# Students need a break?

Take them outside! Fresh air, and physical activity will energize students & improve focus

## Need some ideas?



Ever Active Schools has a number of great lesson plans linked to Curriculum. These lessons are easy to pick up and use as outdoor activity breaks. Check them out at our online store:

http://www.everactive.org/online-store

## Where to start?



Check out the following units for a focus on outdoors:

- Alternative Environment lesson plans K-3 Set 1
- Activities on the Tarmac K-3 -Set 2
- Walking Unit outside K-3 Set 2
- Orienteering Unit 4-6 Set 1





#### Alternative Environment

**Outdoor Activities** 

#### Whoop It Up

SOCCER GOLF IN THE SCHOOL YARD

Be sure to take into account the abilities of all students when planning learning opportunities and incorporate variations as needed to ensure learning and success for all. Design an 18-hole soccer golf course on the school grounds by choosing 18 objects students will try to hit by kicking a soccer-type ball. Targets might include garbage cans, playground structures, soccer goal

posts, backstops, or benches. Draw a map of the soccer golf course, which identifies the starting 'tee' and target 'hole' for each of the 18 holes. Draw 3 boxes beside each tee on the map in which students will record the number of kicks it takes them to hit the target. Divide students into groups of 2 or 3 and provide each group with a map of the soccer golf course, a clipboard and pencil. Instruct groups to start at different holes and complete as many holes as possible in the time provided. To begin, each student will place their ball in the starting tee area and take turns kicking their respective balls towards the hole. Count and record the number of kicks needed to hit the 'hole'. Provide an opportunity for each student to choose the ball they would like to use to complete the soccer golf course and encourage students to kick the ball with both the left and right foot, as well as the inside, outside laces of their shoe and toe of each foot.

#### oh It Uh

### Safety First! For safety, equipment, and supervision considerations when planning outdoor

considerations when planning outdoor physical activities, see "Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools", Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research (ACICR) 2013, www.acicr.ca.

Clues that students are achieving

### What does Tracy Suggest?

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