

# THE LIFE CYCLE PROJECT

St. Mary School, Ridgefield

2018-2019  
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount=\$800



200 Students Impacted  
Kindergarten-Grade 8

**PURPOSE:** To allow students to experience the life cycle of a chicken from egg to hatchling.

**IMPACT:** The grant allowed the opportunity to view the lifecycle of an animal in a hands-on manner that would not have been previously possible. The community was collectively excited about the project! We attempted to hatch 5 duck eggs which were fertile and progressing well. The humidity was off but we were able to assist in the hatching of one of the duck eggs. Students named her Shakira and they were all allowed to visit her. She would follow the teacher across the hallway and walk around the lab. Shakira now lives in Ridgefield and has a pond and waterfall. The live assist hatching was documented by video, [www.youtube.com/channel/UCmToLUQq38HCkPKPHHzsWBw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmToLUQq38HCkPKPHHzsWBw).

**FUTURE PLANS:** Yes, we hope to continue this in future school years. There are funds remaining from the original grant to sustain the experience for several years.

