



The great outdoors is an excellent teacher

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Warrenton students are exploring the outdoors, investigating micro-organisms, and trying their hands at archery. They're even pitching in to help the community.

It's all part of the Warrenton-Hammond School District's new Outdoor School at Camp Kiwanilong.

"At Outdoor School, we have been given the opportunity to present our students with the chance at activities that are hands-on in a time that has been really difficult to present to students," said Jake Mullins, a sixth-grade social studies and science teacher based at the Outdoor School.

The plan was to get students actively engaged in what they're learning.

"Students have been researching and learning about invasive species. They have gone on nature walks and used that time to identify plants and animals. We have looked at the microscopic life in Long Lake out here at camp," Mullins said. "The students have even

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Above: Volunteers Scott Norman and Dusty Wallace work with students on their archery skills. Norman is a former Aerotek employee and Wallace is president of the Saddle Mountain Archers Club.

Right: STEM teacher Heidi Lent helps a student with a project.

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Port signs lease on largest deal in a decade

Plant to kick off first development within Airport Industrial Park

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The Port of Astoria signed the lease this week for what's believed to be its largest project in more than a decade: The Scoular fish processing plant at Airport Industrial Park.

"As you know, this has been a long row to hoe," Matt McGrath, the port's deputy director, told port commissioners Tuesday. "This is an exciting moment to get this on the agenda, to get it to the commission.



McGrath

This is the largest development project that the port has undertaken in, certainly, since my tenure and I think it's been the largest one in the last 10 years."

The 20-year lease, which requires signoff from the city of Warrenton, is the last component before Scoular can begin constructing its project.

The lease was unanimously approved by port commissioners.

Scoular will pay \$2,014 per month this year for the 1.46-acre property adjacent to the airport.

Beginning in 2022 – once the plant is built and in working order – rent jumps to \$4,028 per month with small increases throughout the life of the lease.

Scoular has the option to extend the lease for four additional five-year terms, port Executive Director Will Isom said. "Potentially, it could take

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Spruce Up donates statue to city marina

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A tribute to working fishermen and women has found a home outside the Warrenton Marina offices.

The statue was donated last week by Spruce Up Warrenton, a grassroots group whose mission is to clean up and revitalize downtown.

The piece was created by chainsaw artist and woodworker Konlim Bokor of Original Roots Carving. The cedar log was donated by Gill Gramson and Luke Ness.

Landscaping will be added to the area around the statue, according to Harbor-master Jane Sweet.

"The city is pleased to partner with Spruce Up Warrenton in recognition of the importance of the fishing industry to Warrenton with this display of public art," City Manager Linda Engbretson said.

Spruce Up plans to have a dedication ceremony as soon as the landscaping is complete.

