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The Insects in Winter program is presented by Rick Makula, an award-winning author, photographer and habitat consultant. Rick created butterfly atriums and gardens for Dolly Parton, Hershey Foods and other prominent facilities.

This program incorporates the Pennsylvania State Standards in Environment and Ecology and is designed to teach students about how insects adapt physically and behaviorally to the winter climate. An outdoor investigation will increase student knowledge of insect life cycles, food webs and other related scientific topics.

Aligned with the school's mission of environmental stewardship, students will expand their knowledge of insects by planting for wildlife. This includes gardening techniques to provide food and shelter for insects and other wildlife on the school campus.

After the presentation, students will create projects to showcase what they experienced during the program and the environmental education classes that follow.

Grade Levels: 5, 7 and 8

Implementation Timeline: Annually, January/February

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