



ELLISON'S GRADE ONE WATERWISE CLIMATE HEROES

MRS. VAN ZIFFLE'S GRADE ONE CLASS

HELPS CARE FOR THE WETLANDS!

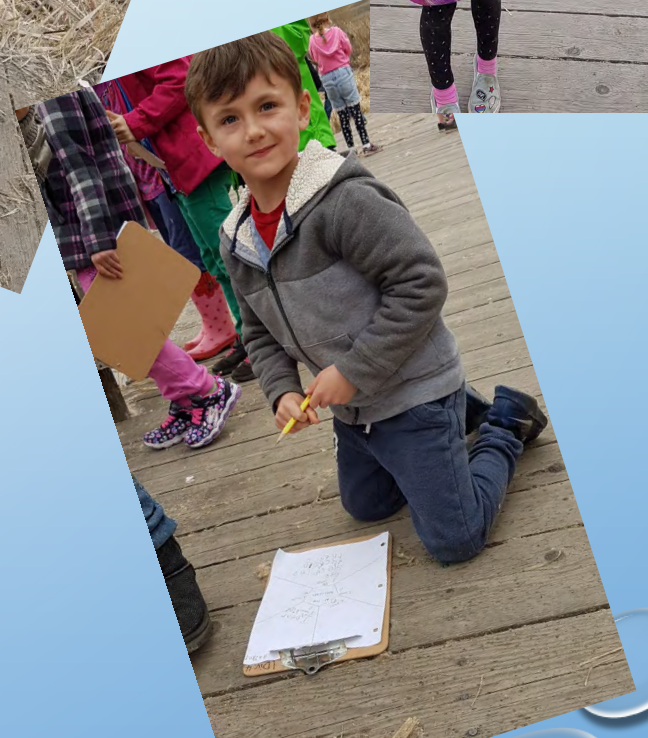
*We are very lucky students at Ellison
Elementary School in Vernon, B.C.
There are wetlands just a short walk from our
school (behind Fulton Secondary School.) They
are a great place to visit and learn.
Our teacher takes us there quite often!*



We usually start our time at the wetlands with a moment of being quiet. We use all our senses to notice what is around us.



We're recording what we hear, see, smell and feel.



We notice the redwing blackbird call, the smell of rain, the feel of cattails.

We learn in the
classroom

Why Wetlands are Important

- Marshmallow plant

- turtles

- beaver

- muskrat

- frogs

like a
sponge. it
slows down
flood water

- Marsh Hawk

- Bulrushes protect + 20
and hide the
Black birds.

- Insects are food + 3
for the birds

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A HABITAT FOR MANY CREATURES

and plants that cannot live anywhere else

- cleans dirty water
→ filters out gunk

- bacteria eats pollution.

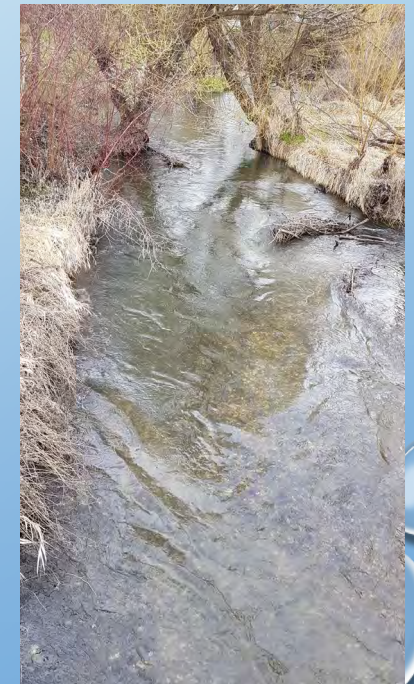
We learn at the wetlands.



Here we're learning how the wetlands act like a sponge to clean and slow down water.



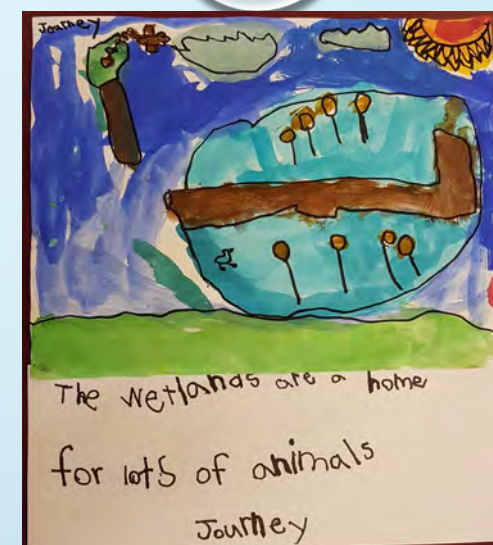
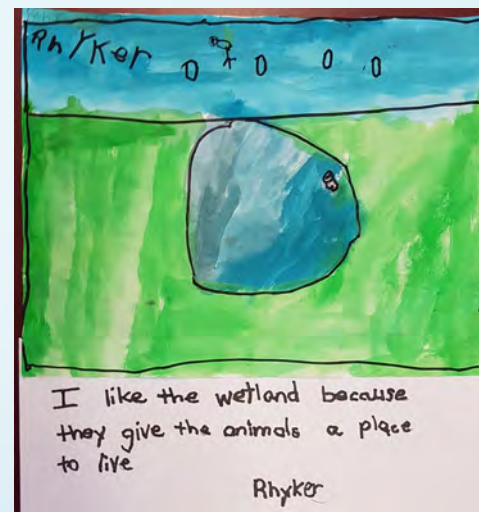
Mrs. Van Ziffle showed us pictures she took on a rainy day of the muddy creek above the wetlands and the clean water coming out below the wetlands.



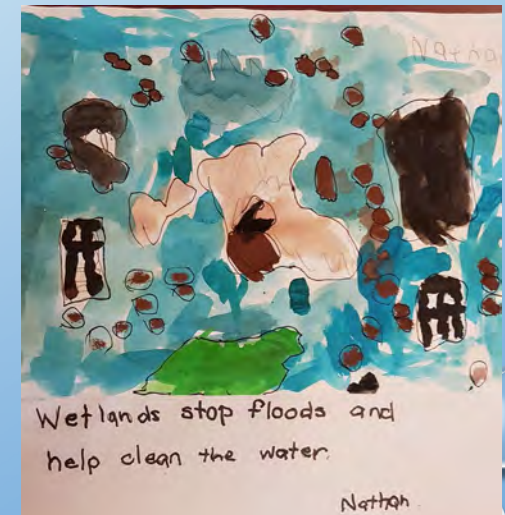
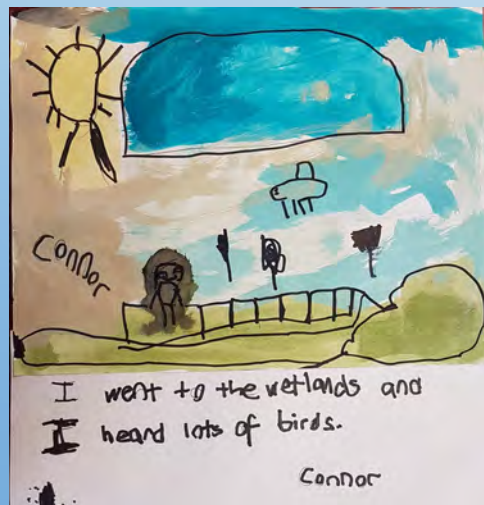


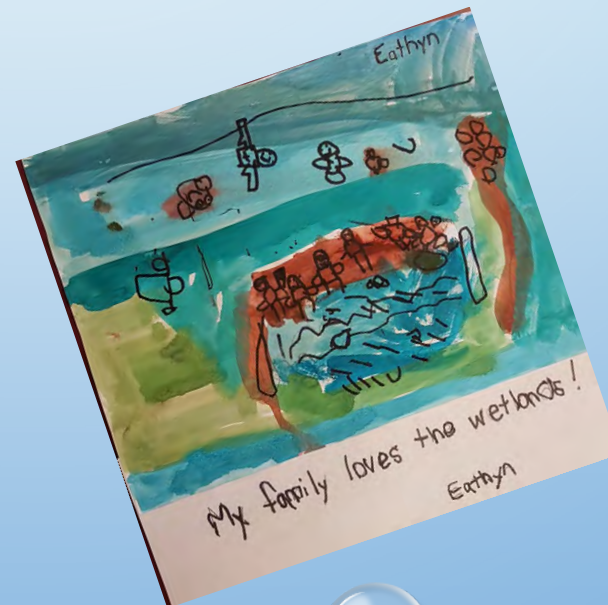
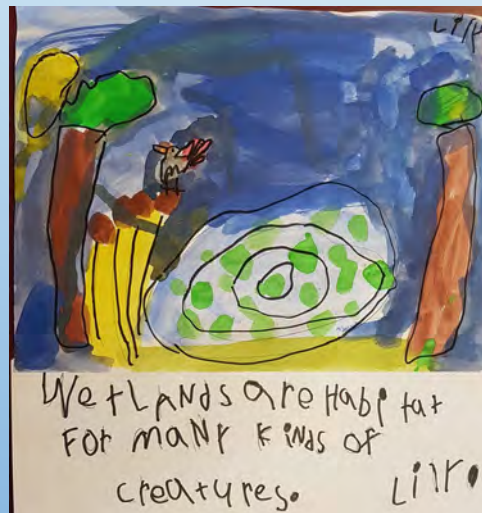
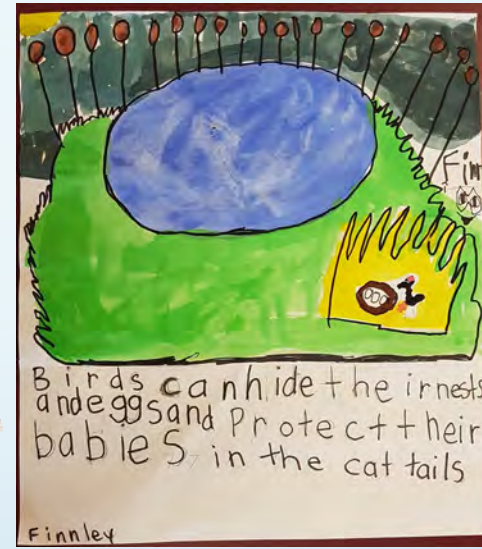
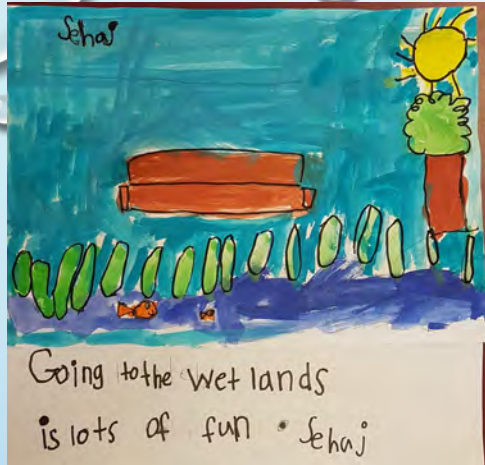
We examined pond life.





We painted pictures about our wonderful wetlands.

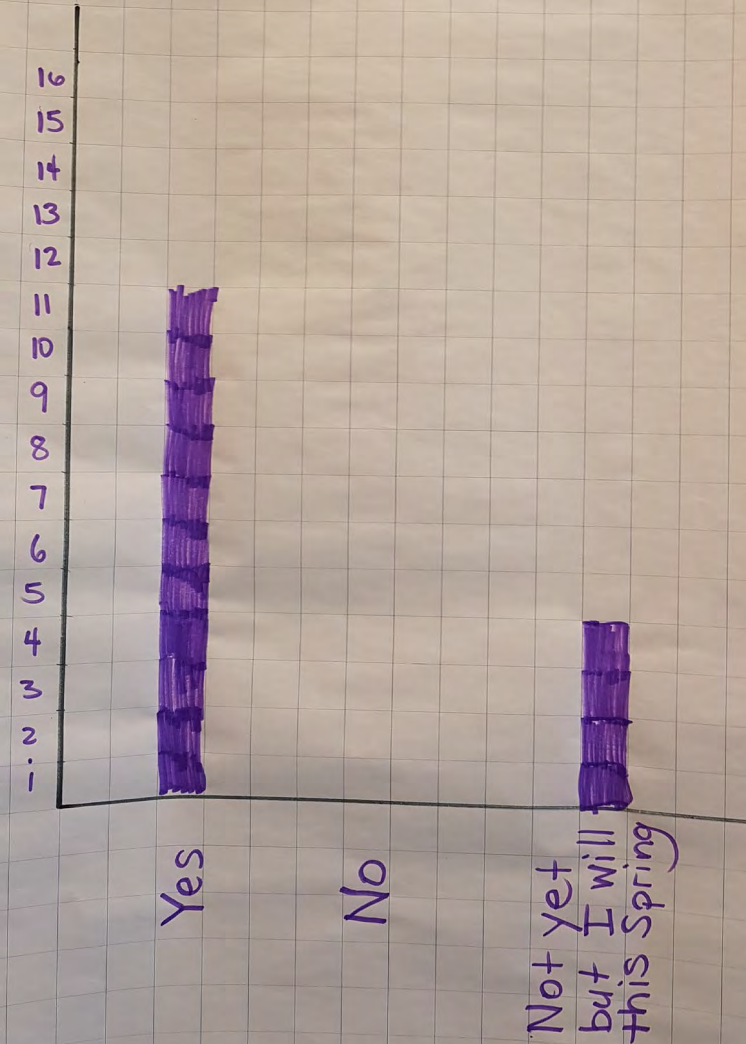




We took a survey of the teachers at Ellison Elementary.

All of the 350 Ellison kids get to enjoy and learn from the Fulton Wetlands!

Do Ellison Teachers
take their classes to
the Fulton Wetlands?





The wetlands need our help. We picked up garbage. We cheered on and helped Mr. Garlick's high school students who were in the water picking up garbage too!



The wetlands need adult help too. We wrote letters and invited people to come for a Walk and Talk at the Wetlands with us.



April 11, 2019
Dear Mr. Rogers,
Thank You for caring
about kids and teachers.
The wetlands are a
good place to learn.
We love the wetlands!
Wetlands are important
for animals and plants.
Please come to
and talk with
Grace
Eathyn
Aly

April 11, 2019
Dear Mr. Rogers,
Thank You for
caring about
our Wetlands
and making it
a good place
to learn.
We love the wetlands.
The wetlands are
important for animals
and plants and we
need help.
Please come to
walk and talk
with us. We will
talk together
about why we all
like the wetlands.
Shirley
Katie

April 11, 2019
Dear Mr. Garlick,
Thank You for
caring about our
Wetlands
and cleaning
it up with your
students.
Wetlands help
stop floods.

April 11, 2019
Dear Naturalist Club,
Thank you for caring
about Nature.
Love our Wetlands.
Picked up garbage here.
Our wetlands need more
help.
Please come to walk and
talk with us.
Sehaj
Lucas

April 12, 2019
Dear Ducks Unlimited,
Thank You for
caring about
the wetlands.
The wetlands are
important for
animals
and plants and we
need
help.
Let's walk
with you
again
together.

*Lots of people came! They
all showed they cared about
the wetlands and us kids!*

**Notes from our Walk and Talk gathering at
the Fulton Wetlands
Thursday, April 25, 2019**

Present were:

- Bruce Cummings – Retired Teacher, originally behind the building of the boardwalk, digging of the duck pond, the Centre of Excellence educational program
- Jim Garlick – Teacher at Clarence Fulton High School most involved (and involving his students) with the cleaning up and maintenance of this wetland area, as well as using it for place-based learning
- Marnie Williamson – North Okanagan Naturalist Club – President and NatureKids
- Noerbert Maertens – North Okanagan Naturalist Club – Board Member
- Brian Sutch – Ribbons of Green Society
- Bruce Harrison – Biologist, Ducks Unlimited Canada
- Jennifer Miles – Water Sustainability Coordinator, North Okanagan Regional District
- Ashley Stevenson - Parent
- Victor Cumming – Mayor of Vernon, OBWB Board Member
- Jacqueline Taylor – Principal, Ellison Elementary School
- Uta Van Ziffle – Grade One Teacher, Ellison Elementary School
- Grade One Students from Ellison Elementary School



*We paired up with adults
to share what we knew
and loved about the
wetlands while we walked
there.*



*We had a quiet time at the wetlands and then we showed
the adults pictures of us learning at the wetlands.*



Then the adults talked and talked and talked. We listened a bit and then played on the boardwalk and found dead snails where there had been a grass fire nearby.

The adults had a talk about how to help these wetlands continue to be a great place for us all to learn and enjoy. Perhaps we started something good here.



*We hope so, because
We love our Wetlands!
We are Waterwise Climate Heroes!*

