

# TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY

## 2018 SUMMARY



“ Take Me Outside Day is an excellent reminder to take students out on to the land, and allow them to be kids, to explore, to learn, to be physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually well. ”

- Teacher at Morley Community School, Morley, AB

# IN 2018 WE CELEBRATED THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY

Take Me Outside (TMO) Day supports outdoor, environmental, place-based education, inviting teachers to take their classes outside for at least 1 hour on October 24th. Although we offer resources and ideas to educators, there are no rules or stipulations – teachers have the freedom and autonomy to make this outdoor learning experience what they want, be it curriculum linked or simply promoting play. Evidence-based and peer reviewed research is showing the value of learning outside; Take Me Outside Day is an opportunity to collectively raise awareness across Canada about the importance of extending the learning environment beyond four walls and a desk.

“It is wonderful to see the schoolyard come alive with students engaged in discovery-based learning. We all go home with a new appreciation of the possibility of learning outdoors.”

– Teacher, Country Day School, King City, ON



“We are in X3. I teach at a high school and will be taking three different classes outside for TMO Day this October 24th. Thanks for providing a great reminder that not all learning takes place in a classroom.”

–Teacher, Kelsey School Division, MBt

## 1000+

schools from Gander to Ucluelet to Yellowknife

## 200,000

students & educators learning and playing outside on October 24

## 8333

days of outdoor time across Canada

## 87,000

twitter impressions & trending nationally on October 24

## “

We loved being outside. We did some science and got to move and run around. My students stopped and listened to instructions better than they did inside, they were more invested in the lesson.

– Winnipeg MB

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## ALL AGES. ALL ABILITIES. SCHOOLS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTRY.

Take Me Outside Day is for everyone. Simple, fun and effective.  
An accessible entry point for a life-long love of learning in the great outdoors!

“ Une belle journée à l'extérieure pour les élèves de 6e année de l'école Notre-Dame. Des mathématiques, du français, de la chimie, de l'activité physique et bien du plaisir! ”  
- Edmundston, NB

“ [TMO Day] is giving awareness to teachers and students (which is super important for both) on the importance of getting outside! It also shows that you can still have fun and LEARN outside, that it doesn't just have to be recess times. It was also a lovely opportunity for different classes and age groups to come together and do different activities. I find that sometimes teachers are scared to take their kids outside, because they feel it is not curriculum focused or that the students are not learning anything. But it is quite the contrary!! So many curricular areas are covered, and the kids are having fun in the process! ”  
- Teacher, Bond Lake Public School, Richmond Hill, ON

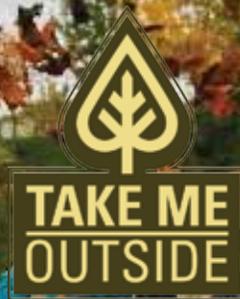
“ TMO Day reminds all staff how important it is to make time to get the students outside and gives us great examples of activities that we can do related to the curriculum. ”

-Teacher, Saint John, NB

“ The students were so up for learning outside even though in Calgary it was very windy. The Ukulele lesson was interrupted by flying ukulele cases, we had cloud sketching, word wall chalk art, kickball, silent reading, leaf rubbing, exploring and much more. The children all benefitted from being outside in our environment, an environment it is sometimes easy to forget is out there when you are teaching and learning hard in a classroom. ”

- Corpus Christi School, Calgary, AB





Since inception, more than 1 million students have participated in Take Me Outside Day. Can we get to 1 million in a single day? That's our goal. With your help we can!

We work collaboratively with many groups and organizations across the country to continually grow participation in TMO Day and expand outdoor learning and playing time.

#### Thank you to our partners



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