

Monitoring Our Waters

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The 4th and 5th graders at St Michael the Archangel Catholic School participated in World Water Monitoring Day at Hains Point, in Washington, DC. World Water Monitoring day is an international educational outreach program where children all over the world learn how important it is to become involved in safeguarding our natural resources on a local, national, and international scale. Students from Argentina to Zimbabwe visited their local waterways to test four basic indicators of water quality, dissolved oxygen, pH (acidity), temperature and turbidity (clarity).

The teachers and students at St. Michael use this opportunity to continue a discussion about the importance of understanding that we must be good stewards of the Earth. To be good stewards of our Earth involves taking an active role in learning more about our environment and man's role in protecting our natural resources. The students will continue to discuss ways they can work toward protecting our natural resources.

The Water Environment Federation and the International Water Association serve as the primary coordinators for the program. For more information, visit the World Water Monitoring Day web site at www.WorldWaterMonitoringDay.org.

