

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL PROJECT

Students lend birds a helping hand



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Pamela Almanzar, right, traces a bird stencil Friday at Ramos Elementary School in Allentown as part of a project with third-graders to prevent birds from injuring themselves by flying into windows that the animals may not recognize as a solid barrier.



Ayden Ruggear, above, works Friday on making a window blocker to help prevent the bird strikes. The Ramos Elementary third-graders heard from representatives from the Lehigh Gap Nature Center, Muhlenberg College and the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society on the danger large windows represent to birds. The students created window blockers as examples of what can be done to help prevent the birds from crashing into buildings with large windows. Cristian Francios and Yomar Bermudez, above right, display their work during the event at the west Allentown school. One of the silhouettes the students made, right, hangs in a classroom window Friday.

