

WINTER NEWSLETTER

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HOW WE PERSEVERED THROUGH A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

As we say "good riddance" to 2020, and welcome 2021, we bring you our very first newsletter! We think it's important to acknowledge the growth and change we all experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic. As parents and teachers know too well, the pandemic has had a huge affect on schools and education.

Covid-19 made it impossible for Nature Vision to continue operating strictly inperson and in-classroom programs, as we always have. So instead, we adapted!

- Our first major adaptation was creating (from scratch) enough <u>free</u>
 <u>downloadable remote learning packets</u> to fill a backpack. (Did remote
 students even use backpacks this year?) Packets are accessible for teachers,
 parents, and caregivers for at-home learning.
- The next was creating <u>remote learning programs</u> and transitioning to teaching programs over <u>video call</u>. (More about this on the next page.)
- At the same time, the <u>Nature Vision Preschool</u> has been able to remain open through the pandemic by following rigorous state mandates and guidelines for in-person learning. This included converting all learning to completely outdoors this school year!

What's next? We continue to adapt. We are recording more of our popular programs as funding becomes available, and delivering programs via video call to more grade levels.

We hope that 2021 brings us back into the classroom, but no matter what, we are confident in our ability to continue to reach students in King and Snohomish Counties in as many different ways as we need to deliver quality science lessons!

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HOW WE ARE CHANGING DURING THE PANDEMIC

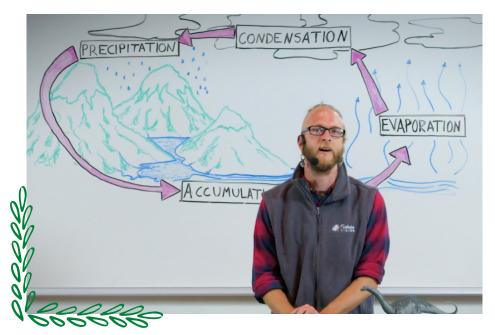
NEW PROGRAM OFFERINGS





We need your support!

Donations help us to provide programming and support to as many classrooms as possible.



THE VIRTUAL PROGRAM RUNDOWN

We know what you're thinking...

"What do these new virtual programs look like?"

- **Pre-recorded Videos and Remote Learning Activity Bundle Programs**: We converted some of our most loved programs into prerecorded video lessons with Nature Vision educators, curriculum for student activities, and an optional live 15-minute Q&A session for the class. These remote lessons are formatted for synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- Full-length Video Call Programs: Almost all of our lessons can be taught by a Nature Vision educator via a video call with the class. We use a combination of demonstrations, slideshows, videos, and group activities to engage students.

"Are you still doing inperson programs?"

Yes! Keeping in accordance with public health and school district guidelines we can accommodate in-person programs with 15 students max at a time. All outdoors, physically distanced, and fully masked.

"What is the cost?"

As always, our programs are made available for free to most schools via their city and water district funders. Some schools and PTSAs fund programs for their classes. Remote programs are \$85 per class.

"How do I sign up?"

Peruse our offerings on our website and register here!

To find free programs for your K-12 class or for registration help, email info@naturevision.org



Educator Dandy teaching a *Toadally Amphibians*program over video call



Co-educator Gandl being held up to the camera









