

2018 NEARSHORE

Education Program



Water Quality & Adaptations

Students learned what affects marine water quality and how their freshwater monitoring site is connected to the Puget Sound. They collected plankton samples, identified the plankton with microscopes, and used a Secchi disk to measure turbidity.

Between Zittel's Marina, Tolmie State Park, and Johnson Point Beach, students had the opportunity to explore the subtidal and intertidal zones of the nearshore habitat. They observed marine life and identified various adaptations the organisms needed to survive in the different habitat zones.



Program Stats



6 Schools

Explored the Nearshore

Hansen Elementary
Komachin Middle School
Lincoln Elementary
Lydia Hawk Elementary
Olympic View Elementary
South Bay Elementary

Total Student Participants

770

Beach Numbers



15 Days on the Beach



255 Volunteer Hours



**90+ Species of
Marine Life Encountered**



Testimonies



Aeivet (5th, Lydia Hawk) I am thankful for this experience because I got to see new animals in a beautiful place.

Alexis (5th, South Bay) Scuba divers bring up joy not sadness.

Julia (5th, Lydia Hawk) This was one of my favorite field trips in fifth grade! And thank you for letting our class experience this! I wish I could've seen more different creatures and seals. But I still loved the field trip.

Thank you to our Community Partners!

Zittel's Marina
Taylor Shellfish Farms
Puget Sound Estuarium
City of Lacey
Pacific Shellfish Institute
Thurston Conservation District
AmeriCrops
Nisqually Indian Tribe
City of Olympia
U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Washington State Parks
and many community volunteers!

