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Students love new classrooms



(Photo by Ryan Forsythe, Dome School Times)

Elementary students meet and learn about the life of Ian Goodman, a long-time Takilma resident and former Dome School student, in one of the two new classrooms at the Takilma Community Building, March 14.

Kinder's compliments

In January, Dome School Kindergarten students returning from Winter Break were excited to find they had a brand new classroom!

Last week, following a full three months in their new room, Kindergarten teachers Ashley and Rochelle asked their students just what makes the space so special. Here's what they learned:

- "I like that it's quieter and there's more things to do like build with blocks." - Rio
- "I like the new countertops with the sink and I like to play in the block area." - Violet
- "I like doing math and playing outside on the big slide." - Tyleah
- "I really like that it's quiet in our classroom. It's better to do our meditation when it's quieter." - Eleanor
- "I really like how we can see the playground from our new classroom." - Keenan
- "I like to play dress up in the kitchen area." - Leila

- "I like the whole school with the new classroom and I like the balloon art on the wall." - Izayah
- "We have windows now and I like the toys and the art on the walls." - Faolan
- "My favorite thing about the new classroom is my friends. I also like the alphabet letters we decorated." - Samara
- "I like playing with LEGO's and I can read now!" - Alexander
- "I like that it's quieter. It helps me to learn." - Emma
- "I like the balloon art on the wall." - Lilac
- "I like to build zoos with the blocks and animals." - Ronnie



The First and Second Grade Kids have been studying volcanoes! Their research resulted in magnificent papier-mâché volcanoes.

(Photos by Chad Free)



Dome School Secondary cohort and teachers outside Kaleidoscope Pizza, following the Oregon Battle of the Books, March 2018.

(Photo courtesy Kimiko Maglio)

Dome School is growing in grades

The Dome School's new Secondary Program has planted its roots this year. Now providing a setting for 6th grade through graduation, our small private school is modeling full circle education from Preschool through High School!

Our first cohort in the Secondary Program consists of 10 bright and driven students ranging from 6th grade through 9th grade.

They have had a wonderful, ground-breaking year as they make history right here in Takilma, Oregon.

We hope to move into a more permanent satellite school building this coming year so that we may accommodate a larger cohort of middle school and high school-aged students. More to come!

Elementary students enjoy peace, quiet, sink

This year has been one of transition for the entire school. But especially, it has been one of transformation for the lower elementary classes.

The old space brought us the stress of bad acoustics and an inability to focus. Every giggle and squeal was amplified and tension was perpetual in the students and the teachers.

Now we are blessed with a classroom space that has the reverberation tendencies of newly fallen snow. We have had the pleasure of watching each and every child blossom and grow in this new space.

We asked the first and second grade class about their feelings regarding the old space: What's your favorite thing about the new space? What is something that was harder in the main hall classroom, that is easier in the new space?

"I noticed a difference, it is more quiet and calm, and also I like the new classroom because we have a reading nook and library." - Breeze, 1st grade

"I like the new classroom better because everything is new, and I like sitting in my own spot." - River 1st grade

"I like it because there is a sink, and I like everything. It is easier to listen in the new space." - Ezra, 1st grade

"I like the new classroom because it is really calm and quiet. I like sitting at my spot and reading books." - Asher, 1st grade

"I like the new classroom better because it is more quiet and easier to concentrate. You can meditate better in the new classroom." - Riv Dog, 2nd grade

"I like that we can actually see and hear videos when we watch them. And I like that we have a nice warm and cozy place." - Tulsi, 1st grade

"I like that we get to have dance parties and we won't bother the kindergarteners." - Johnny, 1st grade

"It is so cool in the classroom. It is easier for me to focus and is much cleaner." - Lori, 2nd grade

"I like the new library and I get to be with my friends. I don't have to wait in line for us to go outside because we can just wait at the door." - Paisley, 1st grade

"I like the classroom because it has more space and is quieter." - Addi, 2nd grade

"I like about the classroom that it is very spacious and I like that we have a library that we can actually check books out." - Bela, 2nd grade

"I like the space because it sorta feels magical to me, because I get to play with my friends. It is also fun to have more space to do what I want to do. It is just so fun to have the space to do everything." - Rosie, 1st grade

"I am glad the days of packing up the classroom and pulling down artwork are over." - Teacher Taryn

"What I like best about the new space is the windows that make the space feel bright and fresh. I also love that we have so much wall space to put up our incredible projects and art work. I like that we get to create the space." - Teacher Melissa

The Community is cordially invited to attend the

SATURDAY APRIL 28

TAKILMA COMMUNITY BUILDING

GRAND RE-OPENING

PROGRAM

3 - 5 pm
Tours of the new TCB
Ribbon & Cake Cutting

5 pm until sold out
Lebanese Dinner Available
(Goat Kibbe & more, from the Galloping Goose)

6 pm - Midnight
Beer Tent Open

7 - 10 pm
Concert: **NOMADS of BEND**
(fusion of traditional Balkan and Middle Eastern)

10:30 pm
Concert: **GRIN HOUND**
("Doo Slop / Sound & Fury / Rock 'n' Roll Yowls spinnin' Ghost Yams")

PLUS
Activities for Kids
Historic Photo Display (by Jim Shames)
Silent Auction

FREE ADMISSION
(dinner, dessert, drinks, and silent auction extra)
More info at www.domeschool.org/GrandOpening