

## Kids get parents to go green

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Kasey Ingham, a Grade 4 student from Deep Cove elementary school helps plant alder trees along Chalet Creek.

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The Peninsula Streams Society has been busy planting trees with students from all over the Saanich Peninsula as part of the Alder Seedling Program. The program gives out alder seedlings in the spring to Grade 3 students to care for over the summer. They are then planted by the students in the fall at local restoration sites. Four hundred and thirty-five students from Prospect Lake, Brentwood, Keating, Saanichton, McTavish, Sidney and Deep Cove elementary schools took part in the program this year.

This fall, weekend planting events were held so that students and their parents could plant their trees together. Fifty returned trees were planted in Gowland-Tod Provincial Park with the assistance of volunteers and 10 families from Brentwood and Prospect Lake schools. In Adam Kerr Park, 20 families from Keating elementary helped to plant 50 trees; and in Reay Creek Park eight families from Sidney and McTavish elementaries helped to plant 30 trees. Twelve families from Deep Cove elementary helped to plant 50 trees along Chalet Creek on the Robertson property. This is the same location Deep Cove students released their fish fry in the spring.

In addition to the weekend planting trips, one class each from Saanichton and Prospect Lake schools took part in tree-planting field trips to restoration sites on private land. Thirty trees were planted on the Wallace property along Tod Creek and 40 trees were planted along Hagan Creek on the Taber property. In total, more than 225 trees were planted at the various restoration sites by Peninsula students and their families.

Peninsula Streams Society will be continuing the Alder Seedling Program in the spring of 2008 at all of the Saanich Peninsula elementary schools.

“We would like to thank all of the students, parents and volunteers for their help in growing and planting the trees,” said Peninsula Streams’ Ian Bruce. “As well, kudos to District of Central Saanich staff who cleared areas

of Adam Kerr park of blackberries so plantings could take place.” Financial support for the program was also provided by VanCity Credit Union, Thrifty Foods, and District of Central Saanich. For more information on Peninsula Streams and the work it does on the Peninsula, go to [www.peninsulastreams.org](http://www.peninsulastreams.org).

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