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Outdoors: School provides new skills for students

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completed a community service activity in the helping of removing invasive plants at camp.

The camp has allowed sixth-graders to attend in-person school throughout February.

"They have had the opportunity to interact with peers that they haven't seen or talked to since last March when we shut down," Mullins said. "Students have had the chance to complete activities that would otherwise be impossible if it weren't for all the space we have at camp. The kids have also had a blast, a lot of them talk about how much fun they have been having and how much they enjoy being back at school every day."

The district created the school thanks to a Measure 99 grant from Oregon State University Extension. Measure 99 was passed in 2015 and is funded by the State Lottery to support outdoor education.

"Our district has been able to use the money as part of the funding to provide quality and safe outdoor experiences for students in this challeng-



Courtesy Warrenton Grade School

Sixth-graders work to clear a hillside at Camp Kiwanilong, a community service project at the Warrenton-Hammond School District's Outdoor School.

ing time," said Jamie Klebe, a counselor and sixth-grade language arts teacher. "We are fortunate to be in close proximity to Camp Kiwanilong, which is such a beautiful place. You walk on the grounds out there and just sense your stress dissipating. This is what we want for our students."

Adolescence can be difficult by itself for many mid-

dle-schoolers; adding COVID restrictions can compound the stress, she said.

"Thankfully, they are able to safely get into nature for not only academic learning but also some social-emotional benefits," Klebe said.

All the district's sixth-graders attended five days a week in February and all of the seventh-graders are attending in March.

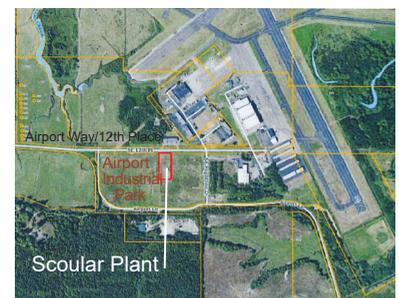
Scoular: Company to turn fish guts into 'gold'

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them through 2061."

The company plans a small factory that will produce fishmeal, fish oil and shrimp shell meal using the offal, or entrails and other parts usually cast off by local processors preparing fish for human consumption. Scoular's products serve the pet food and other specialty feed markets.

The plant will employ six to eight full-time workers from April to October.

There will be no retail sold at the plant and about 35 deliveries and shipments are expected per week.



Raw materials will arrive in insulated totes on flatbed trucks and depart by tractor-trailer, according to Scoular.

Helligso Construction of Astoria will build the 14,400-square-foot plant and already has begun preparing the site.

Because Warrenton's sewer

treatment plant is near capacity, the port had to commit to upgrade its sewer infrastructure, which dates to World War II. The upgrades will eliminate stormwater intrusion into the city sewer system.

Last month, port commissioners approved a \$331,342 sewer reconstruction contract with Big River Construction. The company begins work this month.

Scoular is investing \$8 million in the project, which is expected to spur more development at the 26-acre industrial park and generate \$2.25 million in local payroll.