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NEWS RELEASE

## Boring Middle School awarded funds for outdoor classroom

The Oregon Trail School District is pleased to announce that Boring Middle School has been awarded a Healthy Eating, Active Living grant from Clackamas County Community Health. The award of \$6,950 will be used to develop a school garden and outdoor classroom.

Boring Middle School teachers Morgan MacGregor and Rose Miranda developed the garden project after completing a School Garden Coordinator course at PSU last summer. They are in the process of designing a curriculum to incorporate the garden into the school's health and science courses as a tool for hands-on learning.



Located on school grounds in an area easily accessible to staff and students, the garden will provide a natural space for engaging students in learning experiences that tie the curriculum to the real world. Hands-on investigations in the garden will provide students opportunities for collaborative problem solving, nutrition education, and outdoor physical activity.

Grant funds will be used to build raised garden beds, paths, a storage shed, and benches for a classroom seating area, to install a watering system, and more. All classes will be able to take advantage of the new outdoor classroom as an alternative learning environment – or to just enjoy the beautiful outdoors while they study.

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