





Hands-On Experience in the Chelsea Community

On Wednesday after school, the Science Club at the Clark Avenue Middle School spent time at Mary O'Malley Park in Chelsea with the Mystic River Watershed Association. A representative from Mystic River, an organization dedicated to protecting water quality,



habitat restoration, building climate resistance,

transforming parks, and inspiring youth, instructed students how to conduct water quality tests. She also brought students on a walking tour of the park, using binoculars to identify birds in the area, and had students hypothesize about why certain wildlife like birds populate the area. The partnership with Mystic River and the Science Club helped students engage in hands-on learning in the Chelsea community, and learn about the environment that surrounds them in the City.



After school on Wednesday, the science club at the Clark Avenue Middle School learned from the the Mystic River Watershed Association about how to test for water quality, and how to identify if dissolved oxygen, nitrates or phosphates are visible in water.



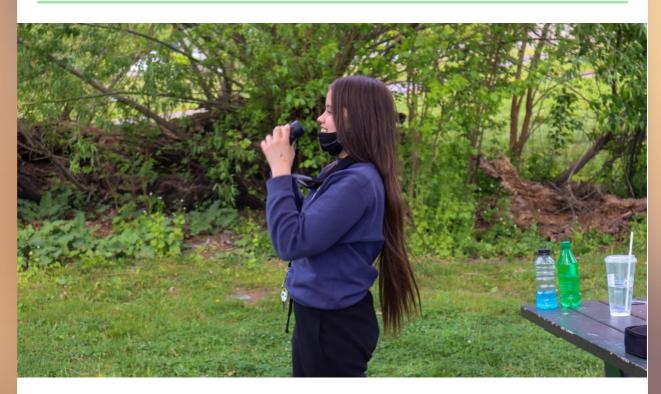
Student were provided test tubes, equipment and proper instruction on how to complete the water tests.

Mystric River Watershed Association

Wednesday's trip across Chelsea was a culmination of a five-week program for the Science Club that featured lessons and instructions from the Mystic River Watershed Association. The relationship between Mystic River and CPS offered middle school students enriching learning opportunities via CPS' community partnerships. The description below captures the work Mystric River does in the community (via mysticriver.org):

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) was founded in 1972 with a mission to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources. Our vision is a vibrant, healthy and resilient Mystic River watershed for the benefit of all our community members. To achieve this, the Mystic River Watershed Association is protecting water quality, restoring important habitat, building climate resilience, transforming parks and paths, and inspiring youth and community members.













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