



# Journeys School of Teton Science Schools

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## Journeys School Fifth Grade Students Present Capstone Projects

Journeys School fifth grade students will present summaries of their Capstone Projects on **May 18, 19, and 20, 2011 from 8:45-11:15 am** at the Jackson Campus Education Center at Teton Science Schools. Students will present summaries of their projects and then field questions from the assembled audience. Each day's presentation is free and open to the public.

Fifth grade students at Journeys School work for three trimesters to produce an essay on a place-based topic of their choosing. The Capstone essay-writing process requires research and documentation as students build a 1000 word essay on their place-based topic of personal interest. Over the course of the year's three trimesters, students hone their research skills, develop academic endurance, and learn how to use primary source documents. All essays are required to be supported by a significant number of accurate and reliable sources. Students are required to interview an expert on their chosen topic and perform ten hours of community service. Additionally, students support their essays with an artistic component of their choosing.

The Capstone Project is a great opportunity for Journeys School students as they prepare for the move up to the middle school. Focusing on one topic for such an extended period of time gives students the opportunity to delve deeply into each step of the process of researching and writing a scholarly essay. The experience serves them well when they reach middle school and have to produce work within a much more limited timeframe.

Each presentation is approximately 10 minutes followed by a 15-minute question and answer session.

Thesis topics include:

### May 18

1. Raines Nagel – How the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Impacts the Town of Jackson
2. Avery Holdsworth – To Feed or Not to Feed
3. Caroline Pierce – Alternative Healthcare in Jackson Hole
4. Style Thurston – Bears and Humans Collide in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

### May 19

1. Clark Curnow – The Science of Avalanches
2. Jack Van Holland – Are Pathways Better Than Roads?
3. Reagan Nagel – Jackson Hole's Center for the Arts: A Place for Imagination
4. Sydney Kitchen – I Brake for Wildlife

### May 20

1. Forrest Bucholz – My Neighbors: The White Climbers of the Snake River Range
2. Alexei Muromcew – The Wind Beneath Their Wings
3. Will Dykema – Earthquakes in Wyoming
4. Bettina Hall – Backcountry Usage in Jackson Hole



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