional District Kids can earn a free CRD Watershed Warden badge by learning about and taking care of their local watersheds. Badges may be earned by participating in any local programming or stewardship activities whether with your class, family or club.

Rainwater and Watersheds – A learning resources for elementary educators in the Capital Region, is an online document (pdf) which provides place-based lesson plans which can be easily adapted to

various grade levels and can help you earn a badge!

More online resources including short videos, watershed maps, printable activities and graphics are available to enhance this place-based learning opportunity. Learn more at: www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds.

Editor's Notes –

- This current iteration of The Water Ship News is an evolution of the e-newsletter sent out by former Stream to Sea Education Coordinator and Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association volunteer Don Lowen – thank you Don!
- Participants in the Classroom Incubation Program will receive program updates **separately** from The Water Ship News this year
- To remove yourself from this mailing list, please reply to katemacdonaldjulicher@gmail.com stating you'd like to be unsubscribed – no hard feelings!