Will the Baltimore Harbor be Fishable and Swimmable by 2020?

Students sought the answer to this compelling question through field experiences including a sailing trip on the harbor with Living Classrooms Foundation and workshops with the National Aquarium. To share their learning 4th grade published a non-fiction book and 5th grade produced a Public Service Announcement and a Documentary with local documentarian Poll Bravo.

Throughout this project students engaged deeply with several environmental and ecological issues. They learned how all the organisms in an ecosystem- including humans- depend on each other and how our own actions affect the health of the bay. As a result of this project students developed a sense of environmental stewardship that is locally rooted that will continue to grow with them throughout their lives.

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