



## Students take a walk through outer space

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It's a long way from the Covington School to the planet Neptune.

About 1,000 yards, actually.

That's how far more than 50 fifth- and sixth-graders in Erica Maliszewski's science classes trudged through the snow Wednesday to get an idea of just how vast space is. The students started the trek with a "sun" placed at the corner of Covington and Quarton, then placed items like seeds and a cotton ball along the route south on Covington to simulate the distance between planets and show the relative size of the planets.

"It gets them to understand how far it is," Maliszewski said.

"It's cool," said Veronica Manson, who represented the planet Jupiter. You could tell her planetary affiliation by the sign she carried with the name "Jupiter."

The kids enjoyed getting outside the classrooms and didn't seem to mind the snow or cold.

— Greg Kowalski



The kids in Erica Maliszewski's science classes at The Covington School didn't mind the cold of deep space at all as they headed outdoors for a practical lesson on planetary distances.