



Fraser Valley Distance Education School

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SD#33 - Chilliwack

Principal: Ms. Patricia Williams

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In an effort to enrich your child's education, we are pleased to provide the following **FALL PROGRAM** schedule. For the 2008/2009 school year, we will be offering programs led by artist John LeFlock and naturalist Janet Hutchinson at the **Great Blue Heron Reserve** in Chilliwack. FVDES teachers will be in attendance. Students will participate in a series of art lessons and hands on science and nature workshops. Programs will be held outside as much as possible and will be organized according to primary and intermediate grades and/or along themes.

All classes must be pre-registered!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Please register by calling Cathy Meeres (Elementary Secretary) at 1-800-663-3381 (ext.2448) or 604-794-2448. Leave a brief message with your child's name and grade. Your child's name will be added to the list of students attending. You will not be called back unless the class is full or has been cancelled due to low enrollment. Class sizes are limited and may be combined if enrollment is low. If this should occur, you will be notified as soon as possible.

After your registration has been recorded, you simply show up at the appropriate venue. Please notify us prior to the beginning of the program if you decide to cancel so that your space may be offered to someone else. Students are expected to participate in both parts of the program.

If there is enough interest, the Heron Reserve will be offering a **preschool program** for siblings beginning October 9th to run at the same time as our school-age program. The cost would be \$3.00 per child (per session). You may sign-up on October 2nd.

Where: Chilliwack Heron Reserve
5200 Sumas Prairie Rd.
Chilliwack, B.C.
Ph: 604-823-6603

Directions: From the West (Vancouver)
Take **exit 109**, (just past the Vedder Canal) Yale Road West. Turn right (south) onto Yale Rd. West and continue to Sumas Prairie Rd. Turn right onto Sumas Prairie traveling south to the end of the road. You will be at the reserve.

From the East (Hope)
Take **exit 116**. Turn left onto Lickman Rd. traveling south. Turn right on Keith Wilson Rd., left on Sumas Prairie Rd. and follow to the end. You will be at the reserve. Note there is a stop sign at each turn.

Date: Every Thursday from October 2nd – November 27th

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Time: 12:15 - 3:00pm

Programs will start on time and end at 3:00pm sharp. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in.

Bring/Wear: Students may bring a small snack for the break between sessions. Please be aware of the weather and dress appropriately for spending 1¼ hours outside. Dressing in layers is a good idea. On rainy days your child will need to wear wet gear and waterproof footwear.

At the first session, there will be a brief orientation for parents. During this time, we will review procedures and answer any questions that you may have. Parents must sign in each time they drop off and pick-up their children.

The Heron Reserve will be holding a **Student Art Exhibition** in December to display the projects that the students will be working on during their classes with John LeFlock.

It is important for students to attend classes consistently. Credit will be given for participation. Please discuss this with your child's teacher.

We look forward to sharing these valuable educational experiences with you and your child.

Sincerely,



Ms. P. Williams, Principal
& The Elementary Department
F.V.D.E.S.