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2020 NIE Teacher of the Year Honorable Mention

Kathryn teaches marine science at Shorecrest Preparatory School in Pinellas County.

Kathryn was chosen as a 2020 NIE Teacher of the Year Honorable Mention for using the Times to help her students develop into educated coastal citizens.

She uses articles on environmental topics such as red tide, climate change, hurricanes, coastal erosion and marine pollution to connect her students to topics and events relevant to Floridians and extend what we learn in the classroom to real life.

Kathryn employs a variety of techniques in the classroom, including independent reading, guided questions and read-alouds as a class, where students discuss the issues at hand and make connections to the content that they are studying.

She also uses Times articles to help students learn to extract facts from the text as well as to interpret an overall sense of what the author is attempting to express. Is it biased? Where are the facts from? Do both sides of the story get discussed? How did the article make them feel?

Kathryn’s goal is to help students develop into educated coastal citizens who will be able to take care of their coastal community when asked to make decision regarding their daily habits as well as the future of St. Petersburg and the Tampa Bay area.
The articles that are pictured here are only a few that I have photographed and projected to for my students to read. I have a binder of all the articles I have cut out so I can pull them out when a topic merits a connection. Recently I was able to pull out the full page article on Hurricane Irma and the negative storm surge. The image of Irma’s track and the strength of the storm is a great visual and generates many questions. The dates do not show up one some of the photos but my students are always given the date of the article because that is really what draws their attention. When I tell them…… “This was published yesterday!” they listen.
Rare whale gets temporary grave

Buried for now at Fort De Soto, it will be sent to the Smithsonian.

BY CRAIG NICOLAS

Rare whale turned up dead were Everglades National Park last week. Now, instead of being buried at Fort De Soto, where they're usually buried, they'll be dug up and shipped to the Smithsonian Institute for study.

That's because this is the first time that researchers have found a dead whale in the Everglades National Park. The whale was discovered by a team of marine biologists last week, who were searching for signs of marine life in the area.

The team quickly realized that the whale was dead, and they worked to remove it from the area as quickly as possible. They were able to recover the whale's body from the water, and they're now working on sending it to the Smithsonian for further study.

It's not clear yet what caused the whale's death, but researchers are hoping to find out as much as they can from the body. They're planning to conduct a variety of tests, including DNA analysis, to try to determine the cause of death.

The team is also hoping to learn more about the whale's life history, including where it came from and what it was doing before it died. They're working with experts from a variety of fields to try to piece together the whale's story.

The whale's death is a reminder of the importance of protecting our oceans and marine life. It's also a reminder of the importance of working together to protect the environment and the creatures that depend on it.