



OUR MANDATE

To support the Board of Education in providing leadership in environmental education and sustainability practices through facilitated immersion learning experiences in nature.



Cheakamus Centre Vision:

To be a dynamic centre of excellence for environmental and indigenous cultural education and a welcoming place for learning, gathering and sharing in nature.



Learning in, about, and for nature fosters:

- student engagement
- self-regulation
- cognitive and academic development
- connection & sense of place

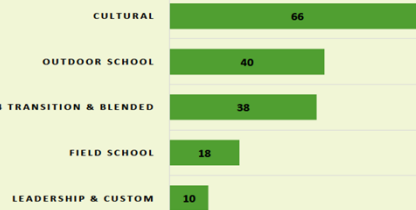


Cheakamus Centre Educational Programs 2016-17

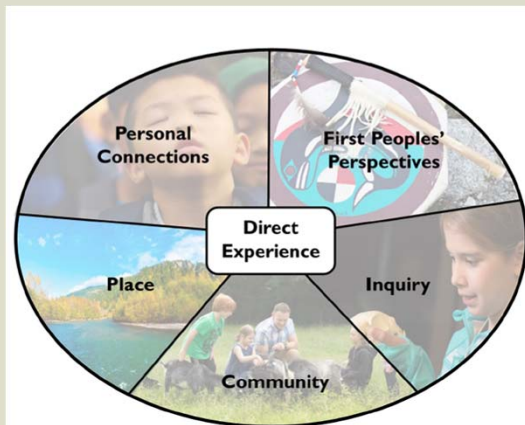
- 172 Programs, 6700 students, 88 schools
- 100% of SD44 Schools represented across Gr. 3, 4 & 6
- 10 993 SD44 student programming days
- Focus on curriculum alignment & development



172 TOTAL PROGRAMS



Guiding Principles



Engagement through Place-based Learning

- Research-based
- Inquiry Focused
- Authentic experiences
- Rich social & emotional development opportunities



Resilience

- Developing coping skills in supportive setting
- Community living
- Student mentorship
- Sense of Achievement
- Continuum of shared experience



Community Engagement

- Leadership Programs
- Staff Retreats & Pro D
- Open House
- AFK Camps
- Volunteerism



SD44 Community Feedback

- On the bus ride home, we had one boy say that he is counting down the next 4 years until he is in grade 10 and can come to Outdoor School as a counsellor.
Barb Desjardins, EA, Ross Rd. Elementary
- Great experience overall! Great to see the students in a different environment, and see them so engaged in learning and in being part of a community. Great support from all of the Cheakamus Centre staff. Thank you!
Helene Sahler Lee, SD44 Teacher
- As a parent volunteer, I have gone 3 times to this beautiful place and have tremendous respect and appreciation for this fabulous school. The students get to explore many unique environmental programs in a one of a kind setting making memories which they will treasure forever.
Kulvir Mann – Canyon Heights School Parent – NVPAC Vice Chair
- I always have a great time up at Cheakamus as the staff is very supportive and welcoming; no matter how tired, cranky, or frustrated you get you are able to feed off the motivation and enthusiasm the staff offers.
Iona McAllen (Bindy), Leadership Counsellor, Seycove Secondary

Questions?

