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# THE FIELDSTEM REPORT

SUMMER REWIND

## DIRECTORS CORNER

Greetings Friends! We are pleased and honored to work with so many of you to bring FieldSTEM into Washington State classrooms. It is because of your ongoing support that educators across the state are being empowered to teach real-world science outdoors.

We are boldly expanding our reach to include five regions across the state - the Coast, Puget Sound, Southwest, Central and Eastern Washington. Our outreach and engagement efforts will be facilitated by PEI FieldSTEM Coordinators and highly-skilled PEI Faculty. Our ambitious goal is to engage up to 25 new districts by the end of 2017!



Dr. Margaret Tudor  
Executive Director

## PROGRAM NEWS

What a summer it has been! PEI's professional learning opportunities spanned from the Coast to Spokane and engaged 84 educators. Demand is building as educators see the value in our FieldSTEM Plus: Integrated Learning Model and are ready to implement into their classrooms.



### **Ocean Science: Inquiry In Action**

*Forks, WA*

In partnership with NOAA, a great group of educators joined staff from PEI, the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and Feiro Marine Life Center for a 3-day workshop focused on creating relevant field investigations for their students.

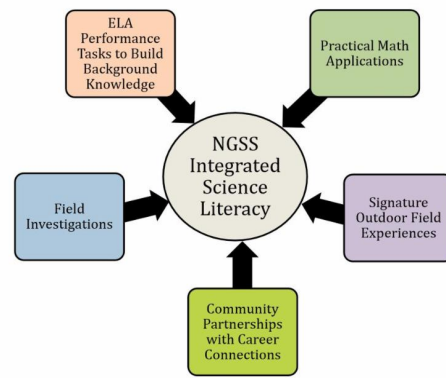
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**Summer FieldSTEM Institutes**

*Vancouver & Spokane*

Pat Otto and Nancy Skerritt led a two-day institute designed to assist teachers navigate the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and ELA Common Core Standards by exploring NGSS Science and Engineering Practices and ELA performance assessments using the outdoors as the classroom.

[Learn More](#)



## Watershed Facilitator Training

*Wenatchee, WA*

Columbia River Watershed Facilitators were trained to work with educators to incorporate The River Mile and FieldSTEM® into their science teaching.

[Read More](#)

## WE ARE GROWING!

Please join us in welcoming our newest team members!



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### Denise Kilkenny-Tittle Puget Sound FieldSTEM Coordinator

We are excited to welcome Denise Kilkenny-Tittle, who holds a B.S. in Elementary/Middle School Education and a M.S. in Natural Resources: Environmental Education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and a B.S. in Forest Recreation Resource Management and B.S. in Sociology from Oregon State University-Corvallis. She recently left teaching elementary students to join the PEI staff as the Puget Sound FieldSTEM Coordinator. Formerly, Kilkenny-Tittle was the Wisconsin Groundwater Guardian Coordinator; a Park Ranger for the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho, Colorado, and Oregon; and a Project Learning Tree Facilitator in eastern Idaho.

### Lauren Rodriguez Director of Development

We are thrilled to introduce Lauren, the perfect addition to



our PEI Team. She brings years of development management experience to PEI and will work with our Board and Executive Team to drive the goals and objectives in our NEW Strategic Plan. She has already made great strides and much needed improvements to the heart of our organization. Her passion for education, collaborative nature, and positive attitude creates the perfect recipe to move our mission forward!

[Connect with Lauren](#)

## FALL PREVIEW

### ***Don't Miss Out!***

Upcoming workshops are posted to our [calendar](#). Be sure to check often for offerings in your region

#### **October 8th**

Early Childhood Workshop

*Puget Sound Region*

***[Register Now!](#)***

#### **October 22nd**

Drain Rangers! Secondary Stormwater Curriculum

*West Sound Region*

***[Registration is Now Open!](#)***



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### ***Coming November 10-12, 2016***

**National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Conference  
Portland, OR**

Along with our Shelton School District partners, we will present:

- Engaging Students in Place-Based Learning Through a FieldSTEM Experience
- The Role of Community Partnerships in FieldSTEM Plus
- FieldSTEM Plus: An Integrate Learning Model

*Stay tuned for further details!*



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**PEI is an OSPI  
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*Connect with Us!*

