

Teton Valley Community School

Highlights from the 2010-2011 School Year

- **Student production of James and the Giant Peach** – This year the K-8th grade students completed an in depth study of the performing arts. Their culminating project was a musical production of James and the Giant Peach for our local community. All students studied author Roald Dahl and his works prior to learning acting and singing skills. Students awed us all with their enthusiasm and talent!



- **Creative and complex student-led projects by all grade levels** – During project study, students go through an extended process of inquiry in response to a driving question, problem or challenge. Students decide what question they are going to answer or problem they wish to solve and, with their teacher as a facilitator, they carefully plan activities, conduct research and design experiments to answer their question. Projects this year included biospheres, the solar system, woodlands and beavers, ourselves/our community, and light and shadows – what curious minds our students have!



- **Student trip to Panama** – TVCS embarked on its first international trip as the 7th and 8th grade students journeyed to Central America this spring. TVCS teacher and visionary mastermind, Natasha Peterson, lead students on a 10-day learning adventure to improve their Spanish while studying tropical ecology in one of the world's most biologically diverse environments. Based out of Volcan, Panama, students split their time between the ocean and rainforest and spent time with an indigenous village school teaching one another about their cultures. Traveling to Panama provided an incredible opportunity to apply several projects and skills that the students have been working on in the classroom to a real world experience. It is a great example of how we at TVCS strive to bring learning to life!



- **Partnering with Teton Science Schools to expand Summer Adventures** – TVCS is proud to partner with Teton Science Schools in offering Summer Youth Adventures for students entering Pre-Kindergarten through 9th grade. Children will have opportunities to explore the outdoors, work in an organic garden, care for farm animals, and investigate the natural wonders of Teton Valley. Programs range from drop-in, daylong programs to weeklong adventures for older students. All programs will be based out of Teton Valley Community School in Victor with daily transportation available from Driggs.



- Our teachers hosted graduate students from Teton Science Schools and Kindergarten teachers from Teton County School District 401 to observe and learn about TVCS' project-based curriculum and full day Kindergarten.

▪ Every student in the graduating 8th grade class scored Advanced in all subject areas of the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISA T).



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