

Back Into Nature

THANK YOU TO WIMBERLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION!





Thank You!

It was very generous of you to provide us with the grant that made our Back Into Nature experience possible. It was very exciting and interactive to be able to have the experience with wildlife and fossils.

Touching the snake seemed to be a common favorite. The 5th grade students learned things we had never even known about. Everyone got to hold an ostrich egg and so much more. Mr. Dave was very humorous; he made very witty jokes and made us really remember what he was talking about.





Mr. Dave



Mr. Dave Womer was an amazing teacher. He had a lot of smart wit and was very entertaining. He taught us so much! You could definitely tell he knew what he was talking about. He was quick to answer our questions and made sure to answer them in a way that was easy to understand.

Because of the grant, a lot of us learned a great amount of information. Your money went to a great lesson.

The Lizards

The lizard section was definitely another favorite. we learned many things about a variety of different lizards. we even got to pet a Blue Tongued Skink and a Bearded Dragon. The bearded dragon was very rough, but the blue tongued skink was very slick and smooth. This says a lot about their environment, as one is used to the harsh climates of the desert, while the other is native to the lush jungle. It was such a pleasure to be able to touch the lizards!





The Bones

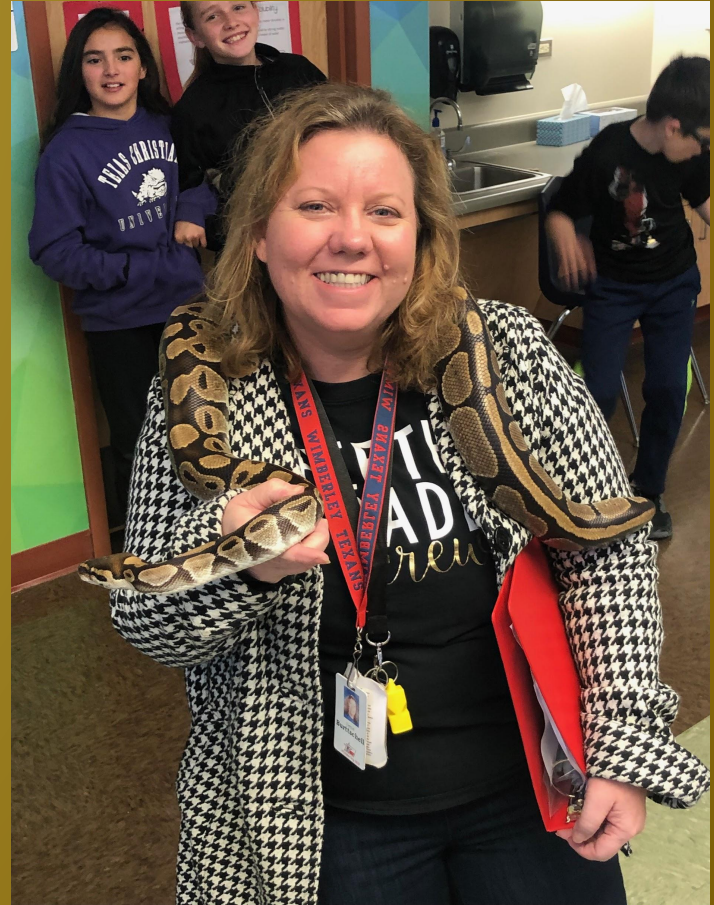
Mr. Dave presented us with bones of various birds, including a falcon skull! He also bestowed upon us an owl and hawk wing, the main bone of the wing was hollow bone! This allows the bird to actually fly. There were soft feathers at the edges of the wing that were called plummels, which allow the owls to fly silently at night when they seize their prey. There was also a coyote skull When he presented this he taught us this rhyme to tell if an animal is prey or predator, "Eyes on the side, run and they can hide. Eyes in front, they can hunt." This rhyme is actually very helpful if you want an occupation like a paleontologist, osteologist, and many others.

The Snakes

We love snakes, and to get to see one up close was very interactive and hands on. We personally learned that snakes have a spine that makes up most of its body.

Mr. Dave was a very good teacher and what he taught actually stuck instead of just slipping out of our heads.

Thank you for letting us have this wonderful experience!



The Frogs

Students learned an abundance of facts about amphibians the day Mr. Womer came to our school with his frogs. One 5th grade student, learned that frogs have slimy, damp, and sticky skin to hydrate themselves, which they do so by absorbing water through their skin.

Some tree frogs lay their eggs in water pools in bromeliads up in trees!

I learned so much with Mr. Dave; as he's a brilliant teacher. I really enjoyed this experience.

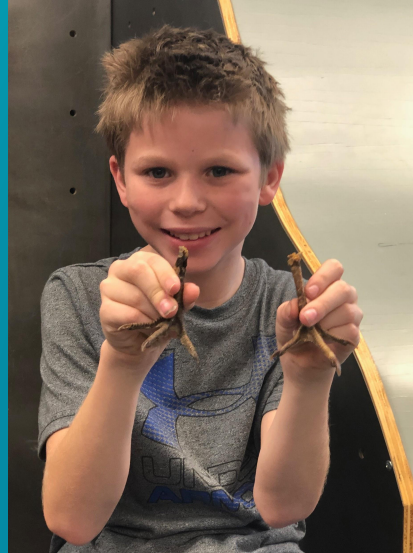


The Birds

Mr. Dave presented us, the students, with assorted parts of birds, which of were wings, talons, skulls, and nests.

Mr. Dave brought an owl wing and it was light as a feather (no pun intended). Their wings are very light so that they don't make any noise when catching prey in the night.

We also got to hold an ostrich egg which is a very strong egg. You can even stand on it and it won't break!

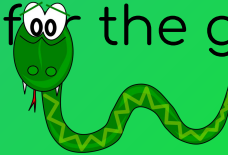


Reasons We Loved The Presentation

We loved Mr. Dave and his sense of humor, we also loved the snake he brought. We appreciated that this was a hands on experience, and we didn't have to do this with a pencil and paper, because most of school is like that.

But most of all, we got an amazing lesson with real animals!

Thank you so much for the grant!



Your \$900 dollars went very far in
our education. Our gratitude to
you is tremendously great!

-JWE 5th Grade

