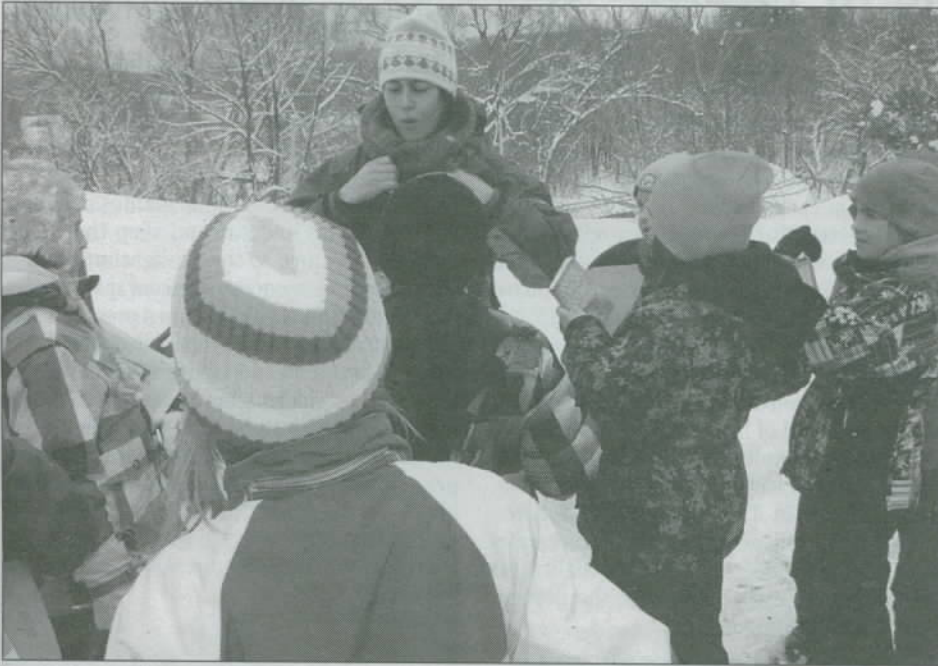


Transborder Education Program in Knowlton schools



The Ruitter Valley Land Trust (RVLT) implemented a Canada-US Transborder Educational Program, «Faune sans frontières». We see here Isabelle Grégoire, with students for Knowlton Academy.

Thanks to financial support from the Townshippers' Foundation, this Winter the Ruitter Valley Land Trust (RVLT) implemented a Canada-US Transborder Educational Program. As part of RVLT's «Faune sans frontières» programme, Environmental Educator, Isabelle Grégoire, adapted and coached «Keeping Track on the Appalachian Chain». The project was carried out in cooperation with Vermont's «Staying Connected», a 30-town initiative designed to safeguard key wildlife habitats for creatures big and small.

As part of this joint programme, a total of 80 children from Knowlton Academy, Saint-Edouard international and Jay/Westfield Elementary schools were initiated to animal tracking and wildlife corridor conservation. Over 20 hours of place-based education on natural sciences was offered to 3rd to 6th grade children who share the same ecological corridor. These young scientific detectives also took part in a field trip where they identified tracks from the following species: River Otter, Ameri-

can Mink, White-tailed Deer, Porcupine, Raccoon and Red Fox.

The program concluded with the creation of a very interesting blog, where Quebec and Vermont students and their teachers shared their experience.

«We are very excited with the idea of repeating this experience next year with the Knowlton schools; we working hard to gather the necessary funding. The project was such a great success that we are even thinking about extending the concept of transborder education in Mansonville and Eastman schools, says RVLT President, Stansje Plantenga». The public is invited to visit the blog, which will be on line for a few more weeks: <http://schoolonhike.blogspot.com/>. You will discover a new generation of sharp kids fascinated by wildlife and concerned about preserving nature's treasures. Come along and follow the tracks!

For more information on RVLT's programs: www.ruittervalley.org.



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