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Science Theater boosts learning for Kings Beach students

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More than 130 Kings Beach Elementary students participated in Get in the Act's science program.

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KINGS BEACH, Calif. — Get in the Act! Arts in Action concluded their Science Theater residency at Kings Beach Elementary School in May. More than 130 students combined exciting theater techniques with guided-inquiry to explore captivating science concepts such as physics, earth science, air, and weather properties.

Led by teaching artist Diane Handzel students developed the ability to ask questions, investigate aspects of the world around them and use their observations to construct reasonable explanations for the science questions posed.

Faculty at Kings Beach proclaimed their support: "The program is awesome! Students have a dynamic way to engage in science learning by using drama to demonstrate difficult concepts, allowing students to deepen their understanding of science."

Science Theater was made possible with support from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, the Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation, and Tahoe City Rotary Club. Get in the Act sincerely thanks all for their support.

Get in the Act is a dedicated team of professionally trained artists and educators who use the performing arts as powerful teaching tools to strengthen the learning process. Founded in September 2009, Get in the Act's nonprofit work is a natural outgrowth of 10 successful years of creative arts programming in the underserved communities of the Northern Sierra Nevada region. By partnering with schools and community centers they have served more than 10,000 students, parents and audience participants with programs that educate and entertain.