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Forty-Five Coho salmon fry have been released into Bear Creek by Sikh Academy students as part of the “Salmonids in the Classroom” program

Surrey, BC- Grade 6 students from Sikh Academy released forty-five Coho salmon fry into Bear Creek Park after raising them from eggs in the classroom.

As part of Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s “Salmonids in the Classroom” program, Sikh Academy students spent the past 2 months learning about the many aspects of salmon, including how to properly raise and take care of salmon, the importance of preserving salmon and their habitats, and specific features of their internal and external anatomy.

Students focused on the possible environmental impacts of the depleting salmon stocks in British Columbia, and the efforts needed to restock these supplies. As part of Sikh Academy’s environmental approach to education, students are encouraged to engage in activities that help to restore and preserve the environment. Students tackle these initiatives with tremendous drive.



In addition to raising and releasing young Coho salmon fry, Sikh Academy students also did their part to help keep the salmon habitat at Bear Creek Park pristine by removing a large bucket of garbage from the creek’s banks. As part of the program, over 50 students at Sikh Academy also participated in a hands-on salmon dissection to compare the relatedness of the internal organs and body systems of animals and humans. In this valuable learning experience, students were able to see first-hand, fish gills, eyes, brain, digestive system, kidney, liver, and many other structures. Sikh Academy has participated in the “Salmonids in the Classroom” program for the past three years, and has worked with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to release over 50,000 salmon fry into local streams. For more images please visit www.sikhacademy.ca.

On April 24, 2013, every student from Sikh Academy will be participating in a salmon release at Bear Creek Park. Students will release over 25,000 salmon fry. Members of the public and from the media are encouraged to join us.