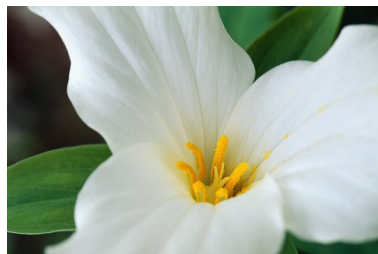




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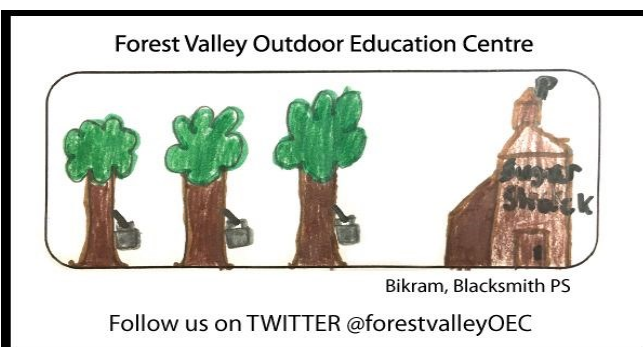


Spring Blooms at Forest Valley

Spring is always an exciting time of year at Forest Valley. With our maple syrup season behind us, and the days getting longer and warmer, we turn our attention to the wonders of this exciting season. Sure signs of spring include the return of birdsong to our forests, trees exploding into their green summer foliage, flowers bursting into bloom and the laughter of students as they enjoy their day at our site. The forest is coming alive after resting all winter. If you'd like more information about what changes are happening in nature right now, [Resources for Re-thinking](#) provides a great list of things to watch out for.

Magnet Contest Winner!

Each year, we run a contest for students to design a magnet based on their learning while visiting Forest Valley OEC. The winning design is printed on a magnet which is given to volunteers who visit with a class. Congratulations to **Bikram, from Blacksmith PS** who is this year's magnet contest winner! Check our website in September for details of next year's contest.



Forest Valley OEC is situated on Traditional Territories including the Wendat Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations and the Metis Nation.

You can view a map showing all of the treaties in Ontario at:

www.ontario.ca/aboriginal/treaties

Toronto Outdoor Education Schools (TOES)

Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre is one of ten outdoor education centres within the Toronto District School Board. All of our centres are



united by a common goal: immersing students in safe, active and enriching learning experiences in both natural and urban environments.

From outdoor adventure and survival skills to 'sense of place' awareness, systems thinking and ecological literacy, students learn through curriculum-enriching direct experiences that cannot be duplicated within the walls of a classroom.

Overall, more than 17,000 students from 173 schools visit Forest Valley O.E.C. every year for experiential outdoor education learning in action!

Learn more about what we do by following us on Twitter.

TOES: @TOES_TDSB

Forest Valley: @ForestValleyOEC

Did you know that on our website you can sign up to become a

[Friend of Forest Valley](#)

and get seasonal newsletters and an invite to our Annual Open House (click on the link to learn more)

Toronto's Farmer's Markets

Toronto farmers' markets will start popping up in neighbourhoods across the city, like spring flowers!

There are many Farmer's markets across Toronto so it's become easier to buy local. Pick up fresh baked goods, locally made cheeses, honey and of course, fresh Ontario fruit and vegetables. Most markets are open seasonally, and some run year-round.

For a list of Farmer's Markets in the GTA, visit : [farmersmarketsontario](http://farmersmarketsontario.com)



Thank You!

Our wonderful students, teachers, friends, family and community members made this year's Maple Syrup Open House another tremendous success.



This would not have been possible without our staff and almost 50 volunteers who spent their day welcoming almost 900 guests.

We look forward to seeing you next year's event on **March 24th 2018**.

Animal Babies Word Scramble

1. NIKETT (duck)
2. LDTPAOE (frog)
3. PPU (fox)
4. TKI (skunk)
5. UBC (raccoon)
6. WFAN (deer)
7. TLLPCRAAERI (butterfly)
8. EOTLW (owl)
9. YJEO (opossum)
10. NUKDCLIG (mallard)
11. KCCHI (nightingale)

May is
Get Outside
Month

Did you know that May is Get Outside Month in the TDSB? For more information, visit us on-line at:
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/toes/getoutsidelessons.aspx>

What did you do as a follow up to your visit with us? We want to know!

Please share your post-trip follow up activities with us so we can highlight great things classes do after their outdoor education experience. This could include art, stories, poems, recounts...etc. We may use your submission in a future Valley Voice, share via Twitter and/or display at Forest Valley .

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