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OMSI delights Brooklyn students

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Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) brought the “Altered States” educational program to Baker City elementary school students on April 16. Brooklyn gymnasium set the stage for fun science experiments highlighted by a big boom, a shower of ping pong balls, and plenty of steam emitted by the cold temperature experiments using liquid nitrogen.

Erik Anderson, OMSI educator from the Portland museum, drove the OMSI van throughout the region last week during the annual eastern Oregon tour, which included stops in Enterprise, Haines and Brooklyn.

“We don’t think of it as the Portland Museum of Labor and Industry but as the Oregon Museum,” said Anderson. “The eastern Oregon tour gives students who can’t get to the museum in Portland a chance to participate and learn about OMSI.”

OMSI offers 200 interactive exhibits highlighting renewable energy, global climate, health and wellness, chemistry, engineering, and technology. There are five exhibit halls and



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Erik Anderson, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, visited Brooklyn Primary School April 16 and demonstrated the seemingly magical properties of liquid nitrogen. Helping him during an experiment were (from left to right) Diana MacLeod, Eva Anderson, Clark Norton, Anderson, Dash Bloomer, and Evangeline Rexroad.

eight hands-on science labs. Unique attractions include the US Navy’s last non-nuclear, fast-attack submarine, the USS Blueback Submarine (SS-581). OMSI holds the largest and most technologically advanced planetarium in the

Pacific Northwest in the Kendall Planetarium. And, after a long day of experimenting and looking to the stars, patrons can kick back in the OMSI Empirical Theater for popcorn and the latest science-centered movie feature.

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