

Falls City Water Treatment Plant Tour

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Every year, the third grade students from the Falls City area are invited to tour the water treatment plant and learn about where their drinking water comes from. When the students arrive, they are divided into two groups. One of the groups tours the plant while the other group is informed on local water issues, such as where the water comes from, the amount treated, the storage capacity of the system, etc. As part of this session, NeRWA personnel have historically demonstrated the groundwater model, which gives a very good visual model of groundwater movement and the effects of pollution. When each of the groups has finished their sessions, they change places and participate in the other session. The children are always impressed with the movement of the red “pollution” through the ground and into the well sites.