



Stream of Dreams™ Watershed Education and Community Art Elementary School Program

This program description is specific to the LICA region

How does the program work?

Who participates?

The entire school participates, staff as well as students, and usually several parents.

What fence will hold the mural?

Any chain link fence: on school property, parkland, or other public land or on private land. The more visible the fence is to the general public, the more people will learn about the streams in their neighbourhood. Obtain permission to use the fence from the owner of the property (school board if on school property). Anticipate that the mural will be on the fence for at least 5 years, a lasting legacy. Check maintenance plans for the fence so the mural does not need to be taken down before its time.

What does our school have to do?

Your project coordinator or project team gets staff, students and parents excited about the project and arranges for volunteers to raise funds, schedule the workshops, and help with the installation. Your school provides a well-ventilated space with 6 - 10 tables for the painting portion of the workshops. The watershed education portion is presented in each classroom. You may want to invite a Stream of Dreams representative to make a brief presentation to your PAC/Staff to describe how the program works and to answer questions.

What does Stream of Dreams Murals Society (SDMS) provide?

- Planning, watershed research, guidance with fundraising.
- All supplies for the workshops, including fully prepared handmade wooden fish for each student.
- A Stream of Dreams team of environmental and art instructors for the watershed education and wooden fish painting workshops: up to 6 classes a day with about 45 minutes for each portion of the two-part workshops, for a total of 1.5 hours per class.
- Mural Installation within a day or two after the workshops including a sign for the mural.
- Your mural will be added to the Stream of Dreams & LICA's website, Facebook page, and other publications as deemed fit.

What does the program cost?

The total cost of Stream of Dreams is \$17/person participating in the program. LICA operates under grants that may cover a portion or the full amount. See the application below

Example: A school with 220 students and 15 staff members will have a cost of

235 people x \$17 = \$3,995



Frequently Asked Questions

How soon can we do the project?

Depending on the workshop schedule and availability of fish we can schedule your project as soon as two months.

What is the environmental education component?

In the Stream Talk the science instructor talks with the students about their local rivers and streams, how the students are connected to waterways through storm drains in the streets and indoor drains in homes and buildings, and how the students can help take care of waterways. Students then hear the story behind the Stream of Dreams project and are invited to do their part to help keep our streams and rivers healthy. The instructor uses maps, models, posters, pictures, and other props to help the students understand the concepts presented. Presentations are tailored to fit the age group.

What about vandalism?

Vandalism has occurred to some degree on a few existing murals, but in general, has not affected their beauty or effectiveness as stream awareness artwork. When you have a chain link fence with hundreds of charming fish, like a school of fish in a stream, lake, or ocean, some are bound to disappear – perhaps caught by predators or maybe kept as a pet. But like fish in the wild, even though a few are lost or injured along the way, the school of fish or the Stream of Dreams carries on.

Are there signs on the murals?

Stream of Dreams provides a standard sign for each mural. An additional sign is usually created to thank the sponsors and contributors to the project.

Stream of Dreams is a copyrighted and trademarked program to be presented only by instructors trained and licensed by the Stream of Dreams Murals Society.





Stream of Dreams Application Form

Please read the Stream of Dreams Project Description before filling out your application, thank you.

General Information

Application Date:

Name:

E-mail:

Phone #:

School:

Position at the School:

School Address:

Have you applied for Stream of Dreams before? When?

Questions

1. Number of Classes in the School: _____

Number of Students in Each Grade:

Kindergarten:

Grade 5:

Grade 10:

Grade 1:

Grade 6:

Grade 11:

Grade 2:

Grade 7:

Grade 12:

Grade 3:

Grade 8:

Staff:

Grade 4:

Grade 9:

Total:





2. Does your school have a chain linked fence which your school has ownership of?

- Yes, we have a chain linked fence, and the school has ownership.
- Yes, we have a chain linked fence, but the school does not have ownership of the fence
- No, we do not have a chain linked fence, but there is community fence we have permission to use
- No, we do don't have a chain link fence we can use

3. Please provide a description or sketch of the location of your fence in relation to your school and surrounding roads (please label roads):

4. Please explain why you are interested in participating in the Stream of Dreams Program.





9. Please describe the support system you have in place for the Stream of Dreams program, and please attach a signed letter of support from the school principal. *Please Note: schools are expected to read and sign our Stream of Dreams Memorandum of Understanding upon acceptance which outlines the reciprocal nature of this program.*

10. Please list at least two desired one-week options within the months of May, June, September, or October for Stream of Dreams to be delivered:

11. How did you hear of LICA's Stream of Dreams Program? Have you taken part in other LICA Programs? If so, please list below:

Please send in your application to Stephanie Sampson at outreach@lica.ca or mail/drop off your application at 5107 50 Street, Box 8237, Bonnyville AB, T9N 2J5

If you have any questions regarding the application process please get in touch using the e-mail above or by calling 780-812-2182.

Thank you for interest in our program!

Stream of Dreams Murals Society
in partnership with
LICA – Environmental Stewards

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School Capacity Check List

Stream of Dreams is delighted your school has invited the Fish on Fences program to your students, teachers, and staff. We strive to have a positive, informative, and fun visit with your school resulting in a beautiful mural that will be cherished for years to come.

This capacity form outlines what is required to host a successful Fish on Fences program. To prevent additional fees please review this checklist carefully before committing to the Stream of Dreams project.

Please read and endorse our School Capacity Checklist:

1. Provision of Suitable Space:

Can your school provide a suitable space for the Stream of Dreams art room and watershed workshop presentation?

It's crucial that any space allocated for the Stream of Dreams art room remains exclusively available for our use during the entire duration of our visit, which can range from 1 to 10 days depending on your student population.

We are unable to disassemble and reassemble our art room to accommodate other user groups. We strongly recommend informing user groups and coordinating alternative space for them. **ANY verbal abuse or intimidation directed at our educators or vandalism to our art room by these groups will result in automatic additional fees.*

For schools with an enrollment exceeding 400 students, gyms or an equivalent large space are necessary for fish painting, fish drying, colour sorting, and wire attachment.



Our watershed presentation room can be shared with other groups before and after school since it requires minimal setup.





2. Availability of Installation Volunteers:

Does your school have volunteers available for the installation process? Our design team will need 6 to 8 volunteers anywhere from 4 to 6 hours for installation day, some installations may take 2 days if over 700 fish.

Please ensure that enough volunteers (6-8) are readily available and committed to installing fish securely on the fence until the last fish is in place.

We need help twisting the ties to attach the fish safely and securely to the fence. Installation is not suited for students. Insufficient volunteers during installation may incur additional fees.

3. Consistency in Leadership:

Will your school maintain consistency in leadership? Fundraising for Stream of Dreams can take several months. While we're happy to assist, we need consistent leadership to sustain enthusiasm for the project and ensure our team is welcome at your school. **If there is a change in school administration, please make sure the new leadership understands the conditions of this capacity form.**

Do your teachers and staff actively support Stream of Dreams visiting your school? It is essential that teachers actively engage in the full 90 minutes of Stream of Dreams programming.

Fish on Fences is designed to be 'teacher-friendly' and aligns with the curriculum for each grade. Our mission is to change behaviour and protect fish habitat, delivering crucial messages and lessons beyond the beautiful mural.

We kindly request that teachers remain with their class during the presentation and fish painting ...each teacher will be able to paint a fish of their own.

We can't do this without the support of teachers, so we respectfully ask that teachers stay with their class during the presentation and fish painting.

4. Timely Invoice Payment:

Can you school commit to paying the invoice within 30 days of receiving it? Stream of Dreams Murals Society does not invoice your school until the project is complete and the last fish is installed onto the fence. Some of our projects may conclude near the end of the school season, and we aim to avoid unpaid invoices lingering over the summer months.

Failure to pay the invoice with 30 days will incur a 2% interest charge on the outstanding amount.





Compliance with these terms is vital to ensuring the smooth execution of your school’s Stream of Dreams project, offering an exceptional experience for your students, teachers, staff, our team, and the Stream of Dreams organization.

If the capacity requirements outlined here are agreed upon and not followed, Stream of Dreams reserves the right to charge **an additional fee of 10% of the total invoice*** to cover associated costs related to our time and/or travel expenses.

Name and address of school:

Number of students:

Program Fees

Wood fish at \$7 per student:

Program fee at \$10 per student (Covered by LICA)

Teacher fish at \$7 per person:

Subtotal:

Total estimate:

By signing this form, I confirm that my school will adhere to the conditions specified in the four points of the Capacity Checklist. Stream of Dreams as outlined in the four Capacity Check List points. Please have your school Principal sign or co-sign on this form

Signature

Date

Name (Printed)

School Position/Title: _____
Principal

Name and address of school

Number of students _____ Number of teachers & staff _____

