

There's some new Shellebrities at School!

If you haven't already heard, there are now turtles at Bluffview. The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge has donated to Bluffview the turtle aquarium display previously housed in the Exchange Building at their downtown location. Mr. Andy has the aquarium set up and the happy occupants can be observed in the hallway near the library. Generally speaking, turtles should be left in their outdoor habitats but these are unable to be for various reasons and have been appropriately housed for education and enjoyment.



The addition not only brings a little nature inside for some tranquil harmony, but it will allow endless curricular opportunities including observation, generating questions, learning about turtle characteristics and types, habitat requirement, care, food webs, range of and threats to populations, sketching, legends and lore and so much more. And they're fun to watch!

Want to find out what kinds we have and learn about them? Come visit our new friends. If that won't work out for you or you want to know more about Minnesota turtles in general, then check out these three sites for a start:

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/mcvmagazine/young_naturalists/young-naturalists-article/turtles/novdec2018_young_naturalists.pdf

<https://www.mnherps.com/group/turtles>

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/nongame/turtle_poster.pdf