District and School News

Your school budget meetings are happening soon! NOW is the time to ask for Outdoor School at your districts. Check out your district’s website for more information about board and budget meetings.

We are excited to report that David Douglas will attend this spring for 3 days and 2 nights; and Parkrose is just about $4,000 short to attend for 4 days and 3 nights (one night more than last year). Thank you so much for your generosity! The parents, teachers, and students at these districts assure us that they would not be attending Outdoor School this spring without YOU, and send their most sincere THANKS!
Check it out!
We recently updated our website!
We worked really hard to make the site easier to navigate (and hopefully more aesthetically pleasing). We hope you like it!
www.FriendsOfOutdoorSchool.org

Please let us know if something isn’t working!

Hail, hail the gangs all here, Arrah Wanna welcomes you!
Outdoor School is thrilled to host many different districts from throughout the state this spring; and we’re pleased to announce that Arrah Wanna ODS was added back into the fold for the spring 2012 session!

Please help us welcome Arrah Wanna's new spring Site Supervisor, Doug “Flank” Lloyd. Teal shares, "Doug brings a strong background in leadership and many great skills to this position. He previously served as an ODS staff member for many sessions… and was, for many years, the camp director at Camp Namanu. Join me in welcoming Flank back to the program in this new role!"

Friends of Outdoor School Project Updates

ArtODS:
Many Outdoor School staff members recently spent a sunny afternoon at Tryon Creek State Park creating a bird blind and learning more about Hanna “Minty” Jickling and Jennifer “Jingo” Starkey’s Art at Outdoor School project hosted at Howard ODS last Fall session. This Spring, staff plan to incorporate art at all of the Outdoor School sites; while our project partners at Caldera pilot classroom-based activities using art to help students grasp complex scientific concepts. Many thanks to the Gray Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation and Weiden Public Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, and Starseed Foundation for their generous funding of this innovative project!

Sustainable Food:
Claire “Tree Frog” Bruncke dedicated many hours of research and making phone calls to try to help Outdoor School minimize it’s food-related ecological footprint. She succeeded in securing over 500 loaves of NatureBake “Oregon Grains” bread that were eaten at all our ODS sites last Fall. THANK YOU NatureBake! Claire also created cue cards and a weather lesson to help Student Leaders talk with ODS students about local, organic, and sustainably-grown food. Simple to use and engaging, these lessons provide basic resources for connecting students with food-based ecological, watershed, and health issues. Thank you to Organically Grown Company and East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District for funding this project.
1% for the Planet Partnership

We owe Matthew Allen, of Matthew’s Tree Care, a big THANK YOU for donating many hours of work at our Arrah Wanna ODS site, and a large donation to Outdoor School on top of that!

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Introduction by Daniel Prince.

All proceeds benefit Friends of Outdoor School

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“I continue returning to Outdoor School because the joy and skills I gain from it are insurmountably more valuable than the temporary difficulties I encounter because I choose to volunteer there.”

- Watermelon, Student Leader

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