Students from Alder Elementary School in Gresham got a chance to learn about bridge construction first-hand with a visit to the Sellwood Bridge project. The event, coordinated by Lois D. Cohen Associates, included tours of the work site and stations dedicated to learning about multiple facets of bridge construction conducted by industry professionals working on the project.

Lois Cohen, gesturing at top center, introduces the Sellwood Bridge team members to students from Alder Elementary School.

Mike Faulkner, left, an engineering technician with Multnomah County, teaches a lesson on erosion control using sand and water.

Marc Brousseau, left, a construction manager with Slayden/Sundt Joint Ventures, points out construction features while walking students across the project’s work bridge.
Juan Hernandez, a bridge inspector with Multnomah County, shows students examples of unique bridge designs from around the world.

Students look out from the edge of the work bridge toward a box caisson, where one of two river pier walls will be constructed.

Students get their hands dirty while participating in a learning station in which they learned the basics of bridge construction.

Read more: http://djcoregon.com/news/2014/06/11/photos-kids-visit-sellwood-bridge-to-learn-about-construction/#ixzz35bNUhWCg