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City welcomes local students to Dogwood Operations Centre

Dumptrucks, loaders, snow plows and street sweepers will once again wow Campbell River students when they tour the Dogwood Operations Centre.

Over the last five years, more than 1,500 School District 72 students have toured Campbell River's Dogwood Operations Centre, with a chance to climb aboard and learn how the City keeps the community clean and safe.

This year, 18 classes of children attending Kindergarten to Grade 3 will get a close-up look and tour of the location that dispatches help related to water, sewer, roads and parks services.

"Each May during national Public Works Week, we appreciate the opportunity to tell the kids how we contribute to the community, and teachers tell us the kids enjoy the chance to ride along in some of the City's heavy equipment," says Jason Decksheimer, the City's asset management supervisor. *"Our employees talk about their work, and might even inspire future public works employees."*

Students learn about where the community's drinking water comes from, how sanitary sewer is treated and where it goes, how the roads are kept safe in the winter, and what it takes to keep the acres of City sports fields in good shape.

Students also ride in some of the City's heavy duty equipment, lift up a pickup truck with a vehicle hoist and operate an overhead crane.

"These tours provide a great opportunity for our students to learn more about their city in a fun manner," says Superintendent Tom Longridge. *"It is a highlight for many of our younger classes and we appreciate how graciously the City and all who work at the Dogwood Operations Centre welcome our students."*

The City also provides tours for local daycare centers, home school groups, and the Qwallayuw Aboriginal Head Start Program.

Find out more information about National Public Works Week online at: <http://cpwa4.cpwa.net/PageDetails/5671>

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