

Attention Teachers, Principals, and Curriculum Directors
Get Ready for.....

“WOW”

The Wonders of Weasels

Through the joint sponsorship of **Kirtland Community College** science department and the **Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve**, a terrific enrichment program will be available to area classrooms February 13th thru April 10th. The program will follow the format of the Visiting Naturalist Program that began in 2001 with the National Wildlife Federation's Wolf Trunk and then alternated with programs about Cats and Bears. The **WOW** program was originally developed in 2008 with a grant from the **JP Morgan Chase Foundation** and features naturalist Tom Dale and the “Weasel Trunk.” The Weasel Trunk contains many natural history items concerning the huge weasel family, including pelts, skulls, stuffed toys, and many great ideas for making classroom visits fun and educational.

The sessions will address environmental science benchmarks, as well as a few math, social studies and language arts benchmarks while focusing on
The Natural History of the Weasel Family.

Sessions will include a puppet show, demonstrations, a large show and tell collection, as well as hands-on activities. Sessions will be of a length that is appropriate to the age of the students, between 50 and 60 minutes. The sessions can be presented to a maximum of 60 students per session.

In all, 36 dates are available for this **free** program and there are many school buildings within **Kirtland's** service area. In the past, the schedule has become quite packed. So please determine if your school is interested, which days and times are suitable, and which grade or grades the sessions are appropriate for and then call Tom Dale at 989-275-8206 or via email, thdale@core.com with your questions and to get on the schedule.

Did you know there are 15 North American species in the Weasel Family?
One of them is the Wolverine!