

RiverSong

Celebrating Life Along the Colquitz with Staff and Students at Colquitz Middle School

Students were invited to experience and create arts-based interpretations of the watershed. By being immersed in nature, students were encouraged to scribe their responses individually and then collaboratively made drawings and paintings. They explored printmaking, writing poetry and prose to express their thoughts and concerns for the Colquitz River and its ecosystem. A hands-on invasive species removal session provided ivy and blackberry material for an innovative Weave Together component. Students enjoyed being outdoors taking part in caring for the environment.

About 120 youth took part with artists Carolyn Knight and Paula Jardine during the autumn 2013 thrilling wild salmon return. Students were enthusiastic to connect with urban nature, create artworks, and learn about the wonders of their local urban stream.

Endorsed by the school's administration, grade 7 and 8 students were led by teacher Laura-Lyn Helton and other staff to learn about the complexities of our environment right here in our own backyard.

