

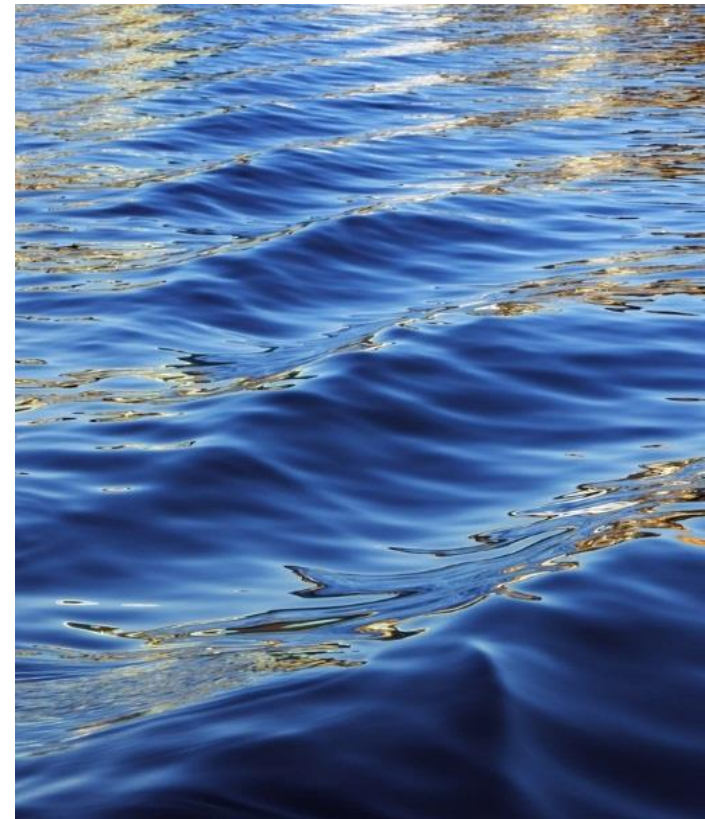


Environmental Education through Nature Based Experiences

Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils of Saanich

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Cordova Bay Elementary School



Overview

- Goal to inspire parents, students, teachers to incorporate nature-based learning into school programming
- Explore opportunities to support three of the SD63 strategic priorities of:
 1. Mental Health and Wellness
 2. Indigenous Learner Success
 3. Global Citizenship
- Profile existing practices and resources such as the Nature Wagons in elementary schools and trail-building experiences at the high school level
- Generate new ideas for nature-based education
- Details:
 - In-person, 90-minute event on February 3, 2024
 - Hosted by COPACS and Cordova Bay Elementary School
 - Panel discussion with teachers, nature-based educators and trail building non-profit
 - Outdoor learning opportunity for students (old-growth forest walk with Nature Wagon)
- Door prizes, beverages and snacks

Schedule – February 3, 2024

- 12:05: Indigenous land and water acknowledgement (outside)
 - Location: Cordova Bay School yard, at the WĪ,ĆISTENS ETĪ TFE XPÅ,ENEØ (Cedars' Teaching Garden), next to parking area
 - Mary Lynn Heron ([Cordova Bay Elementary School](#) Principal)
- 12:10: Welcome and Purpose of Workshop (outside)
 - Megan Misovic ([COPACS](#) President)
 - Andrew Pape-Salmon (COPACS event organizer)
- 12:20: [Nature Wagon](#) Demonstration (outside)
 - Jenica Moore (Lochside Elementary teacher, District Teacher Leader, Early Learning)
 - Lisa Kinshella (Nature Wagon program founder, SD63 educator)
- 12:45: Inspiration and Stories of Nature-based Education Experiences (inside)
 - Location: Cordova Bay School learning commons
 - Sarah Miller and Jenni Erickson (Lochside Elementary teachers)
 - Rae Dennett (Bayside Middle Principal)
 - Daniel Cammiade and Mia Barkasy ([Nature Trails Society](#), high school trail building experiences)
- 12:45: kids can play inside or outside (supervised by SD63 certified chaperones)
- 13:25: Summary of key take-aways
 - Andrew Pape-Salmon (parent, COPACS volunteer)