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Earthwise Ecotours Feed Growing Minds

Delta, BC – The changing colours of fall herald the return of school children to Delta classrooms. This is the perfect time for children to enjoy the beauty of nature and learn about the environment through DRS Earthwise Society's fall Ecotours! DRS Earthwise is a longtime provider of entertaining education programs for children, and this autumn the Earthwise Education team will once again amaze and delight students with hands-on activities and critter tours.

"The program and the instructors are perfect for this type of education," says Colleen Henderson, a kindergarten teacher at South Park Elementary. "I especially appreciate how the instructors seem very aware of the attention spans of five year olds and the use of humour to keep the children, parents and teachers focussed."

During garden ecotours such as 'Going Buggy', children explore the McKitrick Earthwise Garden in North Delta and learn that insects are not as yucky as they might think! Kids learn about insect life cycles, how they change forms, and how even the 'bad' insects can help the ecosystem. And every kid loves digging in the dirt!

The Zero-Waste Ecotour, held at the Earthwise Bottle 'Return-It' centre, teaches children about the importance of the 'three R's'. Classes are encouraged to save up their cans, juice boxes and other returnable containers to bring in on their tour day, when students will sort, separate and tally their recyclables. Students can't believe the amount of money they raise for their classes!

DRS Earthwise offers a variety of age-appropriate programs for students from kindergarten to Grade 7, and each program is linked to the Ministry of Education's learning goals for science. The programs can also be adapted for preschool or day care groups. They are a fun way to teach students about important issues like the environment and sustainability.

Teachers or daycare supervisors can book an ecotour by calling DRS Earthwise Outreach Coordinator Amanda Gee at 604-946-9828.

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