



Lehigh Elementary School

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Toni, Melissa, and the Ding Darling Wildlife Society,

I will start by saying what an accomplishment and asset you are to our community! I can't begin to thank you enough for offering this great opportunity to our students and SWFL community. Lehigh Elementary is a large low socio-economic school in the heart of Lehigh Acres. Our students are brilliant, our community ties are strong, but opportunities often allude our school due to our location and the abilities of our families to participate. Having something like the WoW Mobile Classroom visit our school for a week and a half in May, allowing our K-2 students to participate, is something we are rarely gifted. For that, we are eternally grateful!

Due to the distance and the low socio-economic status of our families, most of our students have never had the opportunity to visit Ding Darling, or Sanibel, or even the closest beach. The WoW Mobile Classroom brings those ecosystems to our students, and more importantly, creates a hands-on experience miles away from the actual ecosystem. In education we are confident in our knowledge that you can tell a student something and they may remember for a day or a week (long enough to pass a test 😊), BUT if you show a student something, let them touch it, feel it, engage with it.....you will create a life-long learner. It would not be an overstatement to say that our students will remember the WoW Mobile Classroom for years to come. In addition, matching the instruction of the ecosystems to the standards that teachers are currently instructing in the classroom, makes the WoW Mobile Classroom a win-win for any school.

Lastly, let me mention how amazing the staff and volunteers are that work the WoW Mobile Classroom. Toni and Melissa have been a dream to work with from inception. The scheduling was organized, the communication has been exceptional, and the daily instruction has been engaging and FUN! Melissa made a separate visit to the school prior to our scheduled dates to make sure all logistics were in place. In addition, following the district's Covid requirements, the staff and volunteers cleaned and sanitized all the exhibits between classes. I can't thank them enough for their dedication and commitment to this program.

This was our second year receiving the Wow Mobile Classroom and we are hopeful that we will see it visit again next year! Thank you for all you do!

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**Science Coach**

**Lehigh Elementary**

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