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Fish Release: 3rd - 5th Graders Celebrate Releasing their Trout into the Woonasquatucket River



**2018 Award winning “Fish in the Classroom” program will culminate with
Fish release celebration by
The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council**

PROVIDENCE– Two local elementary schools will be at Riverside Park in Providence at 10 AM, to celebrate an end to the yearlong Fish in the Classroom program. On Thursday, June 6th, 2019 (rain date 6/12), 3rd – 5th grades students from William D’Abate will participate. On Monday, June 10th, 2019 (rain date 6/13), fourth grade students from Paul Cuffee Lower School will enjoy the fun. Students will release brook trout that they raised from eggs at school during the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council’s (WRWC) “Fish in the Classroom” program. While at the park, the kids will enjoy a picnic, visit the fish ladder and play lifecycle tag and other watershed games that they have learned throughout the school year. WRWC and partners, including RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Narragansett Bay Commission, The Partnership for Providence Parks, YMCA’s Y on the Move Program

and 15 Minute Field Trips, will lead fun activities. DEM Aquatic Resource Education also supports this program yearlong by providing trout, tank equipment and expertise.

The “Fish in the Classroom” program is entering its 8th year of successful programming. Last year, the program received the international 2018 Sustainability Award from Project Green Schools! THE SUSTAINABILITY AWARD - Outstanding Environmental Education Program w/ Proven Track Record of 5 or more years! We are thrilled to announce that two of our Fish in the Classroom teachers, Carmen Rodriguez and Amy Lopes of William D’Abate Elementary, have been awarded through Project Green Schools the STEM and the Future of Sustainability award for 2019.

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****Pictures to follow ****

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The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (www.wrwc.org) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that works to encourage, support and promote the restoration and preservation of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed as an environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic asset of the State of Rhode Island. The organization offers year round opportunities for the community to engage with the river and the watershed through paddle trips, bike tours, environmental education, festivals, and restoration projects.





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