

MARCH, 1ST 2018

Dear Families,

We couldn't have asked for a better Olympic Week! It was truly a pleasure to have fun and to inspire the Blossoms as they pushed themselves to go for gold and support their team!

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This month, we began our Body Study. We explored our bones and muscles with a visiting expert (Thanks Max!) who taught us about the muscles and their need for oxygen and energy. We explored joints, tendons, skeletal muscles (like our biceps) and soft muscles (like our esophagus).

As we explore the circulatory systems, we'll research the heart, the blood vessels, lungs, and kidneys. We'll meet with another visiting expert to ask questions and gather more information. We're exploring real artifacts (real hearts for dissection). We're researchers now!

Over the next few weeks, we'll explore the digestive system and the organs as well as investigating our nervous system, senses and our brain—and how we must always protect with helmets!

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When the Body Study concludes, we'll begin a study of Oregon Animals. We'll look at their habitats, follow their tracks, hear their sounds, see, touch and explore their artifacts, and hear the stories and legends that endears them to us as ancient creatures of this land we call home!

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Conferences will be held Friday April 13th. Growing Tree will be closed so teachers can dedicate our time to share your child's development in our classroom.

We do our best to keep your children's hats and gloves safe at school and convenient for you and for them to find. We encourage Blossom's to use their 'blue basket' at the top of their cubby. Your encouragement goes a long way! Young children are still learning responsibility with their personal items. They need lots of understanding, reminders and guidance to learn these skills and to use them independently. Modeling for your child how you'd like their items to be stored reinforces healthy limits for your children and connects school to home. Please help your child as they place their hat and gloves in their blue basket. Please label your children's spare clothes, and winter clothes. Thank you for helping us stay oh so warm!

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Weekly, please check your child's cubby and file folder. Look for items that need to be returned home. Large blankets may seem comforting for your child but they can be difficult for your child to manage independently and successfully during transitions causing stress for your child and extra work. Items should fit easily into cubbies and are easy to put away when your child is done with them. Your child's work file folder is located near our classroom door.

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We are so grateful to you for sharing your creative, kind, curious, clever, capable, caring children with us each day.

We wish you well,  
Lane, Hannah, Emily, Joey,  
Kindaroo, Coyote

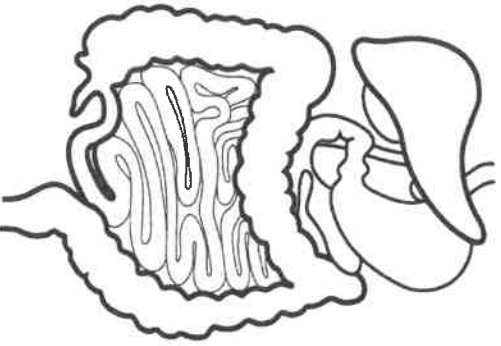
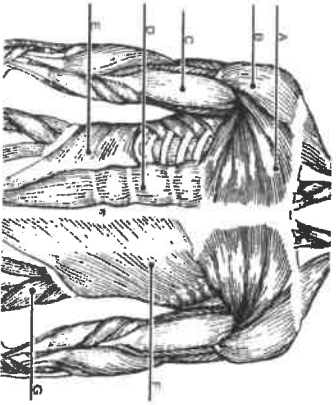


# March '18

## The Bodies Study and Oregon Animals

Notes:

MAR. 11th - Daylight Savings  
MAR. 17th - St. Patrick's Day



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bodies Study Circulatory System	Bodies Study Circulatory System	Bodies Study Circulatory System	1 Bodies Study Circulatory System	2 Bodies Study Circulatory System
5 Bodies Study Digestive System	6 Bodies Study Digestive System	7 Bodies Study Digestive System	8 Bodies Study Digestive System	9 Bodies Study Digestive System
12 Bodies Study Nervous System	13 Bodies Study Nervous System	14 Bodies Study Nervous System	15 Bodies Study Nervous System	16 Bodies Study Nervous System
19 Oregon Animals Beavers	20 Oregon Animals Beavers	21 Oregon Animals Beavers	22 Oregon Animals Beavers	23 Oregon Animals Beavers
26 Oregon Animals Salmon	27 Oregon Animals Salmon	28 Oregon Animals Salmon	29 Oregon Animals Salmon	30 Oregon Animals Salmon

