

# Heartwood Learning Community



## Let's Do This Together

We believe that strong relationships are essential to a child's openness to learning. In our small group settings, teachers are able to develop close relationships with each child and guide the process of discovery. Parents have a unique opportunity to collaborate with teachers and contribute to the learning space and learning community. Teachers and parents work together to co-create each child's home and classroom learning plans and continue to communicate closely throughout the year, to share discoveries and interests, struggles and successes.

## Experiencing Community

Experiential learning is always deepest and most meaningful. Every day, we inspire the children by taking them on adventures, full of music, drama, art, trips to the woods and other places in the community. We encourage getting hands dirty, experimenting, and tinkering. In this way, we integrate learning with rich, sensory experiences for a more meaningful and relevant education. Our relationship with the family and the local community is an integral part of the learning, experience, and parents and siblings are welcomed in the classroom.

## Natural Curiosity and Love of Learning

Motivation is key to all learning. At Heartwood we focus on working with each child's interests, natural curiosity, imagination and joy of discovery in order to engage their deep attention. Our goal is to have each child's developmental needs recognized, honoured and met. We offer a supported personalized home learning program for each family that allows parents to be involved with all aspects of their child's education, rather than sending them to school.

- Ask questions and identify creative solutions
- Engage in discussions about big ideas
- Deepen their understanding by making personal connections
- Work collaboratively with their peers
- Recognize their own value and the value of others
- Apply what they learn to real world issues and challenges



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## Finding Options That Work

Heartwood Learning is supported by the new BC curriculum and is delivered through BC certified teachers, co-facilitated by parents, and enhanced by community mentors. Our small group learning communities are typically eight to fifteen students, with a multi-age environment that encourages growth and collaboration. Families can choose to participate in monthly shared activities, which depend on location and are planned by the families involved. These can include activities such as field trips, workshops, movie nights, or sports days.



## Accessible Learning

Heartwood Learning Communities are currently available in Okanagan Falls, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Salt Spring Island, Tofino, Victoria, Duncan, and Nanaimo. A Heartwood Learning Community can be made available in your community, with as few as 7 students anywhere in BC. The program is free to BC residents, and each family is provided with a budget for learning resources which can include such things as music lessons, art supplies, or access to sports opportunities. Portfolio conferencing that present student learning is done 3 times each year, as required by the BC Ministry of Education.

## Navigate – Heartwood Learning Community



Navigate offers Heartwood Learning programs throughout the province as well as the option of online courses. Navigate has been recognized both nationally and internationally as a leader in blended learning, building flexible learning plans that work for each student. Navigate has been awarded the 2016 Canadian Innovators in Education Award from the Canadian Education Association (CEA) and Readers Digest magazine, and the prestigious iNACOL (International Association for K-12 Online Learning) award for Innovative Blended and Online Learning in 2014.



## Get started today!

Heartwood Learning is a great option for parents who want to stay connected with their kids, and who want an alternative to stressful commuting schedules, social anxiety, and a one size fits all learning approach. Visit [NavigateNides.com](http://NavigateNides.com) to select your program of choice and fill out the online enrollment form.

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