



Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence
M. Maye Davis
Biography

Maye Davis currently teaches at Lake Trail Middle School in Courtenay.

Maye's inspiration for environmental conservation came from her parents, who taught her to respect and celebrate the beauty of the outdoors and the importance of recycling and growing your own food. She began her long teaching career near Edmonton where she started an outdoor winter survival, wildlife identification and recreation course that was 'wildly' popular with her students. Before leaving Alberta, Maye completed her Masters Degree in Secondary Science Curriculum and Instruction and also taught Science Teaching Methods at the University of Alberta.

During her seventeen years at Lake Trail Middle School as a Science teacher, Maye has made exceptional contributions to her school and the community in environmental awareness. For example, Maye has been the teacher-sponsor for the Lake Trail Middle School Environment Club, which runs all the recycling programs at the school, participates in assemblies to raise awareness of environmental issues, initiates schoolyard "greening" projects, run fund-raisers in order to donate to local wildlife rescue societies, and arranges educational field trips. For the past fourteen years, Maye has involved the Environment Club and her regular classes in the conservation and protection of nearby Morrison Creek and Park. In order to be successful in this important project, Maye liaised with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Salmonid Enhancement programs.

Maye has also reached out to the community, helping to found a local stewardship and educational society called 'Comox Valley Project Watershed'. The mission of this society is to promote community stewardship of the Comox Valley watersheds, through education, information and action. With the support and inspiration of Project Watershed and School District #71, Maye has been instrumental in the establishment of a District-wide recycling program in the local schools, Earth Days, Rivers Days, Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanups, Stream of Dreams, Streamkeepers and Wetlandkeepers Courses.