

Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre

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OCWC Launches Education Program for Area Schools

What is the difference between a rabbit and a hare? Why do skunks spray? These are just a few things many Ottawa area school children are learning from the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre's new educational course, "Wild Things - An introduction to backyard wildlife".

This unique course is built on the Centre's years of experience with animal care and solving wildlife problems. It begins with a power point presentation packed with great photos taken at the Centre over the years. The goal is to familiarize and excite students about the animals they share their communities with. The course also examines common wildlife problems, as well as humane and cost effective solutions to these problems. The presentation wraps up with a question session and a wildlife detective game.

The Centre's new education coordinator, Kate MacNeil, plans to visit representative schools in the Ottawa area, including rural, suburban, urban and

schools that are home to many new Canadians.

The course kicked off with a visit to over 200 grades 7 and 8 students at St. Michael Catholic High School.

The Centre has done several other presentations, from grades 1 to 8, and is pleased to announce that it is booked for the rest of the school year.

Response has been very positive from students and teachers. Here are just a few of the remarks from teacher evaluation surveys: "very informative"; "really appreciated the knowledge"; "students loved the pictures"; "great job"; "children really enjoyed it".

One student wrote an article about the course in her class newsletter: "I enjoyed



Students from St. Michael Catholic School show appreciation for wildlife course.

the presentation very much because I agree with what the Centre is doing which is helping wild animals, and also teaching young students how they can help."

OCWC President Donna DuBreuil added: "We are excited about the Centre's new direction and are indebted to all our members and supporters. Together, we can continue to make a difference for wildlife by fostering a love and respect for nature in our children."

Want to learn more about the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre?

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