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On Thursday, April 4th, fifth and seventh grade students at George G. White Middle School were treated to a fabulous guest speaker, whom they were anxiously awaiting. Holly Ewart, a marine archaeologist, came to talk to the students about her recent expedition to Antarctica. Ms. Ewart wowed the students with video footage of her trip into Antarctica, pictures of marine life in the Weddell Sea, personal stories of life on the ship and a question and answer session with the students.

During the last few months, the students were tracking Holly and a group of explorers through their journey in the Weddell Sea area of Antarctica. Students had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Ewart and other expedition members through live video conferencing while they were on board the *S.A. Algulhas II* in the Weddell Sea off Antarctica. Ms. Ewart and the other expedition members were there to conduct scientific research about the Larsen C Ice Shelf as well as to attempt to locate the wreck of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance* which was trapped and crushed by the ice and sank in the Weddell Sea in 1915.

This program was an educational outreach program through Reach the World, a non-profit global citizenship group.

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