



Ripples Classroom Project Information

You are receiving this handout because your child’s teacher has chosen to bring Ripples—a youth art zine created annually for World Water Day—into their classroom, and your child has created something that they would like to submit to the zine.

What is World Water Day?

World Water Day takes place annually on March 22nd. It was started by the United Nations in 1993 to celebrate water and raise awareness of global water issues. Each year, World Water Day is given a theme. This year, the theme for World Water Day is: Glacier preservation.

What is Ripples?

Ripples is a youth arts zine celebrating and released annually on World Water Day. The zine features artwork, photography, poetry, and prose from BC residents between the ages of 6 and 25. Ripples was first released in 2021, making this year’s zine the fifth issue. This year, Ripples is being published by the [University of Victoria Sustainability Project](#), in partnership with the [POLIS Water Sustainability Project](#) and [NatureKidsBC](#). Like World Water Day, each issue of Ripples also has a theme. This year, the theme of Ripples is “Stories told by ice”, corresponding to the theme of World Water Day.

With this theme, the organizations behind Ripples hope to inspire submissions reflecting on personal experiences of awe, tenderness, and grief rooted in relationships to ice; narratives of ice communicating the ways glacial and fluvial processes have unequivocally shaped every aspect of the places people live; stories encapsulating the many forms of ice and water, and more! Exploring the intrinsic interconnectedness of humans and water with a special emphasis on ice, Ripples is a celebration, collaborative reflection, an invitation to rethink watershed governance through art, and an urgent reminder that action is needed to support the health of BC’s watersheds—including ice, snow, and glaciers—now and into the future.

What should you know about making a submission to Ripples?

The zine is primarily distributed online, but a small run of print copies is also made each year. If your child submits to Ripples, they will be asked to provide a photo of themselves, first name and last initial, age, pronouns if they wish to share them, and a short bio about themselves as an artist. You must consent to this information being shared in the zine if your child submits.

How can you help your child make their submission?

Parental or guardian consent is required for submissions from kids and youth under the age of 18. If your child under the age of 18 hopes to submit the art they made at school to Ripples, and you as their parent or guardian give your consent, please assist them in filling out [this](#) form. Thank you for your support of bringing impact-filled community art projects into the classroom!