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In collaboration with the Lyle School District

ACTIVITIES

Throughout the spring season, REACH students engaged in a multi week planting process to put native & annual plants in the ground. With help from our friends at Skyline Health, students spent a few weeks clearing, tilling, and prepping beds. After procuring plants starting from French's Farm in the Lyle community, students planted in various parts along the perimeter of the school playground. Each afternoon, students would support watering plants with hopes of building an ongoing relationship with them in the future.

GRANT PARTNERS

Our dear friends from GEO & The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center visited twice this spring and captivated the young scientist's imagination with some lively and engaging hands-on activities. Students started off by dissecting owl pellets and collecting bone samples in order to identify what kind of animal they might be from. Then they peered through soil samples and found all sorts of microscopic wonders to examine under a microscope. Peering into the details was delightfully contrasted by assembling and decorating their very own kites and running around the field to let them soar through the sky!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Art in the Park is a community event hosted by Lyle School District that REACH was honored to play a part in again this year. Music and art students were showcased at the annual event while teachers set up craft booths for families to enjoy. REACH reached out to various community connections to interface with the school community and many of them brought art activities in addition to resources and program information. Many thanks goes out to Career Connects SW, KLASAC, Klickitat Health Department, and Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries (FVRL).

FIELD TRIPS

In honor of the budding spring season, REACH took a mini walking field trip to explore the Friends of the Gorge lands adjacent to the school grounds for the afternoon. A group of REACHers packed snacks and adventure supplies and embarked on a mini adventure into a grove of oak trees surrounded by wildflowers and patches of poison oak. The group was taught how to respect these wild places and identify potential risks and hazards while playfully traversing the trails. They meandered down the trail until the big river was visible and slowly trudged their way back up the hill to school. So many of them wanted to stay out in nature, it was hard to pull them away!



PARENT EVENTS

In April, REACH hosted a Spring Family Dinner to celebrate the shifting seasons and longer, warmer days. We called on FVRL's artist roster and invited the very talented Angel Ocasio from the Portland Rose Festival to perform a hilarious and wildly entertaining act with our students after dinner. It was such a joy to see students stepping up to perform alongside Angel, and all their parents joyously laughing alongside the silly antics. After months of dark, cold days, it was great to come together to share a meal and some much needed belly laughter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

This summer, REACH is excited to partner again with Lyle School District to deliver a collaborative Summer School program for all students at Lyle School. Utilizing our partnerships with Arts in Education of the Gorge, Skyline Health, GEO, and Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, we are able to expand enrichment & cultural opportunities for all students attending Lyle Summer School. Sharing & spreading access in this way is such an honor, and we're grateful to all our partners for their willingness to show up and offer their special talents to our beloved community.



Student Highlight

ADRIAN (4TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"The activities are my favorite part."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Miss Anna & all the cooking!"

What have you learned recently?

"Mindfulness"

Quote:

"Always be awesome!"

