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The guest speaker at the 3rd quarterly MCECC meeting was Dave Krebs, Program Director for the West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative. WMGLSI operates through the Math and Science Center of the Independent School District, and collaborates with community partners such as the Muskegon Conservation District and others, as well as teachers, in order to bring “place based education” to students. This style of education strives to create opportunity for meaningful and enduring learning by providing students with a hands-on, inquiry-based, real-world experience in cooperation with the environmental community. In turn, environmental partners get a needs-based, mutually beneficial, and sustainably facilitated project work done in partnership with the students.

These acts of stewardship with an appreciative audience not only teach about natural resources, but also help the student become a life-long environmental steward. WMGLSI works to incorporate this into the long-term school curriculum in not only math and science, but also social studies and civics.

Our natural environment is a perfect fit for our learning environment; and the kids love it!

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