

Turtle time

Mersey Tobetic Research Institute celebrates turtles

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Mersey Tobetic Research Institute (MTRI) kicked off March Break with a day dedicated to the turtles of Nova Scotia on March 11. For the past few years MTRI has held a special wildlife day as part of its March Break programming, but this was the first to focus solely on turtles.

About a dozen families took part in the event, which featured music, crafts and cake, along with more serious talks about Nova Scotia's turtles, particularly the endangered Blanding's Turtle that's being monitored by MTRI.



A group of children look at a cake that resembles the protected Blanding's Turtle nest



Esme Lavers marvels at the size of a Leatherback sea turtle's shell, which is notably larger than she is



A display of the different types of turtles found in Nova Scotia.