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Afterschool Kids to participate in raising Coho Salmon

Pear Tree Education, the brand new afterschool in Kitsilano will be giving young people a unique opportunity to participate in a project to help raise an important species in Vancouver this spring.

Their *Salmon Lifecycles* camp (an exclusive project set up in cooperation with the BC Ministry of Fisheries) will give students the opportunity to observe and monitor the growth of 50 Coho salmon from eggs to fry and participate in the successful release into the wild at Beaver Creek in Stanley Park.

The camp is just one of the many half day and full day spring break camps available at Pear Tree for 6-9 year olds and 10-13 year olds. Also on offer are morning camps in Super Structures, Kids Can Cook and CSI Forensics: Young Detectives. Afternoon camps include Slowmation Claymation Animation, Movie Making, Digital Photography, Life on Mars, and Powerful Presentations: Public speaking and presenting skills.

"Our teachers take an active role in helping student develop crucial skills such as learning to research, taking notes, or transferring facts into their own ideas" notes Paul Romani Director at Pear Tree, "kids will really get to apply what they learn to real-life projects connected to work and life."

Already known for its forward thinking approach, Pear Tree Education will also be offering students the opportunity to enrol in its afterschool program starting this March where they can experience a more hands-on approach to learning. Those enrolling in the Salmon Lifecycles course will develop their understanding even further by learning how salmon are an integral part of British Columbia's ecosystem, how fishing impacts Canada's economy, and how difficult it is for salmon to survive in the wild.

Pear Tree's new approach to learning is founded on Education 3.0's fundamentals: working collaboratively with others, learning by doing, creating new ideas, using technology meaningfully, thinking critically, and being able to apply knowledge to real life - all skills which are necessary for someone to be successful in the current economy.

Further information is available on the Pear Tree website www.pear-tree.ca

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