



Look deep into nature and you will understand everything better.

~ Albert Einstein ~

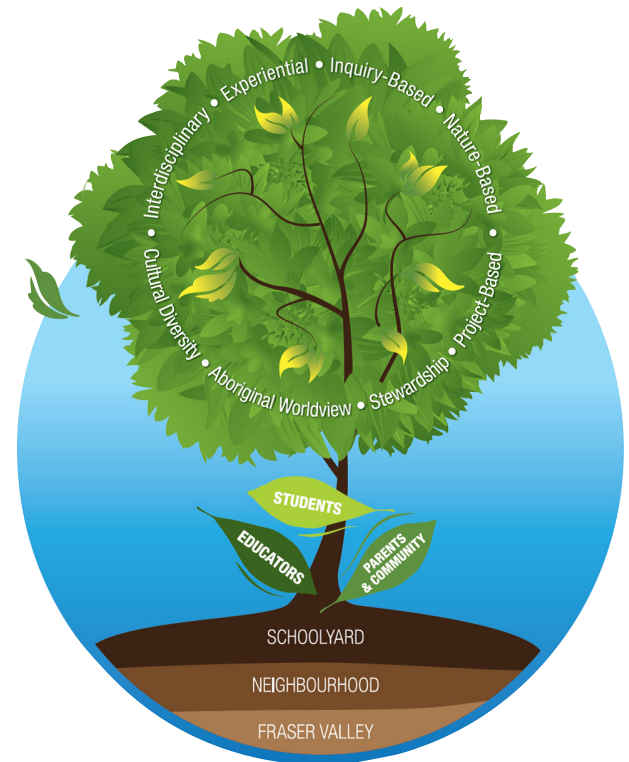


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Nature Kindergarten



What is 'Nature K'? What does it offer my child?

The Nature Kindergarten program will provide students with stimulating and meaningful learning experiences in the natural world to enrich their learning.

The environment provides a unique domain for developing competency in youngsters academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. Immersed in the outdoors, children spontaneously inquire, communicate, enjoy and actively explore their world with energy, enthusiasm and excitement. Exploration in the outdoors provides essential experiences for youngsters as they get to know their world through direct contact with the facets of nature.

Outdoor and nature learning proves that young children's direct encounter in the natural world, with caring and guiding adults, builds a life-long stewardship for the environment. As adults, their environmental awareness is heightened due to these early experiences and leads to their involvement in sustainable global practices. Nature Kindergarten shapes individuals who are motivated to responsibly and ethically use the world's resources—for the good of all.

Nature K includes regular classroom time and instruction and provides the full kindergarten curriculum.

Schools & Registration Information

The Nature Kindergarten program is offered at two schools: Dr. Roberta Bondar Elementary and Dr. T.A. Swift Elementary.

In addition to K students at those two schools, students in the following catchments/schools are eligible to apply to attend Nature K:

Dr. Roberta Bondar Elementary

32717 Chilcotin Drive, Abbotsford, BC

Phone: 604.864.8572

<http://bondar.sd34.bc.ca>

*Open for schools in the W.J. Mouat catchment (in addition to Bondar): Clearbrook, John Maclure, Ten-Broeck and Terry Fox.**

Dr. T.A. Swift Elementary

34800 Mierau Ave, Abbotsford, BC

Phone: 604.853.7730

<http://swift.sd34.bc.ca>

*Open for schools in the Robert Bateman catchment (in addition to Swift): Auguston, Matsqui, Margaret Stenersen, Prince Charles, and Sandy Hill.**

**** Note that all Bondar and Swift catchment students must first be accommodated before students from these schools can be accepted.**

Parents in these school catchments can put a request in to be registered for Nature K starting January 16, 2017. Selection will be on an equitable basis amongst all eligible schools – so not on a first-come, first-served system.

Natural & Obvious Classroom for Young Children

The idea that nature provides a good first classroom is as old as kindergarten itself. Friedrich Froebel, a German educator credited with establishing the first kindergarten around 1840, thought of the outdoors as a natural and obvious classroom for young children, and the growing interest in the concept of the outdoor kindergarten is a testament to this. Outdoor kindergarten allows children to be physically active and explore nature on a daily basis.



Nature K Parent Information Night Come and Join Us

and be a part of developing healthy, happy and knowledgeable students who are learning to responsibly and ethically, show that they

- Care for themselves • Care for others
- Care for their world.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

6:30— 7:30 pm

Abbotsford Arts Centre (Community Arts Addition)
2329 Crescent Way, Abbotsford, BC