

Elementary School Students Learn about Water & Birds

On June 1, 2015, a Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) technician was invited to the West Snyder Elementary School to give water quality issue presentations to 5th graders. Eighty 5th graders heard about the water cycle, keeping our water clean and other aspects about water quality.



Above: Barry Spangler (not pictured), Agricultural Conservation Technician, talks to 5th graders about water pollution prevention. He also discussed the availability of fresh water on Earth, as well as the amount of arable land for food and feed production. Students also learned about the water cycle, water usage and availability.

Also on June 1, another SCCD staff member gave a presentation about birds to Mrs. Tracy Derr's 1st grade class in the Middleburg Elementary School. Twenty students learned much about birds and how they sign.



Left: Renee Swineford (not pictured), Administrative Assistant, had 1st graders make and paint bird calls, similar to the one shown. Instead of vocal cords like people in which air goes over it, birds have a syrinx, which enable them to harmonize (produce more than one sound at a time) by which air goes through it.



Over the years, we have given presentations and demonstrations to home school students, agriculture students in the Selinsgrove Area High School, 4-Hers, boy scouts and Young Farmers, other civic groups and the general public in Snyder County. Topics ranged from water quality, soil erosion prevention, watershed protection, water conservation, nutrient and manure management and energy conservation.

If your school or organization would like the Conservation District to give a presentation, please contact the [Conservation District](#) at 570-837-3000.

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