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Launch Day/Earthday

~Naming, blessing, launching~

It's a long tradition, ceremonially naming and blessing vessels upon completion.

At Wind & Oar, whenever possible, we gather students at the water's edge to honor them and their perseverance with these brief but important ceremonies. Seeing the boats float, brings a sigh and a smile to all who participate.

We happily report we are combining two special launch events this year on Earthday. This 52nd global recognition of the importance of caring for this planet we all call home provides a wonderful backdrop to the efforts of two middle school cohorts. Each have built a Bevin's Skiff as the centerpoint in an integrated place-based project. Building the boat provides a platform for the exploration of an array of academic, social, and practical skills: geography, history, science, physics, math, and literacy, not to mention teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity, to name just a few.

Students at Faubion K-8 completed their boat just a week or so before the 2020 Covid pandemic closed school. We're so excited to reconnect with this group of now 8th graders and recognize their achievement. The power of the project still resonates two years later. The second student group includes the entire 6th grade class at Metropolitan Learning Center. Their sailboat version of the Bevin's Skiff was built over 10 weeks and 60 hours of instruction just this year. Both launches, complete with rowing, sailing, and on land discovery activities, takes place Friday, April 22nd from 10-3 pm. Rain or shine, we'll all be there.



Just a few of the launch ceremonies from years past.

Get Ready to AMPLIFY Earth Day

Happy Earth Month! We are so excited to join forces once again with [Earth Day Oregon](#). This year's celebrations include over 70 other nonprofits and countless business partners. We are proud to be supported by 5 of our own amazing business and community partners which include: [Activity Connection](#), [CFM Advocates](#), [City Graphics](#), [Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation](#), and [YellowScope](#).



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