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Get in the Act! boosts learning for Tahoe Lake Elementary students

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Mrs. Boyle's third-grade class is the winner of The Energy Game Show Challenge during Get in the Act's integrated performing arts and science education event at Tahoe Lake Elementary School.

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TAHOE CITY, Calif. — Get in the Act! Science Theater recently combined energizing theater techniques with guided-inquiry to engage third-graders at Tahoe Lake Elementary School.

Led by Teaching Artist Diane Handzel, more than 75 students explored “Energy and Light” science concepts through investigative improvisations that transpired January-March 2012. Each lesson used the emotional nature of drama to embed science concepts in students' minds.

Student response to Science Theater was overwhelmingly positive as third-graders proclaimed:

“Now I can tell my mom about stored energy, it's really cool!”

“I appreciate learning science, the scenes really helped me identify energy!”

“Thank you for teaching us science, I wish it would never end!”

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