



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

Fall & Winter 2022-2023 NEWSLETTER



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Wishram 
In collaboration with the Lyle School District



ACTIVITIES

We have been so busy this fall and winter at Wishram School. Kindergarten-Fifth Grade Students have learned about pumpkins by dissecting them, then they baked their seeds for a special treat. They have worked on letter and number recognition, letter sounds, nouns, adjectives, and verbs. Students have created collages, and other art projects. Students love crafts, making marble runs, building forts, playing UNO and so much more.

In our Sixth -Twelfth Grade REACH program students have a few different opportunities due to many of them playing sports, and not being able to attend after school programming. For instance, in the morning we have a homework table for any students (K-12) that need extra time and a place to complete their work. The teachers at Wishram input student's missing and redo assignments that are due to absences on "the list." Each morning students on "the list" receive a copy of their assignments. This helps them be more organized and responsible for their education. Another morning option for our secondary group is morning enrichment activities, which include strategy games, visual spatial activities, and fun activities like beading, watercolor, three dimensional puzzles and more.

In the afternoon, secondary students' mentor elementary students on the playground by organizing games and activities. Secondary students also help with role modeling positive interactions, and there seems to be a competition to read the story during snack time.

After snack, secondary students can choose to stay and run activities in the elementary program or head to the secondary program to receive more help with school work, or enriching learning activities.

GRANT PARTNERS

In December we had our first STEM Night with the help from our partner Career Connect SW at ESD 112, STEM and Technology. There were lots of great hands-on activities and fun for the entire family. Oh, and did I mention Career Connect SW provided pizza, spaghetti, and salad for everyone! What a special treat!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

November came with a special presentation by Heather Lopez about several important Native Americans. Heather's son Myeengan, a former Wishram student, joined us via Zoom to share about his experience as a college student attending Central Michigan University. Together we created a magnificent mural of each of these people, and we learned about their significant historical contributions.

Recently, volunteer Chelsea White shared her rock painting skills. She helped each student successfully paint a rock using Mandala design. Thank you for donating your time and expertise!



Secondary students organizing games.



Student mural of Native Americans

PARENT EVENTS

We have had lots of fun and learning at our fall/winter family events. Our first was a family movie night complete with popcorn, apple cider and hot cocoa, followed by our annual Trunk-or-Treat.

In November we celebrated harvest time with our families. We came together to complete fun activities, like water color pencil painting, pinecone bird feeders, beaded necklaces, and fuzzy pinecone owls. Students, families, and staff had a great time.

This year we were unable to have our traditional Winter Program with singing, poetry, and drama, so we decided to have "An Evening with Santa." Students and families had fun getting pictures with Santa, decorating cookies, and several different winter crafts. Hats off to Wishram School District for providing a delicious nacho dinner for this event for all!

January has brought a lot of sickness to Wishram School, but we are keeping our heads up, and we held a family event to help find our super powers with the Millu curriculum. Don't forget to ask our students what their super powers are!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Secondary students are very excited to begin making their CO2 cars in Mid-February. We are looking forward to planning our spring family events, and partner participation events. We have just recently begun to schedule trips and special partner visits for our Summer Activities Program.



Students, family and staff having a great time during family night.

K-5 Student Highlight

ISAIAH WHITE (5TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"That we get to play outside and play board games."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I enjoyed making the beaded snowman keychain."

What have you learned recently?

"Something I have learned recently at REACH is how to play UNO."

Quote:

"Yaba Dabba Do!"



6-12 Student Highlight

ALYSSA FLETCHER (9TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"Seeing how excited the kids get to see me, and being able to help the best I can with them"

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"A few weeks ago, when we had recess before snack, we were all outside on the playground and I was pushing kids on the swing. I really enjoy doing this activity, because I would have so much fun when the older kids would push me on the swing when I was little. "

What have you learned recently?

I've learned how to help younger kids with their emotions when they squabble with each other or have a problem.

