

Hawks Specials Newsletter, November 2018

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Personal Health Update:

Hey Hawk Families! During the month of November K-5 classes are focusing on growing students' personal health in the the following ways:

Kindergarten: Feelings detectives: We learn how to be better friends by reading the feelings of others and helping out when necessary.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades: Learning to be in control of our five senses in order 'read' situations around us. Building these skills allows for more controlled, focused, learning bodies.

4th & 5th Grades: Learning to be in control of our five senses in order 'read' situations around us. Building these skills allows for more controlled, focused, learning bodies. These skills also enhance our abilities to support ourselves, our friends and our families on a daily basis.

Thanks for supporting your students in learning these life skills that serve a lifetime!

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Art and Music Learning Update

Happy November! As you know, we have switched over to music and are in full Holiday Program mode! Each class period, we begin with a mystery song study from around the world, practice our rhythm with clapping and chanting techniques, and practice tirelessly for the upcoming program.

- The **Kindergarteners** are practicing three songs for the program. It's so much fun to be a part of their excitement! Remember Kinder parents, your little ones DO NOT need to dress in Western style for the program! They will have little costumes on over their best holiday wear.



- **1st through 5th** grades are busy practicing their songs and we will begin learning simple dance motions right after Thanksgiving break. A few of our wonderful 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been given speaking parts for the program, which they should be practicing over break! Remember parents, 1st-5th graders should wear Western wear (see Holiday program note that was sent home).

Thank you so much for your continued support of the music and art program at PBCCS!

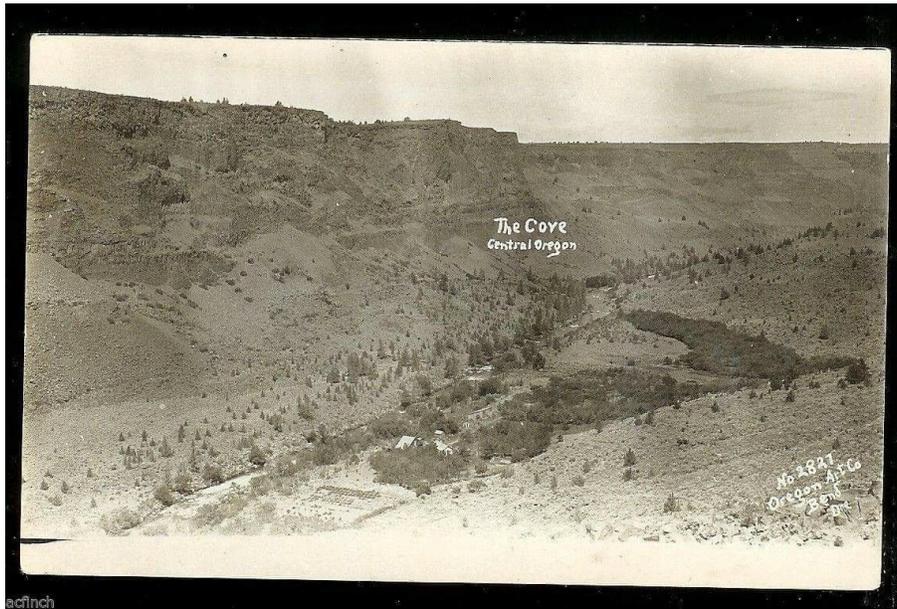
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Place Based Learning Update



Historic image of the Cove Palisades before the installation of Round Butte Dam in the 1960s that formed Lake Billy Chinook and covered the settlement shown here with 200 feet of water!

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who braved the cold to chaperone a fall field study; I hope you had fun with the students and that you learned something new about the geology & history of central Oregon!

On December 12, we'll culminate our study of how & why people came to central Oregon with a whole school field study to the High Desert Museum! Museum staff and volunteers will provide interpretation at various exhibits on the museum grounds for small groups of students. Parents & guardians, we need YOU! We have approximately 200 students and to meet our required 1 adult to 5 students chaperone requirements we need approximately 25 adults in addition to school staff. Since the school will pay for all students to enter the museum, chaperone entry to the museum is free. If you intend to chaperone, you must have completed the volunteer application and training process with Mrs. Marsh. Email her directly if you need a volunteer application: smarsh@powellbuttecharterschool.org

Place Based Education continues into the winter with a focus on economics and astronomy. K-2 will explore how people make and use money and how products get to and from market. They will also explore day & night and why our amount of daylight varies throughout the year. Upper Elementary and middle school will focus on imports & exports, profit & loss and supply & demand along with relationships of the sun, earth and moon. Please contact your student's teacher if you have a desire to share your expertise in economics, small business, entrepreneurship or astronomy with the classes.

Families, please continue exploring the land theme on the weekends! Here are some activity ideas to support the winter place based focus:

- Bundle up and get outside to view the winter sky! Long nights and clear skies are great for viewing the stars and phases of the moon. [December's new moon is on the 7th](#), so enjoy the dark nights on the evenings in early to mid December.
- Visit the [Sunriver Oregon Observatory](#) to view the night sky through their telescopes. They are open from 7-9pm through November and December. This is also a good outing for family who might be visiting for the holidays. Closer to Powell Butte, get dinner at Worth Brewing and visit their [Hopservatory](#).

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