



Elephant Thoughts
Educational Outreach
Where Teachers Make Change

BUILDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION TOGETHER

Culture Exciting Science Projects Daily Children's Programs

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Exciting, Professional, Effective You receive the country's best programs created and run by teachers.

"With Elephant Thoughts' help, students from grades primary to 12 have access to a wide range of interactive, age-appropriate activities that are both academically stimulating and culturally relevant."

Mi'kmaq Maliseet Nations News

Community Engagement

Positive energy spreads throughout the whole community.

We Do It All Register, plan, schedule, promote and deliver.

Hiring Locally By hiring one full-time assistant and up to six teenage helpers, we keep a large portion of funds local.

Promote Local Culture and Language by hiring local teachers, elders and artists to participate in the programs.

We Leave You Stronger Tangible, life-lasting skills, employability and professional training remain with you.

Unique, Award-Winning Education We are a multiple award-winning organization with a community-wide approach like no other.

We Are Non-Profit your money goes the programs, not to the bottom line of a for-profit company.



PROGRAM LEADERS
Tobique First Nation

"My son really enjoyed the unique and creative education programs he took part in. Elephant Thoughts has been a blessing to our Tobique First Nation children. They just haven't had many opportunities to do anything like this before."

The staff were all professional and great with the kids." Sarah Nicholas



Engaging the Whole Community...Children, Parents, Elders

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY NIGHT

The community is invited to learn alongside their kids.

Topics include: Telescope viewing • Cultural programs • Animal shows • Dinosaur exhibits • Science shows and fun nights with laser tag and science stations • Body zorbs • Portable planetarium • Guest speakers, and lots more.

AFTER SCHOOL HANDS-ON PROGRAMS

Elementary hands-on science, art and culture programs will have kids bubbling with excitement.

WEEKEND PROGRAMMING (elementary / middle)

Topics include: Outdoor survival • Active science • Fun laser tag • Human hamster balls • Art and music • Environment • Storytelling with elders.

"In survival camp, we had s'mores, learned new knots, learned how to make a fire and how to make a tripod for a shelter."

Shyanne, Grade 4, Sipekne'katik First Nation

IN-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

We have a large selection of portable, museum-quality interactive programs that fill the gym with awesome equipment:

climb inside giant inflatable endangered animals to assemble their guts or join in a mock fossil dig!

TOPICS: Space and Astronomy • Muscle Heads • Health and Fitness • Structures and Engineering • Renewable Energy • Dinosaurs and Paleontology • Endangered Species, and more.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Schools are offered many *curriculum-based, in-class programs designed to help teach relevant topics*, hands-on, right in the classroom. Teachers choose equipment and workshops for every area of the Provincial science and tech curriculum.

CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Elders and speakers are paid to join our programs to give mini-lessons for the kids, story tell, or share their expertise and local language. Our specialists will invite

local culture teachers to join us to teach outdoor survival, plant and tree identification, animal tracking, bird calling and much more.

"My granddaughter learned a lot about Mi'kmaq culture from a science point of view and she's really enjoyed all the activities that they've put on...they're very hands on, it's a beautiful program. I'd recommend it for any community."

Sally Gill, Sipekne'katik



High-tech Equipment



Survival Training



Planetarium



Fun Learning



Zoo Guts Inflatables



Traditional Skills





BRINGING EXCITEMENT TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY



*Velvet Paul • Education Liaison Officer
Sipekne'katik First Nation*

THE STEPS TO COMMUNITY EXCITEMENT

Filming of the Program For longer programs (6 weeks and 12 weeks) mentors will be given equipment and training to create a small documentary video of the whole community experience. It can be shared on **YouTube** and during the community wrap-up celebration.

Contacting Local Media To spread the word, we will reach out to every media outlet in the area—TV and newspaper, and invite them to do a story on the community and its initiative of community wide education.

Facebook Campaigns Daily **Facebook** posts on a page designed just for this experience will excite the community and keep the conversation going.

You Tube Postings Short videos created by our teen mentors and assistant will be uploaded to **YouTube** for the entire community to get excited about the lessons.



*SKY PERLEY
General Manager ET Tobique*

Skills We Leave Behind Last a Life-time We will create children's books in English as well as the local indigenous language during our 12 week program. In cooperation with a selected high-school class or group of students, we will create several children's stories, complete with illustrations. Children will learn from writers and artists and work alongside speakers to translate the books and write them in their own indigenous language, (including phonetically), to be used as teaching aids for years to come. The books will be published in hard copy and presented to the community.

Teen Mentor Employability Training We hire up to 6 teenagers in each community to serve as junior leaders and mentors to the younger students. Our mentors also participate in skills development including:

Professional Skills • Resume Writing • Managing Money at College • Cooking Healthy on a Budget

Grant Writing Workshop All communities may choose to take advantage of a two-day workshop on writing grants and finding money for programs and infrastructure for the community.

"Parents and elders in Sipekne'katik who have come out to participate in our community workshops, are proof of the high value they place on a quality education that is rooted in the customs language and traditions of our people." Mi'kmaq Maliseet Nations News

Professional Development for Teachers

Elephant Thoughts is first and foremost a teacher based organization—and we love to share our knowledge.

Schools may choose from a menu of exciting, interactive PD workshops, including our widely popular: **How to Make Science Exciting and Fun in the Classroom**. Teachers spend an afternoon head to toe in slimy fun, learning exciting experiments with simple materials.



*REBECCA BROWN
Assistant Manager ET Tobique*



COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS MONEY WELL SPENT

A portion of every budget stays in the community. We hire 1 local assistant and 3 local teenagers, as well as elders to participate in the program.

PROGRAM PRICING

3 weeks \$27,000 • 6 weeks \$59,000 • 12 weeks \$94,000

Prices include: all materials, instructors, travel, accommodation and equipment.*

**See discounts below when accommodation is provided by the community.*

BENEFIT COMPARISON CHART

	3 weeks	6 weeks	12 weeks
Community learning nights	2	5	10
Museum-quality workshop (topics offered to schools)	2	3	4
Weeks of in-class, curriculum-relevant workshops	1	2	2
After-school programs (weeks)	2	5	10
Teacher workshops — hands-on science	0	2	2
Grant-writing workshop for community and staff	0	1	1
Community film of experience	0	1	1
Creation of children's books translated	0	0	4
Saturday programs	3	6	12
Payments to local elders for participating	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,500
Payments to local staff	\$1,350	\$5,400	\$9,000
Payments to local teen mentors	\$900	\$1,800	\$3,000
Payments to local people as book translators	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Total amount of money staying local	\$2,250	\$9,200	\$17,500
Discount if accommodation is provided	\$3,300	\$5,670	\$7,000



TEEN MENTOR
Sipekne'katik



HAYLEY WARD
Local Teaching Assistant



CHIEF RUFUS COPAGE & STUDENT
Sipekne'katik First Nation

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