

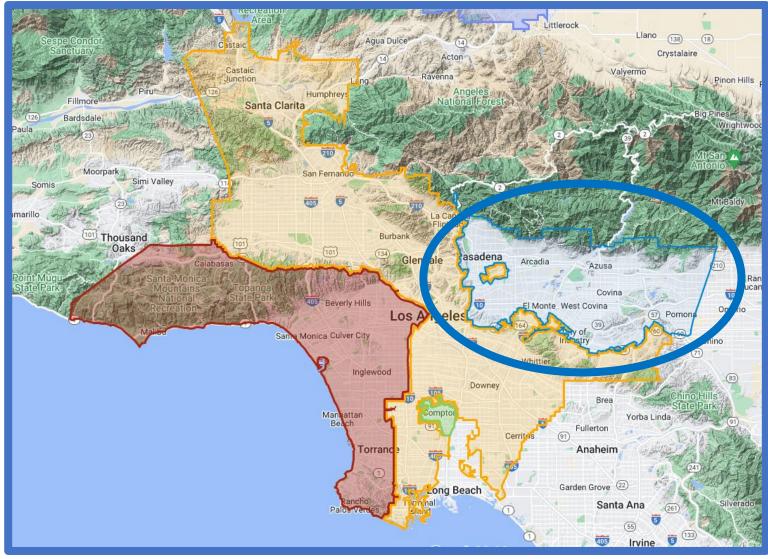
# Can you visualize it? Community science data for grades K - 8

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### **SGVMVCD**

- LA County
- >1.5 million residents
- 24 school districts
- 550 schools
- >200,000 students
- 2 Education Specialists



# **EcoHealth** Vector Education





# Why Community Science?

### **Benefit to Schools and Students**

- Program for elementary ages
- Aligned to state science standards
- Develop science skills
- Connect to public health

### **Benefit to our District**

- Increase public awareness
- Cut cost and time spent on private property
- More data
  - Distribution of invasive species
- Build brand recognition & goodwill



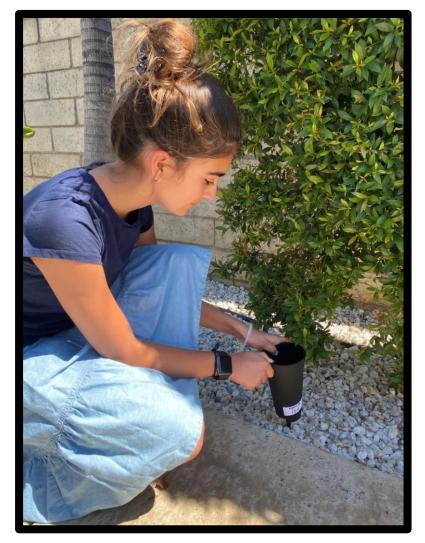
# Vector Inspector Program (V.I.P.)



- Elementary school (Grades K 6)
- Use tools to conduct inspections around their own homes
- Identify potential mosquito habitats
- Collect and submit water samples for analysis



# Operation Mosquito G.R.I.D.

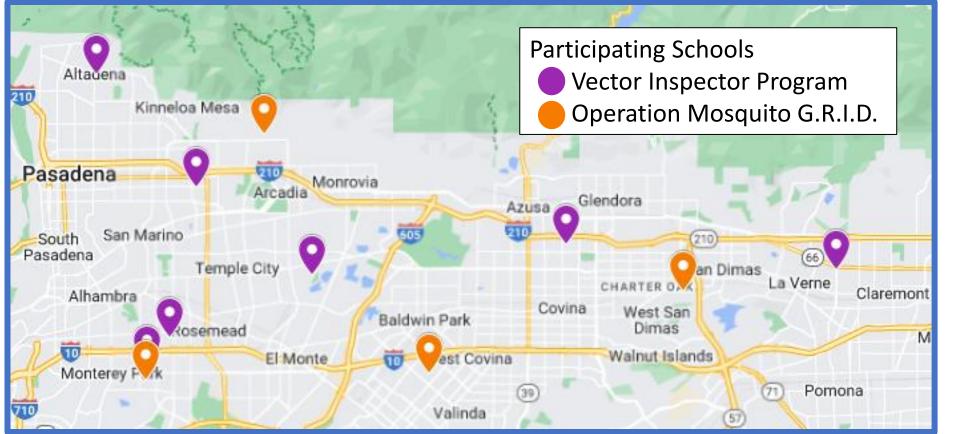




- Middle school (Grades 6 8)
- Set oviposition traps for 1 week
- Conduct their own water sample
  & oviposition paper analysis\*



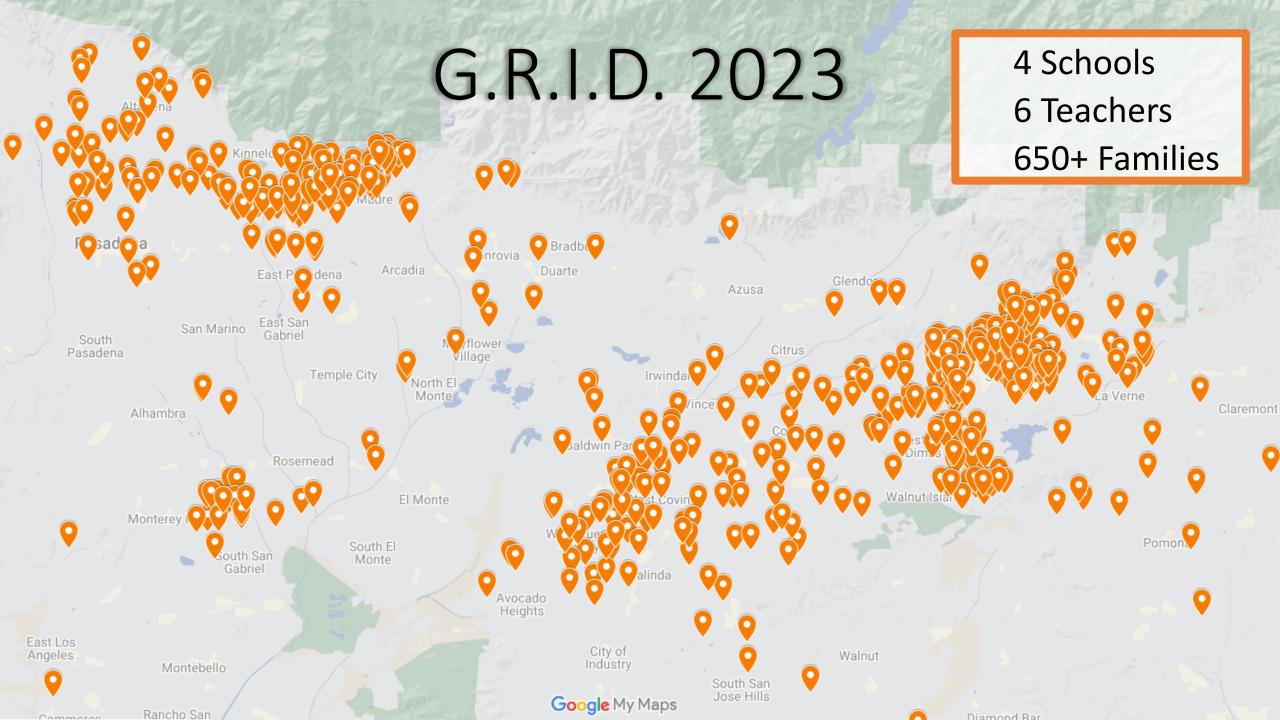
# 2023



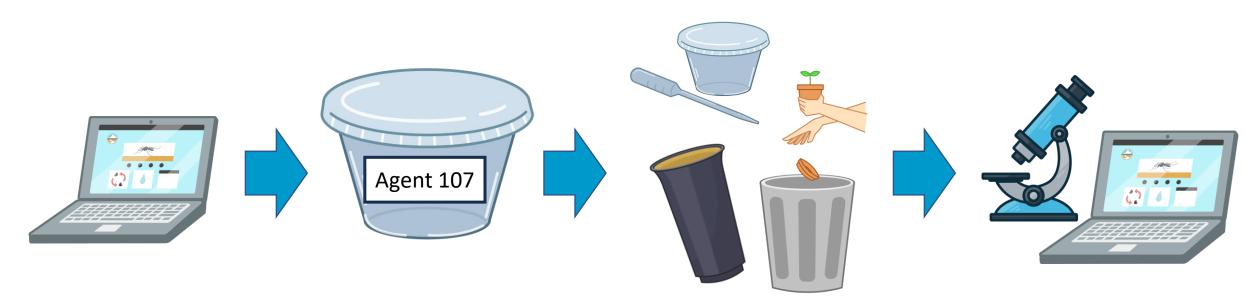
### • V.I.P.

- 22 Teachers
- 7 Schools
- G.R.I.D.
  - 6 Teachers
  - 4 Schools
- >1,000 Students





# Data Collection



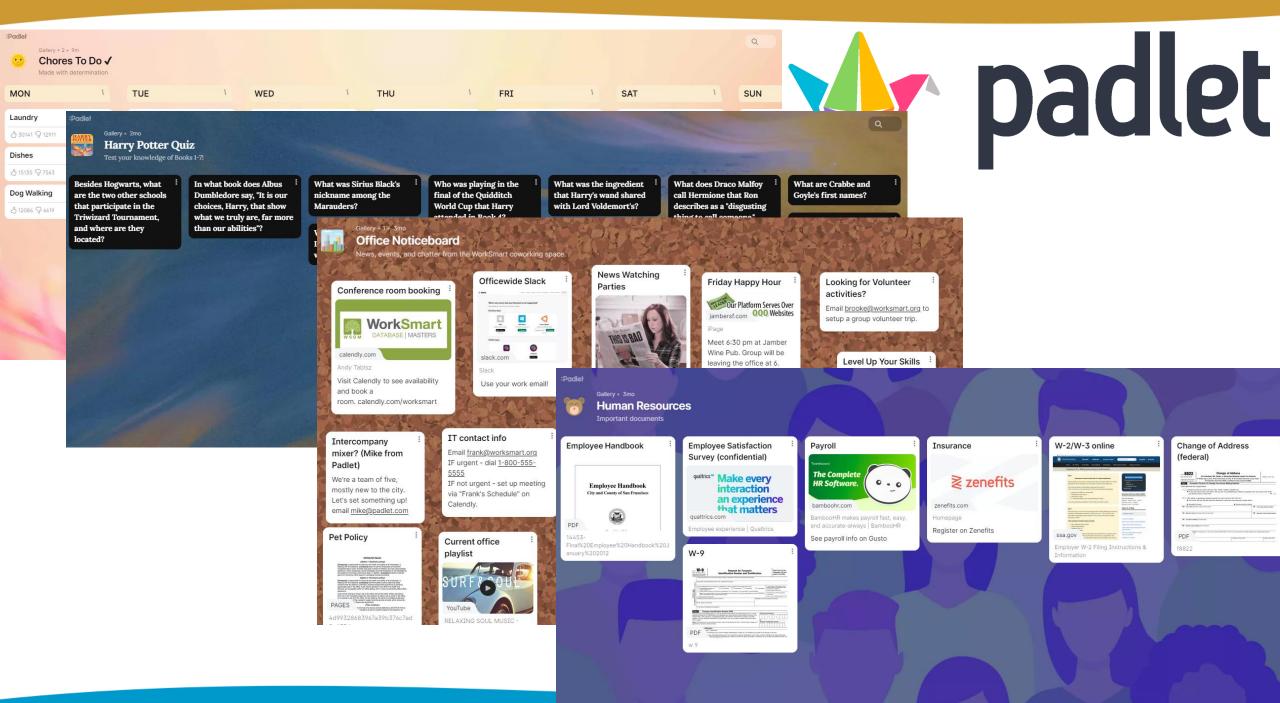
Teacher & students enroll

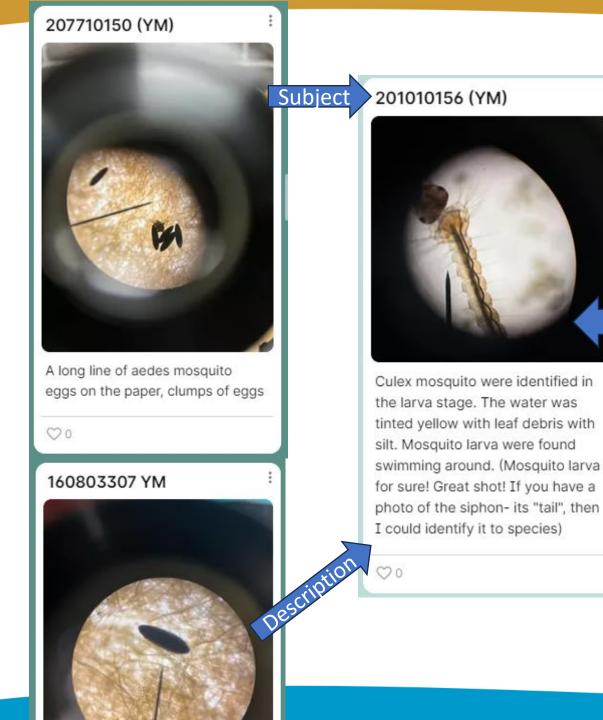
Students receive "Agent #s" Students collect samples & clear yards Data is analyzed & posted publicly

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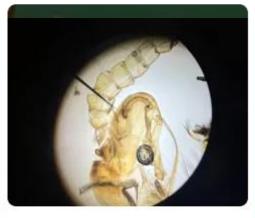
# How can K – 8 students access the data they collect and analyze in a meaningful way?







#### 150304006 ym



(Mosquito Pupa)

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#### Photo/Video 147703790 (YM)



#### Uenishi YM



Elaborate "plumes" indicate this is a male mosquito.

Water was clear, brownish, and

Uenishi-4YM



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#### 140403144 (NM)



The water I gathered was clear but had a hint of yellow with particles floating around. The water was absent of any mosquitoes or mosquito eggs. The sample of my water contained slit, sand, fibers of man-made materials, and insect parts. The picture I sent is what I believe to be a part of an insect. (Yes, could be part of an insect)

#### 137703197, NM



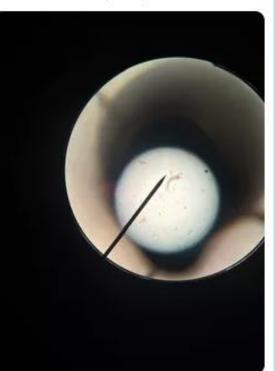
The water was brown, contained sand and algae. There was lots of small amounts of dirt and random things. There was a little thing that looked like a dead fly. No mosquitoes found (Yes, looks like sand and algae with some fungus)

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137703213 (NM)

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#### 140403164(NM)



My water sample had a tint of grey in the water, it also had bits of debries from dirt and leaves. There were no moquito's in my sample. (That's great!)

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140803129 NM

#### 140403137 (NM)



In my sample there was not anything. My water sample was clear. There were no mosquitos present. The sample contained silt and a few fibers I'm pretty sure. There is nothing in my sample but some silt and fibers. (Too zoomed out for us to analyze. Thanks for sharing!)

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#### 3334 (NM)



I believe I found a diving beetle and some algae and some mud Agent # 160803307 (NM)



150803180 YM



My water had smashed mosquito larvae and had a spider as well It also had a lot of dirt and leaves. My water was clear and had no

#### Agent # 160803307 (NM)



Jimenez-19 NM



Sample is cloudy. Contains fiber and an aphid (pictured). No mosquitoes found.

#### #201010155 NM

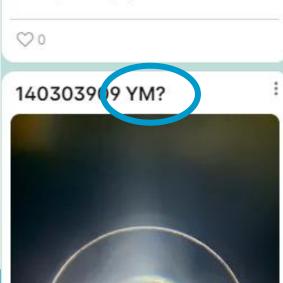


Jimenez-6 NM

Sample does not contain water. Contains a leaf hopper. No



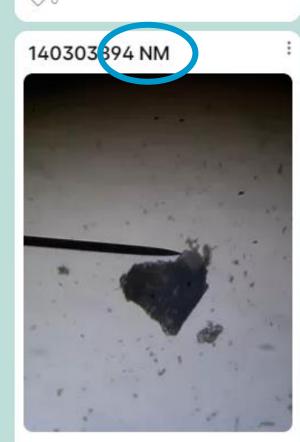
(Mosquito Pupa)





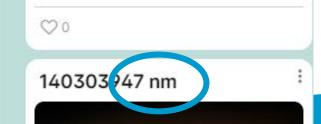
guessing it's a mosquito larvae?



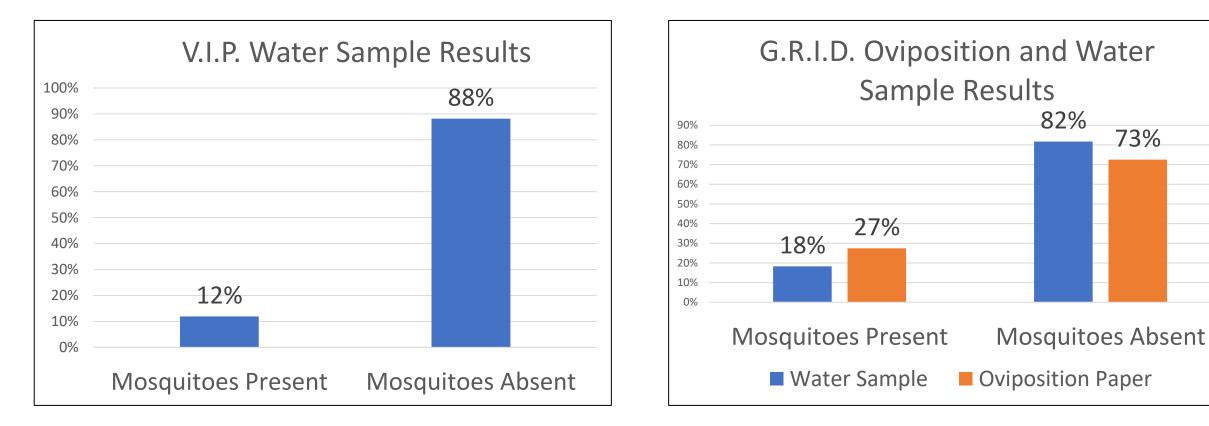


Mosquito assignment

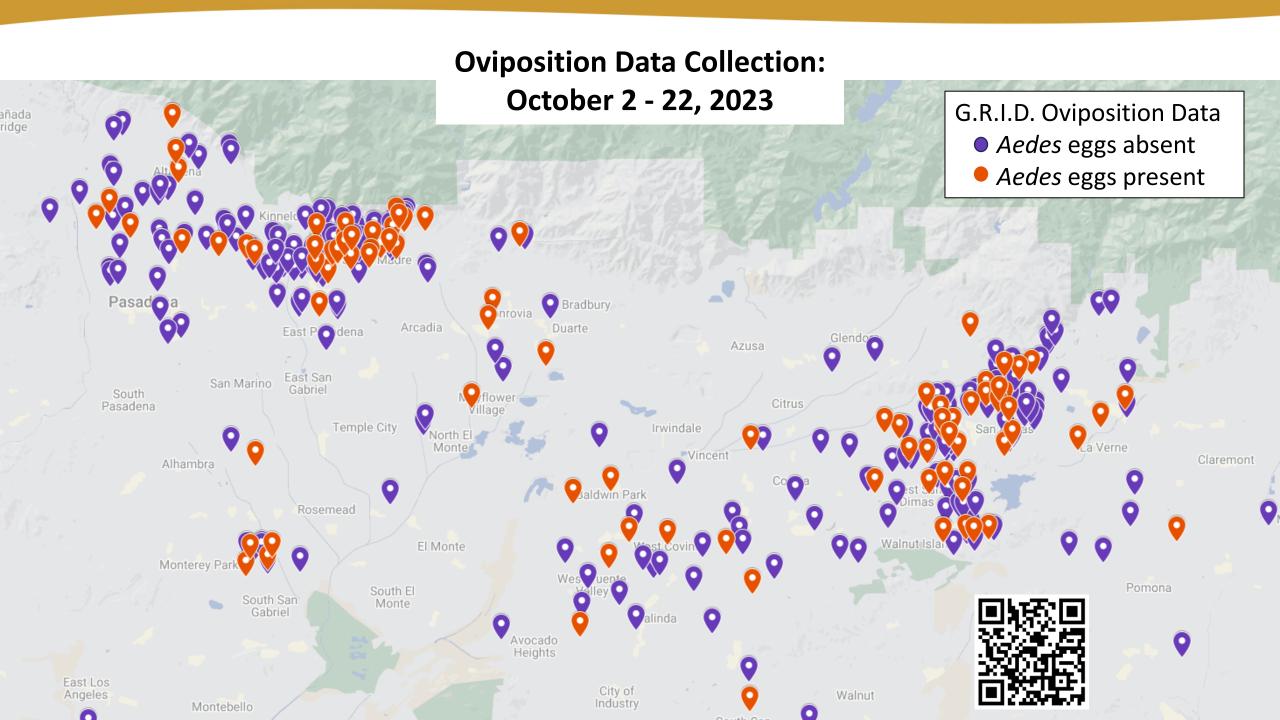
No mosquito's but it looks like a heart and their is a lot of dots and it looks like their is a little piece of hair in it. (Is this yours or 140 303 947?)



### How many students found mosquitoes?







### Impact- Teacher Feedback for 2023

"Kids loved... seeing the "gross" things up close."

"Omg. SOOO many more AEDES eggs this year! It was awesome AND awful!" "This data is fascinating."

> "Not only did students get a good look at possible science careers, they also felt a sense of community as they worked to eliminate the threat of the *Aedes* mosquito in their community."



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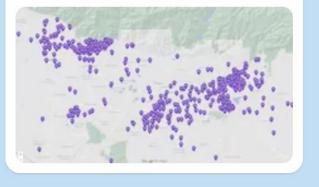
Increase access to meaningful, applicable science opportunities



Make science interesting and relatable



Mobilize community members to act



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## Support Operations & Surveillance





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# THANK YOU

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