



REACH is a program of
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In collaboration with the Wishram School District

FALL ACTIVITIES

In October, some of the activities that were most enjoyed were the "dough making" activities. We made salt dough, soap dough, crafty clay, fruity dough, and even a bread dough. The students had to measure and mix and knead to make their dough just the right texture. The dough was then used for a variety of language arts activities like poetry and writing in our Observational Journals. The favorite dough seemed to be the fruity dough.

GRANT PARTNERS

We partnered with the Portland Art Museum for the Family Event "Journal On!" Students and families were given art kits and journals to draw and write in about their feelings on and reactions to video clips and quotes. It was great to see everyone's thoughts and feelings coming out as art. What a great outlet for all during these stressful times we are in. In November we partnered with Claire Pearson-Walker and the ESD 112 Truancy Project for a family event that encompassed the importance of attendance and how it links to success outside of the K-12 setting. In December we partnered with Megan Wynn of KLASAC for a family event regarding Website and App Safety, this was an incredibly educational experience. We also partnered with Abby Brandt from 4-H of Klickitat County, she shared some great winter inspired activity packs. Naomi Fischer of Fort Vancouver Regional Library also shared some "Experience Packs" that the students absolutely loved. Many thanks to all!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

On November 23rd, Wishram School's Annual Cultural Exchange took place. Due to COVID-19 this was not the regular feast accompanied by dancing, drumming, and local Native American language and stories. We started the day with the documentary "Gather." This was a great opportunity to learn about how several Native American's are working to make traditional foods come back into the daily meals of their communities, at the same time they are working on becoming self-sustainable. Next came a time of sharing things that we are thankful for. This was expertly led by Kenji Stasiewicz. Kenji was a true hit amongst the students and staff of Wishram School. What an awesome experience to see our students and staff sharing about things they are thankful for: from a stuffed animal that brings a student comfort to a picture of a lost sibling. This is a time we will treasure forever. We were fortunate to have a panel of speakers that included a Native American Fisheries expert,



Local Elder, and three young men that were featured on the documentary "Gather." Experiences, perspectives, and wisdom were imparted to the youth and community of Wishram School. Wishram School is very appreciative of the direction and hard work from Ashley Blodgett, Kenji Stasiewicz, and Julie Larson. Their connections, resources, and time were invaluable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wishram REACH staff is working with Arts in Education of the Gorge to bring in fun spring and summer activities to our students. We are also looking forward to Ft. Vancouver Regional Library presentations, a visit from Dale McConnel from Riverview Bank, and some great new food related activities with Abby Brandt from 4-H of Klickitat County.



Student Highlight

JOSEPH BOOKMYER (2ND GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"My favorite thing about REACH are the projects, like learning how fold and cut snowflakes."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Before the Virus I loved playing games outside."

What have you learned recently?

"I have learned patience when working in groups. More kids need to come to REACH and have fun with all the games and projects."

