

Top five themes overall according to total interviews and total responses; sorted by grade and gender.

5th grade males

1. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with animals.
2. Gained more empathy for others and wildlife.
3. Developed knowledge of adverse effects of smoking and drugs.
4. Developed knowledge and higher respect for environment.
5. Gained confidence and public speaking skills.

5th grade females

1. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with the animals.
2. Developed a higher respect for environment.
3. Developed a higher respect for wildlife.
4. Developed better organizational and study skills
5. Developed a belief that science could be enjoyable

Top responses to questions sorted by grade and gender:

Focus Group Questions	Males	Females
1. What have you enjoyed the most from being in the Talking Talons program?	88% - learning, holding animals	75% - learning, holding animals
2. How have presentations helped?	38% - gained confidence	50% - + study skills
3. What has been the impact on your feelings towards science?	88% - positive like science more	88% - positive like science more
4. What is your attitude towards wildlife and the environment?	88% - positive	75% positive
5. Impact on personal choices?	50% - awareness of effects of smoking	88% - +empathy & responsibility
6. Would you recommend the program??	100% yes	100% yes

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6th grade males

1. Enjoyed the hands on experience of the program.
2. Gained a higher respect for environment & wildlife.
3. Gained confidence & self-esteem.
4. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with animals.
5. Gained knowledge and enjoyed sharing with others.

6th grade females

1. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with animals.
2. Developed a higher respect for environment.
3. Developed organizational and study skills.
4. Gained understanding of relationship with lifecycle and ecosystem
5. Gained a higher level of awareness of adverse effects of smoking

Top responses to questions sorted by grade and gender:

Focus Group Questions	Males	Females
1. What have you enjoyed the most from being in the Talking Talons program?	50% - learning, holding animals	100% - learning, holding animals
2. How have presentations helped?	75% - gained confidence 33% + study skills	100% - gained Confidence & study skills
3. What has been the impact on your feelings towards science?	75% - positive like science more	75% - positive like science more
4. What is your attitude towards wildlife and the environment?	75% - positive	100% positive
5. Impact on personal choices?	75% - + aware of effects of smoking	50% - + respect for environment 50% awareness of effects of smoking
6. Would you recommend the program??	100% yes	100% yes

Top five themes according to total interviews and total responses and sorted by grade and gender.

7th grade males

1. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with the animals.
2. Developed a higher respect for animals.
3. Developed an higher level of awareness for adverse effects of smoking/drug use.
4. Understood connection with lifecycle and ecosystem.
5. Developed a higher level of empathy for others

7th grade females

1. Developed a higher respect for environment.
2. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with the animals.
3. Enjoyed the interactive aspect of the program.
4. Developed a higher level of awareness of adverse effects of smoking/drug use.
5. Understood connection with lifecycle and ecosystem.

Top responses to questions sorted by grade and gender:

Focus Group Questions	Males	Females
1. What have you enjoyed the most from being in the Talking Talons program?	85% - learning, holding animals	81% - learning, holding animals
2. How have presentations helped?	43% - gained confidence 43% +study skills (memorize, etc.)	50% + organizational and study skills
3. What has been the impact on your feelings towards science?	88% - positive like science more	81% - positive like science more
4. What is your attitude towards wildlife and the environment?	75% - positive	75% positive
5. Impact on personal choices?	63% - + awareness of smoking/drug use effects	50% + awareness of smoking/drug use effects
6. Would you recommend the program??	100% yes	100% yes

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High school males

1. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with the animals.
2. Learned leadership/presentation skills.
3. Gained a higher level of confidence/self esteem, loss of fear.
4. Developed more awareness of adverse effects of smoking/drug use
5. Learned new knowledge.

High school females

1. Developed organizational and study skills.
2. Enjoyed the interactive aspect of the program.
3. Enjoyed learning, holding and working with the animals.
4. Gained confidence and self-esteem.
5. Developed more awareness of adverse effects of smoking/drug use.

Top responses to questions sorted by grade and gender:

Focus Group Questions	Males	Females
1. What have you enjoyed the most from being in the Talking Talons program?	66% - learning, holding animals	100% - learning, holding animals
2. How have presentations helped?	66% gained leadership/presentation skills	33% gained more confidence, higher self esteem, loss of fear
3. What has been the impact on your feelings towards science?	66% - positive like science more	33% - positive like science more
4. What is your attitude towards wildlife and the environment?	66% more positive	100% - more positive
5. Impact on personal choices?	50% - + tell others about the program, 50% awareness of adverse effects of smoking/drug use	33% - + empathy, 33% +respect for environment, 33% + awareness of smoking/drug use
6. Would you recommend the program??	100% yes	100% yes