

At Keating Elementary School we have been fortunate to participate for the last 4 years in the program "Talk about Trees". This program is primarily funded through the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. The funding is in jeopardy, which means that our students could miss out on amazing hands-on science opportunities. This program is for students Pre-K through 6th grade. I have seen this program used in the classroom, at outdoor school, and now presented virtually. Every time we have a presenter come to the school the students are excited to learn new information about the value of trees and forests in our daily lives, along with the importance of protection, management, and conservation. I am hopeful that this program will continue to be funded. It is an amazing opportunity for all students that live in our great state of Oregon.