



Students Love Us

## HIGHLIGHTS

### MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

Thanks to you, ECO was able to reach more elementary school students in the Portland Metro region than ever before in our 12 years. More students are learning about the importance of NW ecology in their lives, and not only that, but 99% of students want ECO back next year.



Welcome Fred Cohen!

### GROWING BEYOND PORTLAND METRO

Fred Cohen came to us this year from Intel as an Encore Fellow with Social Venture Partners on a mission to research and develop a way to further our reach. He's staying on to take our awesome hands-on ecology curriculum and make it accessible for teachers and students outside of the Portland Metro region.



Greater Recognition

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

We've received both the *100 Best Green Companies in Oregon* and the *Top 100 Nonprofits in Oregon to Work For* awards by Oregon Magazine. KGW and OnPoint Community Bank honored us with a 30-second commercial through their Stepping Up for Education Campaign. We were selected to be a part of Willamette Week's Give!Guide in 2016. **Look for us this year too!** Lastly, stayed tuned for a surprise award coming our way this November!

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84 Classrooms at 14 Schools



Served 2520 Students



Presented 351 Lessons



60 Field Trips for 1800 Kids



49% of students belong to a minority group



63% are eligible for free or reduced lunch



# YOU MADE LAST YEAR **BIG!**

We had **30 days** of State Park field trips, **added another team** of educators, delivered **90 geography lessons** and brought our total number of school days from an average of 100 days to **150 days!**



- ECO Field Sites**
- Springwater Trail
  - Powell Butte Natural Area
  - Corbett Natural Area & Outdoor Classroom
  - Siskiyou Square
  - Schoolyard Farms
  - Elks Lodge Wetland
  - Mclver State Park
  - Tryon Creek State Park,
  - Champoeg State Park
  - Guy Talbot State Park

# THANK YOU

**Your support and interest make it possible for us to connect kids to nature.** Thanks to you, our dedicated supporters, advocates and champions, we introduce kids to nature -- sometimes for the very first time -- and empower our youngest generation to be stewards of our communities and the environment. Thank you!

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