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- 160 students in the strings programs worked with a master fiddler in a 5-day artist workshop. (\$1,200)
- 50 West Hills students traveled to Portland to experience science at the Oregon Zoo and OMSI. (\$1,000)
- 17 PHS students participated in the Oregon Writing Festival. (\$595)
- 14 first-generation college-bound PHS students in the ECMC program traveled to local colleges to learn more about post-secondary options. (\$500)

Featured Grant: Foundation helps fund marine biology trips

Two overnight field trips are planned again this year by the Pendleton High School Honors Biology II class taught by Schelle Hand Bixler. The trips have been offered for the past 15 years, but this will be the 6th year since a second trip was added to accommodate the increased number of students in the class.

The Education Foundation of Pendleton has been a major sponsor of the trips which allow students "to experience the coastal ecosystem firsthand," according to Mrs. Bixler. Students travel by bus to Newport where their first stop is the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Continuing to South Beach, Mrs. Bixler leads them on an investigation of the beach ecosystem, reviewing dune formation, beach dynamics, and offshore currents and waves. Tide pool exploration, a ride on a tour boat in Yaquina Bay and the ocean, and a trip to the Oregon Coast Aquarium are packed into the second day of the trip.

"We explored caves and tidepools, turned over rocks and discovered hiding animals, watched harbor seal mothers nurse their babies, captured shrimp, crabs, and flatfish in nets, and experienced porpoises, sea lions, and grey whales while out on the ocean," Mrs. Bixler said of last year's trip.

One student wrote of the experience, "The trip was so fun and informative – thank you for helping to make it possible!" Another added, "It was really nice to see what we learned in class out in the field. It made it all more real."



Students experience the tide pool exhibit in the Hatfield Marine Science Center last year.

Grants total \$11,570 in 2011

2011 Spring Grants Total \$6,290

- 40 PHS ProStart students attended the NW Food Service Show & Oregon Culinary Institute in Portland. (\$750)
- 60 Washington Elementary students watched a performance from American Theater Arts for Youth. (\$465)
- 75 Sherwood students created handmade books with artist in residence Roberta Lavadour. (\$180)
- 20 Sherwood & McKay students were selected for an All-State Elementary Honor Choir. (\$700)
- 280 4th graders learned about local history at the Heritage Museum. (\$900)

2011 Fall Grants Total \$5,280

- A new group of up to 20 young vocalists from Sherwood & McKay will rehearse for an upcoming performance with the All-State Elementary Honor Choir. (\$480)
- 85 PHS Honors Biology II students will again travel to the Oregon Coast. (\$1,400)
- 220 Sunridge students will experience Outdoor School

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in the spring. (\$1,100)

- 30 PHS ProStart students will attend this year's Northwest Food Service Show in Seattle. (\$750)
- About 40 PHS students will again travel to the University of Oregon to participate in a foreign language and international studies conference. (\$800)
- 353 McKay students will have a 2-week creative experience with ceramicist and artist in residence, Annie Heron. (\$750)



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