

Students map the tap



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Students at a Vernon school have been recognized for creating awareness about water.

Uta Van Ziffle's Grade 1 class at Okanagan Landing Elementary has won the Okanagan WaterWise Map Your Tap Challenge.

"We were looking for creative submissions, showing where water in our tap originates from and how it makes its way into our homes, schools and businesses," said Corinne Jackson, the Okanagan Basin Water Board's communications director.

The six and seven-year-olds in Van Ziffle's class created a video called *Think Before You Drink*. It shows the water cycle, acting as snowflakes and raindrops, falling in streams, making their way through pipes and into a house.

"I wanted to explore how water starts in the mountains, goes into our lakes and eventually through the tap and how it's important to take care of it at every point," said Van Ziffle, who won last year while teaching Grade 2 at Mission Hill Elementary.

For a prize, the Okanagan Landing class has the choice of a pizza party and pool passes or a two-hour cruise on Okanagan Lake with a lesson on water provided by the Okanagan Science Centre.

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