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Neil Hastie
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Dear Neil and Shannon,

Recently our school were fortunate to host the "Up Your Watershed" tour sponsored by Encorp and the Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition.

Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright from the "Voices of Nature" arrived at Conrad and in two short days organized a concert for our school community. They had previously sent us the words and music our students would be singing for this special concert along with rich teaching resources for classroom use. The music was incredibly engaging and very meaningful for our k-7 school as we live in the heart of the Skeena Watershed.

The children sang songs about the life cycle of the salmon, they bowed to the moon and the sun and did the life cycle dance. Students learned about protecting our environment as they sang. "Landfill Blues" and they cautioned the adults in the room to take good care of our world for them in their heartfelt rendition of "I am the Future." The room rocked to the lyrics of "Up Your Watershed". Truth be told we are all still humming and singing.

There are moments in the life of a school where you know that something very special has occurred. These moments change you and have the ability to chart a different course in the future. The "Up Your Watershed" tour was such an event.

Just imagine if all children, in all schools had the opportunity to learn about how they can make a difference for our environment. Even the youngest of our children can tell you at least one thing that they can do to keep our watershed pristine.

The tour also provided an opportunity to bring our families together to celebrate their children. The school gym was filled to capacity with parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends. It was a very special, very memorable event.

Please visit Youtube and simply type in Conrad Up Your Watershed. Enjoy the show!

Thank you again for your support,

Judy Zacharias
Principal
Conrad Elementary School