

Growing More Knowledge

October, 24 2015

Royal Roads University

Morning Session 9:30 – 10:30 AM

'If you go into the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise': Exploring the invitational nature of an Ontario Forest School program. Debra Harwood, Brock University

Moving Learning Outdoors: Nature Kindergarten. Lisa Lockerbie and Erin Van Stone, Sangster Elementary School, Sooke School District

Boys being boys?: The challenge to eco-care in the modern world. Laura Piersol, Michael Derby, and Sean Blenkinsop, Simon Fraser University

Nature Based Education at Strawberry Vale School. Lenny Ross and Kiersten Brookes, Strawberry Vale School, Victoria School District

Afternoon Session I 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Reframing Risky Outdoor Play: RISK – It's not just a four letter word. Chris Filler, Child Nature Alliance/Forest Schools Canada; University of Victoria, District of Saanich

Field and Forest Nature School (a ten year journey). Ron Blatz, Discovery Children's Centre, Winnipeg

What is Permaculture, and Why is it a Fabulous Way to Help Children Connect with the Rest of Nature? Julie Johnston and a team from Gabriola Island Elementary School, Gulf Islands School District

Forest Fridays – Getting Nature into every Kindergarten/Grade 1 Class! Bonnie Davison, Victoria Nature School Society

Afternoon Session II 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Toward the Outdoors – a cultural shift to increased student and teacher engagement in nature. Jeff Baxter, Sangster Elementary School, Sooke School District

Abbotsford's Nature Kindergarten Pilot. Cindy Romanowski and Jenn Baerg, Abbotsford School District

Maple Ridge Environmental School Project: Learning to Indigenize Practice. Randy Bates, Mario Beaulieu and Clayton Maitland, Maple Ridge School District

Hands on workshop with David Sobel