

### May 3, 2013 –Staunton City Schools Tip Sheet

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### FIRST GRADERS EXPLORE HABITATS

Ware students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade have been working on habitats and exploring the many habitats used by different animals and species. For many of the students, even the word habitat was new, so they spent time learning about the word and associating common animals with their habitats. The students put their knowledge to work in a hands-on project, where they built habitats for certain types of species.



Kyra Turner and Dominic Noel look at their habitats for snails and guppies.



Janiyah Diggs and Lucas Holsinger reflect on the habitats they built for millipedes and roly polies.



First grade students work with dirt to build a land habitat.

### *MISA'S FUGUE COMES TO STAUNTON*

*Misa's Fugue*, a Holocaust survivor documentary, will make its Staunton debut this Sunday, May 5, 2013 at Mary Baldwin College in the Francis Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. The film, produced by Robert E. Lee High School Social Studies teacher, Jennifer Goss, has garnered numerous awards and most recently won four Telly Awards.

The Staunton screening is being co-sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Holocaust Education Project and the Spencer Center at MBC. *Misa's Fugue* is a 90-minute film that weaves together art, music, history and technology with emotion and inspiration, and tells the extraordinary story of Holocaust survivor Frank "Misa" Grunwald. History shows that nearly 1.5 million children were murdered during the Holocaust between 1933 and 1945. Grunwald was one of fewer than 300 children to escape death from the "camp-ghetto" at Terezin (or Theresienstadt) in the Czech Republic, a facility used by the Nazis as a tool of deception. Grunwald is now 80, and living in Fishers, Indiana. More than 66 years after his liberation, the twists, turns and torments of his four-year ordeal and miraculous survival have been artfully documented by a collaboration of more than 200 former and current students, 10 teachers who spanned 6 different departments in Fleetwood Area High School, a small handful of independent filmmaking professionals, and 5 international organizations. Mrs. Goss taught Social Studies at Fleetwood (located outside of Reading, PA) for ten years before relocating to her husband's hometown. Goss states, "When we set out to make this film, I was confident we would create a good final product; however, I never fathomed the impact this film would have on people around the world."



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