



Mae Jemison Fun Just Doesn't Stop!



Celebrating Earth Day with Sci-enza

We kicked off last month with a fascinating talk on **Climate Change in South Africa** by Prof. Hannes Rautenbach, head of the geography department at the University of Pretoria, attended by over 60 students on **April 7**.

On **April 14**, U. Pretoria Ph.D. student Richard Wade spoke in English, Zulu and Northern Sotho to 60 students on his research on the Great Zimbabwe civilization and his many travels throughout Limpopo. The thread tying his stories together was **Climate Change and Population Growth**.

On **April 21**, Sci-enza visited Mae J. for a **hands-on Earth Day experience!** Approximately 60 students participated in an environmental awareness quiz and made their own terrariums by reusing recycled plastic bottles to germinate and grow indigenous tree seeds.

On **April 23**, a panel of judges convened at Mae Jemison to award prizes to top student photographers. The photos were taken during the "Photographing Your Environment" program, a three week course designed



Godwin Ndabandaba's prize-winning photograph

around the Edward S. Curtis Sacred Legacy Exhibit. Prize winners **Godwin Ndabandaba (1st)**, **Khomotso Modika (2nd)**, and **Anita Ngxowa (3rd)** were awarded books on photography and gift certificates to Exclusive Books. In addition, an honorable mention was given to **Koketso Sindane**.

Finally, on **April 28** Sci-enza returned to teach **force and levers** to 70 pupils, using Lego blocks.



Sci-enza's Rudi Horak prepares pupils for their hands-on Lego session

May Events

(Programs start at 3 p.m.)

Wednesday May 5

College Admission Q&A with Mr. Wallace Isaacs from UP

Wednesday May 12

Human Trafficking and the World Cup

With guest speaker from the International Office of Migration.

Friday May 14

Information Literacy Training, Session 1

Students must pre-register and commit to attending all four sessions.

Tuesday May 18

Field Trip to SANBI to celebrate World Plants Conservation Day

Program will focus on biodiversity and climate change. Students must register and return permission slips to attend the trip. Bus leaves at 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday May 19

Revision time!

Get some extra help before the big exams

Friday May 21

Information Literacy Training, Session 2

Friday May 28

Information Literacy Training, Session 3

Statistics:

- 315 books checked out.
- 1542 visitors.

Featured Resource: GREENR

From questions about water conservation in the western U.S. to Amazonian deforestation, environmental issues are shaping the future.



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Each Mae Jemison computer has a link to GREENR. Try it out today!

Finding books on environmental issues (such as marine pollution)

Look for shelf numbers beginning:

- 333.72
- 333.9
- 363.7
- 551.46
- 551.5

And don't forget to check our **magazines shelves:**

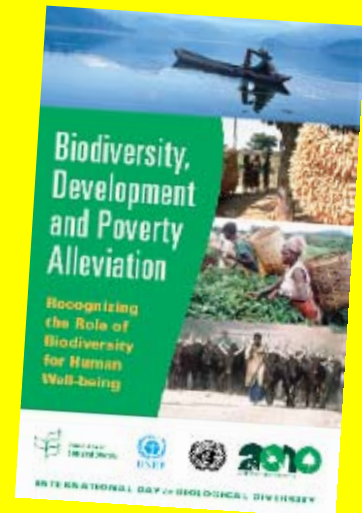
- *E: the environmental magazine*
- *Earthwatch*
- *National Geographic Magazine*
- *World Watch Magazine*

(Many more magazines can be found on our *EbscoHost* online database; ask a Librarian for more information.)



The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB), 22 May 2010:

Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation



This year, IDB is part of the International Year of Biodiversity!

To read the IDB 2010 Booklet, go to <http://www.cbd.int/idb/2010/>, or ask your Librarian for a copy. See also:

<http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome/>.

Have you signed up yet for our **field trip** to the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) on May 18?

Just a few of the books you can find in Mae J. on the environment



M 333.95616 END
Endangered oceans / Louise I. Gerdes, editor. 2009.

M 363.73 POL
Pollution / Cynthia A. Bily, editor. 2007.



M 333.9164 VOG
Human impact / Carole Garbuny Vogel. 2003.