Dewdney Elementary School
C.O.R.E.
(Community Outdoor Recreation and Environment)
Education Program

“Let Nature be your teacher” (William Wordsworth)
What is C.O.R.E.

Community
Outdoor Recreation
Environment
CORE Vision statement: Making connections between outdoor experiences and classroom learning
What does an outdoor program look like?

- Exploring
- Inquiry
- Discovery
Beautifying
Farming
Outdoor Safety

- Wilderness Survival
- Avalanche Education
- Rock climbing Information
- Swim to Survive
- Boating Sense
Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking
- Nature Walks
- Snow fun
- Water activities
Classroom Connections

- Worm composting
- Salmon tanks
- Butterflies
- Nature Journals
- Recycling
Aboriginal Learning

- Stories and traditions
- Fishing
- Elder in Residence
- Healing herbs
- Art and culture
CORE Mission Statement: Motivating kids to engage in their natural surroundings, local agricultural community, and the broader ecological world through an adventure and discovery-based curriculum.
Research
Benefits of Outdoor Education

✓ ...learning outside the classroom increases pupil engagement, improves achievement, can progress attainment, and links to improved attendance.

✓ The benefits of the outdoor classroom are clearly not confined to students. Teachers noted improved relationships with students, personal development in the teaching, and curriculum benefits.
What is an outdoor classroom?

Staff, students and parents outside learning and Experiencing...

- Science
- Literature
- Math
- Social studies

.....for part or all of the day
What about the curriculum?

- Teachers integrate their lessons (nature journal)
- Project based learning (salmon life cycle)
- Experiential learning (gardening and healthy living)
- Regular classroom instruction
How will it impact our school?

- Build relationships
- Engage students
- Improve student learning, health and social responsibility (research)
- Develop an identity
- Attract students
- Offer a unique niche for Dewdney
- Connections with community organizations
What about the Risk Management?

- **Schools Protection Plan Coverage**
- **Qualified/trained community leaders**
- **SD 75 Risk Management procedure**
What about the cost?

- Targeted Fundraising by PAC
- Grants
- Community volunteers
- Donations of service, goods, expertise
- Forestry partnerships
- Some field trip cost
Current Community Connections

- UFV
- Science World
- Youth Unlimited
- Mission Forestry
- Hemlock
- FVRD
- Aboriginal Community Members
What are some plans for the future?

- Nature learning center (partially covered outdoor area)
- Expansion of gardening program
- Land, snow, water recreation activities
- Develop a middle school connection
- Engage the broader community
How can you be involved?

- Are you a gardener?
- Are you a builder?
- Are you a farmer?
- Have you worked in any resource industry (sawmill, gravel)?
- Are you a life long learner?
- Can you share stories?
- Are you a “treasured” generation?
- Are you a parent?
- Do you belong to an organization that can help us?
- Do you make jam, pies or nettle soup?
- Can you help supervise students?
- Do you need CRC paperwork?
- Can you help find and write grants?
- The list keeps going........
Questions?? Idea box??

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Thank You!