

Mapping Where We Live

Byrne Creek Watershed

In September 2012, the Stream of Dreams Murals Society began a year-long collaboration with art teachers and students at Byrne Creek Secondary School for a project called 'Mapping where we live - Byrne Creek Watershed'

For the project, understanding the ecology of Byrne Creek watershed was integrated into the art curriculum towards creating a public art display here at the Edmonds Bus Loop. Every art student toured the creek with a local ecologist and participated in class lectures about the diversity of life that enhances our urban forest and waterways.

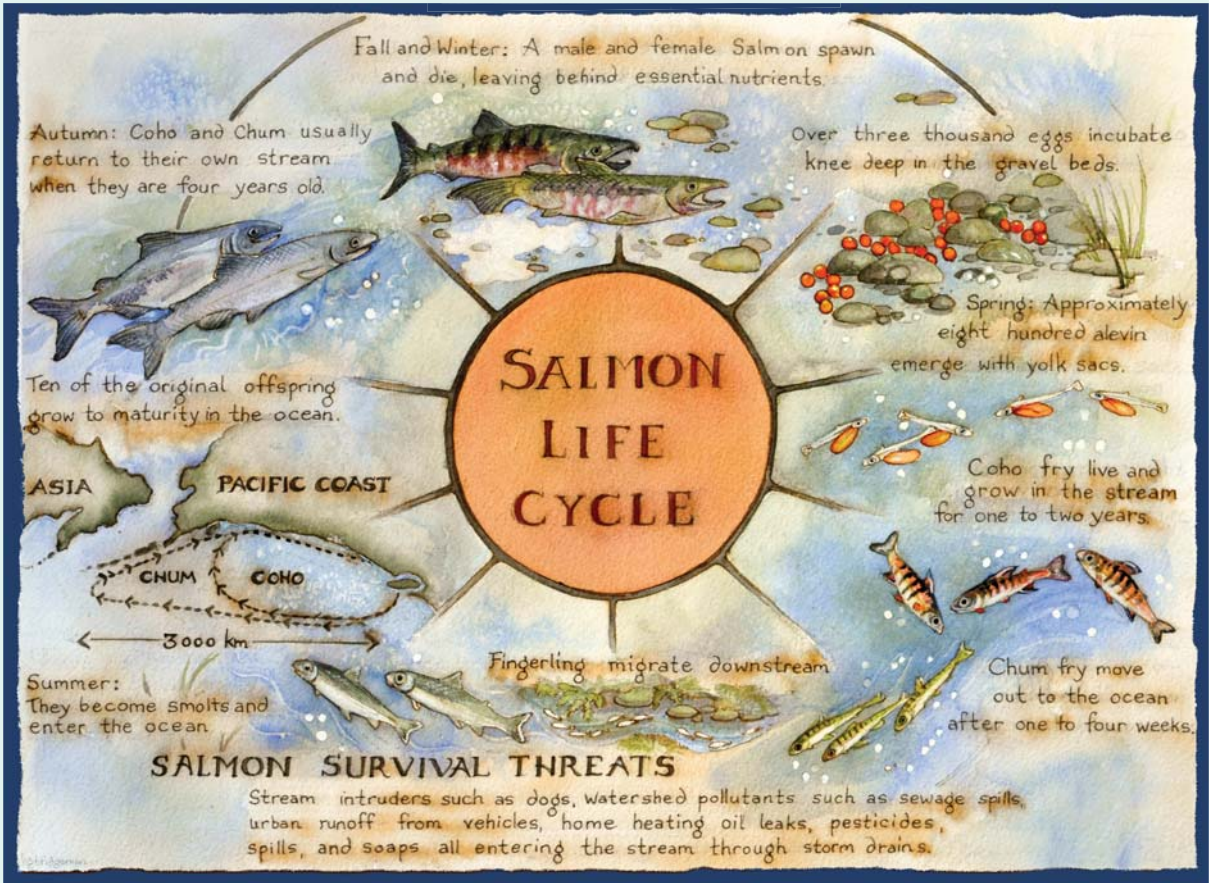
Students learned about their place in the watershed, the creatures who live in or near and depend on Byrne Creek, how to prevent water pollution, and the importance of salmon, trees and water to our community. Inspired by the beauty and tragedy of Byrne Creek, which has often been poisoned through storm drain pollution, students created striking images and maps, many of which they share with you here.



Bravo!!!

To all the Byrne Creek Secondary visual arts, graphic design and photography students in grades 8 – 12 who participated in this project. May you continue to have enriching outdoor experiences that inspire you to create beautiful works of art for the rest of your lives!

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About the Stream of Dreams Murals Society: Have you seen painted wooden fish on fences around schools? Stream of Dreams Murals Society is a non-profit charity whose teams are invited to schools to talk with students about their local watershed, to discuss how to prevent water pollution and about the importance of salmon in our local streams and the larger ecosystem. Each student paints a wooden fish for a community art display on their school fence to remind everyone that we live in salmon country.

'Mapping where we live' is a Stream of Dreams co-production. If you value this kind of community outreach and public art let us know!

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