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OEC Virtual Activity Offerings

The OEC is offering several virtual classes, all listed below. Each program will be adapted and geared towards the grade level of the class participating and will cover NGSS if applicable. Programs will last 30-60 minutes depending on what the teacher would like for their class. Each program will be for a single class with a maximum of 30 students in attendance. The teacher/organizer of the class will set up the call with their school's video conferencing platform of choice and invite the OEC Instructor to join the call. To book one of these programs contact Matthew Santner at oecevents@battlecreekpublicschools.org or call 269-721-8161.

Creature Features

Interested in learning more about the animals that live at the OEC? This is the class for you! Choose between our Eastern Screech Owl, Corn Snake & Russian Tortoise, or our Gray Tree Frog. The program will be adapted based on the grade level of the class and will go over the Class (Bird, Reptile, Amphibian) characteristics of your chosen animal as well as discuss specific features and traits of the organism. There will be time for questions from students with any class chosen.

Grades: Any Time: 30-60 minutes depending on teacher request

Cost: \$20 / class

Adaptations - Build A Better Beast

Animals have many adaptations that allow them to survive and thrive in their environment. This class will discuss a variety of adaptations and talk about the differences between habitats. The instructor will then lead the students in an art assignment to challenge them to build a better beast for a specific environment. (Students will need access to paper and pencil, preferably colored pencils, markers, or crayons.)

Grades: Any Time: 30-60 minutes depending on teacher request

Cost: \$20 / class

Local Mammals

In this class, students will get to learn about several of the mammals that call this area of Michigan home. Animal pelts and skulls will be used to talk about the natural history of these mammals.

Grades: Any Time: 30-60 minutes depending on teacher request

Cost: \$20 / class

Teambuilding Fun

Looking for a teambuilding experience with your students even when you are all working remotely? This is the activity for you, a facilitator will lead your class through a variety of virtual ice breakers and teambuilding exercises that will break up the monotony of lectures.

Grades: Any Time: 30-60 minutes depending on teacher request

Cost: \$20 / class