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WES fifth grade class ‘digs’ educational rain garden

The Waccamaw Elementary School fifth-grade students are working towards setting up a rain garden at the school. The class has been learning about the environment, ways to keep it safe, and how much the rain garden can do to help the students experience hands-on learning. Erin Ellis, one of the fifth-grade teachers, said, “We are trying to teach the students about the environment, ways to keep it safe, keep things healthy and to steward what they have.” Ellis said, “It is awesome to see them getting their hands dirty and furthering their education,” she said.

The rain garden can also be visited as an outside classroom for all students. Principal Barbara Amsden said, “It is great to see fifth-grade students going to be able to use the rain garden for learning, but all the grades will be able to come out and enjoy it,” she said. “But the fifth-grade students will be in charge of taking care of the plants every year.”

Each student got a chance to donate and teach the students about the environment, ways to keep it safe and storm water by allowing the public to come out and enjoy it,” she said. “But the fifth-grade students will be in charge of taking care of the plants every year.”

Photographer Sam Wang
to speak at Coastal today

Internationally acclaimed photographer Sam Wang will talk today at 4 p.m. in the Rock Hill of the Thomas W. and Bolivia Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at Coastal Carolina University.

The event is free and open to the public.

“Returning Home: An Artist, Photographer of China” is the title of the talk sponsored by the University’s Native South Distinctive Visitor Series.

Wang was born in China and grew up in Hong Kong. He studied art at Art Academy in Cambridge, MA in 1990. He earned his MFA from the University of Iowa with a minor in painting and a major in printmaking. He earned his Ph.D. in art with a minor in printmaking.

The photographer is known for his work with the Chinese landscape and his work is exhibited and published worldwide. His photographs can be found in the National Geographic Society Collection, the Coca Cola USA Photography Collection, the Seattle Art Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art among many others.

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