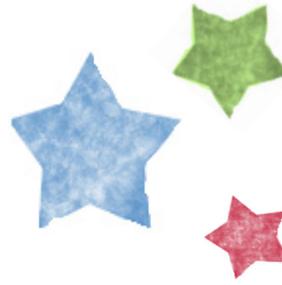




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Recently a select group of Illing Middle School students from 7th grade Team Dartmouth and the Science Club, along with their advisors Illing science teachers Matt Schardt and Ginny Schneider, visited the CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) facility at the Quinebaug Fish Hatchery in Plainfield. There they were able to learn about what the DEEP does to maintain the supply of rainbow, brook, and brown trout through artificial fertilization to stock Connecticut's rivers and ponds. The students were able to tour the four main areas of the Hatchery including the Hatch House where the fish eggs are incubated and hatched; indoor Intermediate Tanks where the fry remain as they continue to grow; outdoor Grow Out Tanks which hold the adult fish until they are needed for stocking; and the Brood Stock Raceways which is where the fish are kept that provide the eggs for the hatch house. They also got to touch an anesthetized fish to feel how slippery it was. After the tour, the group spent time at the nearby fish pond where all were able to go fishing and many caught fish.



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