

**INVENTORY**  
**Outdoor and Sustainability Learning**  
**Opportunities and Educational Initiatives**  
**qSD47, 2023-2024**



**qathet** SCHOOL DISTRICT

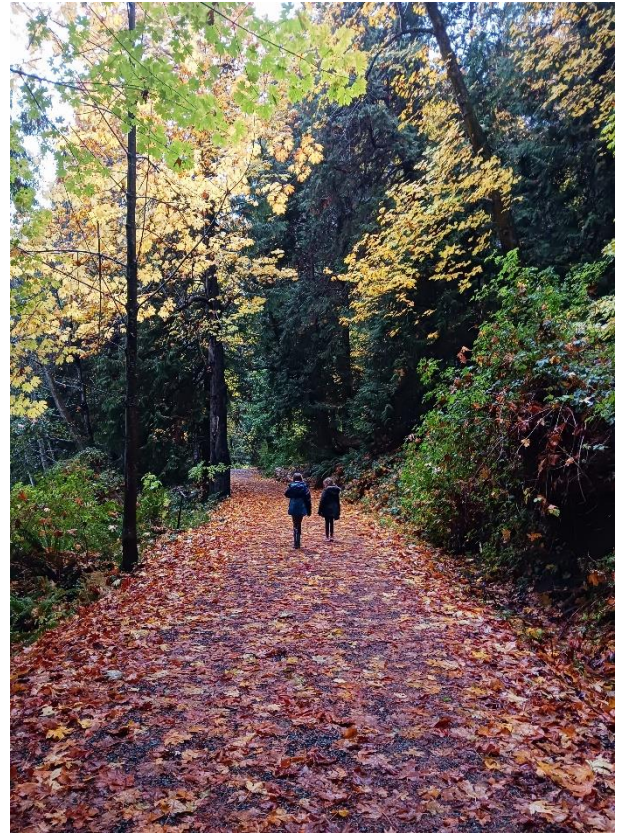
## Rational

As our District is engaging in the development of an Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Plan, a detailed understanding of existing and related educational offerings is pertinent to informing the process of further resourcing by the Board.

This inventory was generated using the related inventory from the “Directions in Outdoor Learning” report from 2015 as well as data generated from the Sustainability Survey, 2023.

Learning Opportunities featured in this report are either currently underway or are expected to run in the 2023-2024 school year. Outdoor and Sustainability learning opportunities featured in this report are inclusive of high school credit courses, school-wide environmental initiatives, district-wide learning opportunities, and community-based learning opportunities offered annually to target grades.

This report does not capture teacher-led classroom learning and initiatives.



## Networks & Committees

- Environmental Educators LSA – Thriving network of committed educators who meet regularly and collaborate on initiatives
- Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee – Newley formed qSD47 Board committee tasked to support and resource aspects of the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Strategic Plan.

## High School Credit Courses

- Coast Mountain Academy (Grade 11/12)
- Leadership Ecology Adventure Program (Grades 9-11)
- GIJE Program (Grades 10-12, Indigenous Students)
- Green Careers (Grade 11/12, in Re-Development)
- Sustainability Toolbox (Grade 9-11, in Re-Development)

## District-Wide Outdoor and Sustainability Learning Offerings

- Outdoor Learning Center (Venue, Teacher-Led or Facilitated Programming)
- Grade 7 Leadership and Sailing Program (Grade 7, Salish Sea/OV)
- Grade 7 Cultural Gathering (Indigenous Students)
- Food Literacy Program (Grade 4 Target, School-Based)
- Wildcrafting Program (Grade 5 Target, Cousin's House)
- Voyageur Program (Grade 4 Target, OLC)
- Original Orchestra (Grade 2 Target, School Based)
- Story to Song (Grade 8-9, Indigenous Students, OLC)
- Optional Offerings: Fairytale Forest (Grade 1), Local Landforms (Grade 3), Flights of Fantasy (Grade 6) (School Based)

## Early Learning Outdoor Programming

- Strongstart GO: Outdoor Learning for families and their earliest learners

## School-Based Environmental Change Initiatives

- Brooks ECO Team (Teacher Championed, All Grades)
- School gardens and compost infrastructure (All Schools, All Grades)

## School-Based Outdoor Programs

- KCOAP: Kelly Creek Outdoor Adventure Program (Grade 6/7)
- ECO Immersion Kindergarten, James Thomson
- Edgehill Forest Classrooms and Nature Trail

## Community Educators and Partnership Programs

- Salmonids in the Classroom
- Wild BC and the Wild Schools Designation: Kelly Creek, Westview, Edgehill
- Lang Creek Fish Hatchery

## District Supports

- Outdoor Learning Coordinator: Supported Planning for Teachers, Resource Spotlight Mini-Workshops for Teachers with Students, Field Trip Support, Professional Learning Certifications, Facilitated Field Experiences
- Sustainability Coordinator: Support qSD47 Board in achieving Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability goals