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Stream of Dreams

Lower Trent Conservation's youth environmental education program is expanding this week with the launch of a new Stream of Dreams program at Stockdale Public School. The entire school population of 200 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be participating in this watershed education 'science to art' program from May 30 to June 1. Following two days of in-class lessons and painting of their 'dream fish', the school will be creating their 'Stream of Dreams' mural on the fence surrounding the school on Thursday, June 1.

"This is a great opportunity for us to expand our youth environmental education programming which currently includes the Caring for our Watershed environmental contest, Tri-County Water Festival, in-class presentations, and Yellow Fish Road. Stream of Dreams engages the entire school community including all grade levels, teachers, and parent volunteers. We hope the mural will serve as a reminder to the entire community of the importance of our water resources," says Glenda Rodgers, Lower Trent Conservation CAO.

Stream of Dreams is a whole school eco-education program that educates communities about their local watershed, rivers and streams, encourages behavioural change to conserve and protect water, empowers youth to make a positive environmental impact, and creates a community art legacy by and for the whole community. It's science; it's art. It's serious and it's fun!

The in-class science workshops address key questions:

- Where is your local stream?
- Where does the water in the steam come from?
- How do storm drains work?
- Where does your household drains lead?
- Where does your drinking water come from?
- What can we do to protect fish and water?

Stream of Dreams was started in 2000 in British Columbia by Louise Towell and Joan Carne. They wanted to educate children about their local creek, Byrne Creek, that had been seriously degraded. Since that first Stream of Dreams mural was installed there have been over 81,500 participants in three provinces and one USA state. Lower Trent Conservation has partnered with Quinte Conservation to bring the program to the Lower Trent Conservation watershed region. Quinte Conservation is trained and licensed to deliver this copyrighted watershed education 'science to art' program.

"We are pleased to be collaborating with Quinte Conservation on this program to add a new aspect to our developing youth environmental education program," adds Rodgers.

We have always believed that imagination will save the world. The communities we serve inspire us, their passion is painted on every Dreamfish. – www..streamofdreams.org

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Photo Opportunities: The Stream of Dreams Mural at Stockdale Public School ([994 Will Johnson Rd](#), Frankford) will be installed by the students at approximately **Thursday, June 1 at 10:30 AM**

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