

# 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](http://www.salmoninschools.ca)

Thank you for your passion for environmental education!



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**THIS THURSDAY! Watch the salmon run from your classroom!** Live It connects students with experts in the field for real-time educational experiences from sea to space. Sponsored by BC Parks, Live It will be live-streaming from the Sooke River with salmon and their experts. Students can connect in real-time to explore salmon lifecycle, environment and challenges.



This live educational show is recommended for grades 3-6 and will be streamed right into your classroom!



The fees are normally \$20 per class or \$225 per school, but because of the support of BC Ferries, if you use the **promocode: BCFerries**, these two shows will be FREE!

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## STORM DRAIN MARKING PROGRAM



This program gives students an active role in protecting their environment by marking storm drains with bright yellow fish and circulating information to advise residents that these drains empty into local creeks. Storm Drain Marking increases our understanding of point source pollution, and strengthens our conscious connection with the natural world.

This activity is suitable for students in Gr.3 and higher, between April and October.

I will bring a marking kit to your class presentation (about 30 minutes), and will leave it with you until you have finished your project. Please contact me for more info.

*If you are a school located in the **Mt. Douglas watershed** (most of Gordon Head), volunteers from the Friends of Mt. Douglas Park Society are happy to assist you with a storm drain marking field trip. In advance of the trip, your group will need to book the 30 minute in-class workshop with Kate. Please get in touch for more details.*



October means the return of our Tot Tuesdays programming here at the Centre. Every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 we have special ocean-themed stories, crafts and activities for children and their caregivers. It's a new theme every week! For more information visit <https://www.salishseacentre.org/upcoming-events>

Join us October 17th for this month's **Floating Ideas Lecture Series: *The Dragons of Inaction: What Are They and How to Slay Them***. This lecture is presented by **Robert Gifford**, an environmental psychologist who is Professor of Psychology and Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria. [Click here](#) for more information.



Peninsula Streams Society brings Environmental Education into the classroom. Our aim is to have educational programs that Connect children with their local environment at the elementary and middle school levels. [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](http://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
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