



Dear Parents, Teachers, and PEAKers,

Last week at PEAK, students completed their first off-site experience! We visited MTWild and learned about endangered species from some experts. Each day was a BIG success! I had no behavior issues all week and the students asked so many insightful and thoughtful questions. We had two FWP experts speak with us. On Monday and Tuesday, Corie spoke with us about an endangered species listed in Montana, the Black-footed Ferret (likely the rarest mammal in North America). On Wednesday and Thursday, students heard from Zach, who works with several endangered species of fish in Montana, including the very rare Pallid Sturgeon. Overall, the experience was so positive, and the students really showed how much they already know about this very complicated issue. I was very proud of them.

In the afternoon, students were placed into their teams for our final project. These teams were purposely created so as not to have teammates from their previous study – lost cities. Learning to work with others is an important skill and one we practice at PEAK. Newly formed teams began working to find common ground on which species they wanted to focus on for their project. It was a time for flexibility, open-mindedness, communication, compromise, and consensus. Almost every team was able to come together and agree on a species. Students did well communicating their interests and listening to their teammate’s ideas too. Teams chose some great creatures to be the focus of their work! I’m excited!

Next week is an altered schedule due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be running four half days of PEAK over the two days. Monday and Tuesday classes will attend on their regular day, but only for the morning. Students will NOT eat at PEAK. Wednesday and Thursday classes will have PEAK in the afternoon of Monday and Tuesday. I will be asking schools to make announcements about bus pickup to help students remember.

This week students will explore learning styles. They will discover what their learning style is and how knowing this will help them with their academics throughout school. Teams will be incorporating all three styles into their endangered species lesson. We will also create some invitations for kindergarten and 1st grade teachers to participate in our endangered species lesson. I will have students deliver these invitations back to neighborhood schools! I hope everyone has a happy and restful holiday break!

This Week’s Activities: (Nov. 20 - 21)

<u>Intrapersonal: Learning Styles</u> – I can complete an assessment tool to determine my learning style(s) and use the results in a project or activity.	<u>What is my Learning Style</u> – Students will learn about the different learning styles – auditory, visual, tactile – and determine their individual styles. Teams will incorporate all three styles into their endangered species lesson.
<u>Communication: Writing to an Authentic Audience</u> – I can create written works to share information clearly and effectively.	<u>Invitation to Present</u> – Students will use PowerPoint to create a one-page invitation to be given to kindergarten and 1 st grade teachers in their neighborhood schools.

Learning about learning styles,

Mr. Currier

PEAK Calendar – Fall 2023

20 Morning - 9-11:30 Jefferson Rossiter Warren Afternoon-11:30-2 Four Georgians Hawthorne	21 Morning - 9-11:30 Jim Darcy Kessler Central Afternoon-11:30-2 Broadwater Bryant Smith	22	23	24
<div>Thanksgiving Break No PEAK!</div>				
Bussing provided.				
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4 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	5 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	6 Four Georgians Hawthorne	7 Broadwater Bryant Smith	8
11 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	12 P/T Conf.	13 Four Georgians	<div>P/T Conferences Details coming!</div>	
18 P/T Conf.	19 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	20 Hawthorne	21 Broadwater Bryant Smith	22 Winter Break Begins
<div>Winter Break – Happy Holidays</div>				
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