

**Seed To Table Farm Fun** By Emily (grade 6)

We took a field trip to Seed To Table farm this April. There were lots of fun activities, like tasting vegetables with blindfolds on. Some of them were gross, and some were delicious. If you've never tried a golden beet before, you have to!

Last time we visited the farm, there were lots of crops and vegetables all over the place and ready to be eaten. This time, going in the Spring, there weren't as many vegetables ready or fully sprouted. They had kale, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, radishes, beets, carrots, and chard.

Each of us got a small sapling to plant in one of the various soil plant beds. We got a handful of fertilizer with calcium in it so help the plants grow healthily. Then we watered them. When we come back next year, our little saplings should be fully sprouted and ready to be eaten.

We also got different types of tools to use on the soil. I had fun raking and organizing the beds and getting them ready for planting. We also helped by getting rid of all the weeds around the beds. They were tossed into buckets. We ended up having about four of them full of weeds!

Seed to Table farm doesn't make money off of selling the food they plant like most farms do; they make their money by educating people (mostly kids) about how it all works and showing everyone around. It's really interesting to see the process of planting and how much hard work it takes. Our field trip to Seed To Table farm was really fun.

**Kindness Tree & Students of the Week** By Talon (grade 4)

The tree of kindness is a cut out picture of a tree without leaves. Our goal is to fill the tree with sticky notes that say kind things about one another by the end of the year. The tree was made to have the students feel positive about one another so we can get along. The tree also helps students feel better about themselves for noticing positive things about other students, and for reading something positive about themselves.

The students of the week are the students that the teachers think are really trying their best and he puts up pictures of them on the wall. In morning meeting on Wednesdays we say something positive about them. Right now our students of the week are Lily and Kellen. The students before them were Ace and Emily. They were all very happy and excited.

**Trout Unlimited Restoration Project** By Ilya (grade 8)

On Friday 27, we went on a hike with the organization, Trout Unlimited to learn about the river and animals. Trout Unlimited is an organization that started in July 1959 on the banks of Au Sable River in Grayling, Michigan. Their mission is to preserve North America's cold water fisheries and watersheds. They work on restoration along the rivers and with schools (like BBS).

We started by getting on the bus and driving down to Pioneer Ford Campground. Our hike went all the way to Candle Creek Campground. We saw many things on our hike. We saw osprey and their nests, small birds, more nests, a snake, and a couple more animals we didn't know. We also saw flowers, morels, lots of trees, lots of green plants, and a pine drop, which is a unique plant considering it does not need to photosynthesize.

By far the coolest thing we saw was a nurse log. Nurse logs form when a tree falls down and begins to decompose. Seeds fall on the log and start to grow. After a while the baby tree grows larger and the log stays there. But it is not only fallen logs that can cause this to happen. Also stumps and sometimes even dead trees that are still standing can become nurse logs.

We talked mainly about the riparian zone and the uniqueness of the Metolius. We talked about how the riparian zone provided shelter, homes, and food for animals and how it helped with erosion. The Metolius is unique because of all the plants getting green in the spring and the fact it is the largest spring fed river. Overall we had tons of fun and learned many new things.



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Talon and the kindness tree

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