

!Owl Pellet Dissection!

Want to get your hands dirty? Do you love hands-on experiments? If you answered yes to either of these, then you should swing by the school's front office and pick up an owl pellet or two.

While many animals depend on their teeth for chewing food, birds have only their beaks. That's why owls must swallow their prey whole. The indigestible parts of their meal, such as fur, bones, and feathers, are regurgitated in "pellets". Scientists, and now you, dissect these pellets to learn more about the owl's behavior and the complex nature of the food chain.

During the week of November 9-13, the front office will have 40 sterilized owl pellets (as well as gloves and instructions) to be given out until they are gone. All school age students are welcomed to participate!

On Monday, November 16th @ 6pm, there will be a kick-off Zoom to introduce participants to the how's and what's of owl pellet dissection. The Zoom will be recorded and posted on the school website for later viewing. If we run out of pellets, we'll let you know; but don't despair! We can always order more and after a week's wait for shipping, you'll be ready to go!

Owl Pellet Dissection Kickoff Zoom: Mon, Nov. 16th @ 6pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87549377691?pwd=VERWSVJPOUJNMEZESEJWcjg5MnMzQT09>

Meeting ID: 875 4937 7691
Passcode: 5wfLpg

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