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Honoring the Housatonic

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According to Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr., "There's no tonic like the Housatonic," and the river that flows through campus is being celebrated this spring. Source to Sound is a 10-day, 149-mile paddling journey to celebrate 75 years of the [Housatonic Valley Association](#) (HVA), a group tasked with protecting this incredible resource. The journey began on Earth Day and ends at Long Island Sound on May 1.

Environmentalists and paddlers alike stopped at our campus to bring conservation awareness to our students and to 5th-8th graders from the nearby Kent Center School. Students saw local snakes and birds of prey, learned about food webs, sorted and studied the river's benthic macroinvertebrates, and modeled how pollutants enter our watershed.

After the lessons, students cheered the paddlers off as they headed to Bull's Bridge, celebrating both the beauty and the wonder of the Housatonic.