

Diversity in STEM Teaching



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Animals as teachers



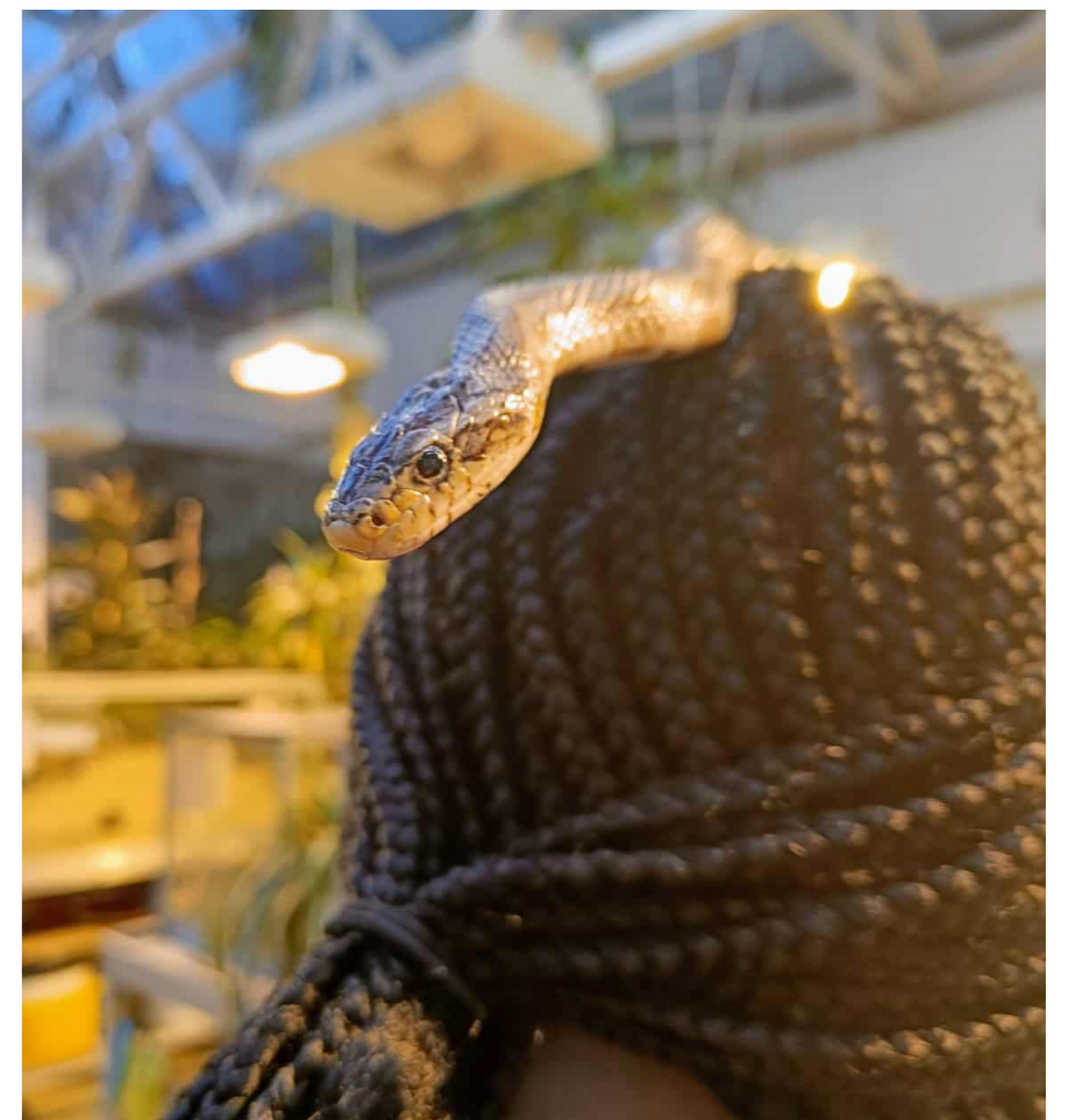
Animal-assisted teaching in comprehensive school

A 200m² garden in the middle of the school!

- 15 different species of vertebrates
- Numerous invertebrates
- Countless plant species

The animals and plants are cared for by a trained team of students from the school.

The animals act as excellent teachers, teaching not only animal welfare but also responsibility, practicality, fellowship and life skills.



Animals teach students



Older students teach their skills to younger students



Students of all ages get to know each other



A school-wide community where it is safe to be and learn



responsibility, experiments, self-initiative, integration, learning animal welfare, ownership, practicality, friendship, life skills