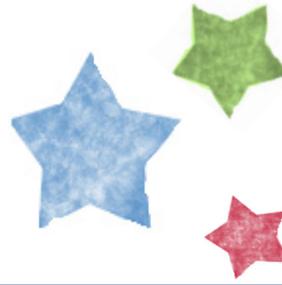




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What's
Today's
News?

ENDANGERED SPECIES NIGHT AT VERPLANCK!



What an incredible day and night for the Verplanck Elementary 5th grade scholars. On Thursday, April 30th, the gymnasium was transformed into the various habitats of Asian Endangered Species. There was representation of animals that ranged from the South Asian Box Turtle to the Asian Elephant. To set the purpose for the evening, the Student Council created a PowerPoint to present at the beginning of the event which highlighted animals that have actually become extinct in the last 100 years. Another group of scholars were selected to create video trailers of their animals using a technology tool called Animoto. When walking around this transformed location you were presented with models of a Javan Langur in a hand-crafted tree and Przewalski's horse standing in the field of grass, just to name a few. Scholars were present to discuss their endangered animal and answer any questions that were asked by the parents, teachers or guests of the community.

There were four parts that made up the entire project: research and note taking, writing an expository essay on the animal, creating a poster of the animal and creating a 3D model of the animal. The scholars began work at the end of February and the assignment was due at the end of April. A majority of the project was to be completed at home, however our generous staff created opportunities for parents and scholars to have after-school workshops to create a model of the animal. There was also an Endangered Species Week where the teachers and scholars helped to raise donations as a way to help the National Geographic Society. Our school raised over \$180.00! We are very proud of our 5th grade scholars and our whole school enjoyed an amazing day and night at this Endangered Species exhibit.

