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Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley educates school children to respect wild animals

More than 1,300 students in Santa Clara County have participated

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic severely limiting in-person learning, the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (WCSV) has continued its free educational programs through virtual visits to classrooms and other online meetings.

“Teachers are looking for ways to keep their students engaged during distance learning,” says Michael Chen, Outreach Coordinator at WCSV. “We are able to bring captivating video presentations to their classrooms that offer a change of pace during these difficult times.”

WCSV has presented virtually over 45 times, reaching over 1,300 students in Santa Clara County through individual classroom visits, and a district-wide after-school presentation open to all students and their families.

Presentations educate students on how to coexist peacefully with local wildlife, what to do if they find sick, injured, or orphaned wild animals, and what the rehabilitation and release process is at WCSV.

Teachers have the option of requesting information tailored to a specific unit topic or area of interest.

“The seventh grade Next Generation Science Standards in California emphasizes a strong understanding of Earth’s four spheres and their interconnectedness,” says Joyce Tang, a seventh-grade science teacher at Thomas Russell Middle School in Milpitas. “The presentations perfectly addressed the idea of connections, from how food chains connect one species to another, to how humans traverse and encroach into the wildlife habitat.”

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Free presentations:
Grades K-12
WCSV presents at no cost to all grades K-12, extracurricular groups, and adult groups. Interested parties can register online at wcsv.org/outreach, or email Michael Chen at mchen@wcsv.org.

WCSV Facts
Established in 1993, Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (WCSV) is a wildlife rehabilitation hospital dedicated to providing sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with exceptional care, rehabilitation, and the opportunity for release.

WCSV also aims to educate the public about coexisting peacefully with local wildlife. Each year, WCSV takes in over 6,000 native animals with the goal of rehabilitating and releasing them back into the wild.

For more information on WCSV, visit www.wcsv.org.

Vander Zee
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Vander Zee has been recognized by his peers in education as the National Principal of the Year – California, Middle Grades Principal of the Year, and Administrator of the Year.

The new superintendent served as the Principal of James Lick High School, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, and the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources in the East Side Union High School District. In each of these positions, Vander Zee worked collaboratively with fellow educators to develop clear outcomes, positive relationships and innovations toward improved student outcomes.

“It is my honor to be selected as the District’s Superintendent,” Vander Zee said. “I am humbled by the Board’s selection and look forward to working with the amazing team of educators and professionals in the East Side community and to continue the work towards building equitable educational communities and opportunities for our students and families.”

Vander Zee resides in San Jose with his wife and their two children.

WHAT’S UP, BOB?
Keith Stephens, a resident of the Silver Creek Valley Country Club captured this photo of a Bobcat at his home using his Bushnell Trophy Field Cam this week.