**Field Trip to Waste Management Facility**

**Lesson 5**

**Purpose:** To kick off the program, we really wanted to expose students to waste management systems so they could see the amount of waste generated in their community and to witness the steps that have been taken to sort and reuse materials where possible.

**Materials:**

\*permission forms

\*any pre questions you might want to focus on

**Procedure:**

1. Phone the Parksville Transfer Station (Church Road Transfer Station (250)248-5254)

Or the Nanaimo Regional Landfill (email Debbie swf@rdn.bc.ca for available programs)

to arrange a visit.

Note: You can also contact Kevin Gazetti (Phone: (250) 722-2044 Ext: 3225).

2. Send permission forms home. The transfer station also requires a signed waiver from all students and adults.

3. Enjoy the wonderful tours given by these two facilities.

4. When you arrive back at school, have a follow up discussion.

Some Questions to Ask:

What surprised you the most about this facility?

Instead of throwing things out, what items could you recycle?

What were some materials that you were surprised could be repurposed?

More questions will arise as you discuss.

**Extension Activity:**

Students could write a sensory paragraph about their experience.

Or

Students could write a futuristic story of what the world might be like if we don’t manage waste properly.