

Revelstoke Teachers Association Social Justice Newsletter

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Amazing Stuff Happening *RTA Teachers supporting at risk students*

As usual, Revelstoke teachers work with the district and local organizations to make sure their at-risk students are not left behind. How is this happening? In innumerable small actions, quietly and always with respect for the student. Here are a few examples:

--prioritize helping new skiers during RMR lessons so that they can catch up to their more experienced peers

-making sure there's pocket money for a student who doesn't have any to spend at a Scholastic Book Fair

-encouraging students to take advantage of free after school programming such as clubs, badminton, Skiing After School, etc.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOCAL RESOURCES:

Magnifiers: enhance any science lesson with a class set of these 10x magnifiers. Contact RSS library to sign out. Purchased by the RTA's Social Justice Funding 😊



Whole Class novel sets: Jason's Why & A Long Walk to Water, contact snewton@sd19.bc.ca to borrow

Green Hack: Expo Board Cleaner REFILL Recipe

Mix $\frac{3}{4}$ water with $\frac{1}{4}$ vinegar or rubbing alcohol (alcohol-based hand sanitizer works) in the empty Expo bottle. Ta-da, no need to ever get another new bottle from the supply room again!



Teaching Climate Change Education

Be sure you are on the right track:

Introducing: A Grade-by-Grade Environmental Education Resource Package; SD 19 teachers Naomi Ford and Sarah Newton have put together an amazing resource for your grade level. Email snewton@sd19.bc.ca for grade level's Big Ideas, learning outcomes & ready to use resources.

Local Trail Guide

Written by teachers for teachers, these guides are for ten local trails and include all the information that your class needs to be safe and informed. [SD19 local trail guide link](#)

(snewton@sd19.bc.ca for link)

Environmental Education Books (inspiring students to have a passionate connection to nature)



Silver Arrow- endangered species catching rides on a magic steam engine to protected habitats

Wild Robot- a lost robot learns from forest animals how to survive

Wild Robot Escapes- part two, as good as part one

Wolf Called Wander- true story, American wolf repopulates an area that has not had wolves since 1922

The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly- award winning Korean novel, full of plot twists & endearing characters

Pax- story of a boy & his beloved fox, there is a sequel

Hoot- kids save a barred owl's habitat from destruction

The Barren Grounds- Cdn Indigenous writer, captivating story weaves many social justice issues

A Whale of the Wild- true story of an orca in Juan de Fuca Strait

Charlotte's Web- a pig, a spider, a girl, a classic that is still valuable today

High Level Graphic Novels:

The Way of the Hive- style of the Bee Movie, science infused throughout

Animal Farm- Orwell's literary masterpiece in graphic form

Darwin an Exceptional Voyage- biography Darwin's 1st voyage to Galapagos

Sapiens- graphic history of humanity



If you like one (or a set) of these novels for your class, contact snewton@sd19.bc.ca, potentially I can order them with Social Justice funds