



The Safe Drinking Water Foundation Award for Excellence in Education is given to teachers who have gone the extra mile in helping us to deliver our environmental education programs to students across North America.

The SDWF has given the SDWF Award for Excellence in Education to

## Tracy Webb



We, at the Safe Drinking Water Foundation, believe that Tracy Webb deserves the SDWF Award for Excellence in Education because she is on our board of directors, has helped to develop our education programs, conducts workshops for teachers to help advertise our programs, and helps us in many other ways as well.

Tracy Webb's favourite thing about SDWF's educational programs is that they provide students and teachers with hands-on activities and explorations that are meaningful, current and important for life-long learning. The issues are well-documented and supported with additional background information for both students and teachers. In particular, the Operation Water Drop program enables students to participate in testing their own water supplies in the community they live in - performing 13 chemical tests at the high school level (7 at the elementary level). The OWD kit supplies the class with all of the tests and various apparatus required, making it a valuable "Science in a Box" resource!

Her favourite thing about teaching is working with her students, and seeing them become excited when they "get it", and exclaim - "But this is so easy now!"... She loves making science significant, fun and meaningful to them, and helping them to see the big picture of science in their everyday lives, especially with regard to environmental issues. She just loves being a teacher, and everything that it involves.

Tracy has been teaching for 23 years and she has mainly taught Science 10, Geology 12 and Chemistry 11, but also Biology 11, Math 10, gr. 9 and 8 science and math. She has also worked extensively with the elementary P - 6 curriculum with her Science Buddies program, which involved doing hands-on science sessions with entire elementary schools from P - 6 for the day.

She currently teaches in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

She believes that by participating in the Safe Drinking Water Foundation's environmental education programs students gain a better understanding of the environmental issues facing local communities, right up to the global level. Not only do these programs allow students to discover, explore and relate to issues in their own specific area, but also to develop an appreciation of challenges faced by others. The programs allow these learning experiences to be real - here and now, which gives students ownership of the learning experience, as well as developing an awareness of their responsibilities as citizens.

She has been utilizing the Safe Drinking Water Foundation's environmental education programs in her classroom for 4 years.

Tracy has also presented the Operation Water Drop program in particular several times at the Association of Science Teachers in Nova Scotia conference, and at some regional in-services in her school board. She states that teachers who have tried this program have been very enthusiastic and highly supportive about it!

Tracy utilizes the OWD program every year and will continue to use it until she retires! She has also worked with the OWP program, parts of the Template for Change program and the OWS program in her classroom.

We would like to recognize Tracy's passion for teaching by going the extra mile to help us in delivering environmental education programs to students across North America! We appreciate all of your efforts!

Are you a teacher who has gone the extra mile to deliver our programs to students? If so, please [Contact Us](#) and let us know what you've been up to! Thanks in advance for helping us in our efforts to deliver our environmental education programs to students!