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Summer 2022

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Lyle Secondary



In collaboration with the Lyle School District

ACTIVITIES

Summer was a BLAST!!! Students had the opportunity to work with so many amazing and talented artists, performers, and educators this summer. We covered a lot of ground, and there were several highlights to our summer program this year.

Students loved all the Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL) performers that engaged the students in a variety of learning opportunities such including comedy, music, dance, magic, and art. We were able to take these activities and tie them into other activities with partners such as Arts in Education in the Gorge (AIEG), and create a wonderful educational platform with math, reading, art and science all woven into each lesson and event.

One example of this was performer Angel Ocasio from FVRL, who shared some comedy and cool magic tricks. Angel shared a childhood story with us about how he learned to perform magic tricks, and it was by checking out books about magicians from his local library as a young boy. These books inspired him to continue learning magic tricks and eventually led to a full-time career in comedy and magic. We were able to take the magic that Angel shared with the program and collaborate with Shelley Toon from AIEG to create our very own magician's hat. It was important for everyone to pay close attention to the instructions as this art project consisted of both math and measuring.

This is just one example of how our summer program went, and how amazing the educational learning flow made it even better! A highlight to our summer program was the collaboration with the Dallesport Elementary, and Wishram School REACH programs. The students enjoyed the quality time together and getting to see old friends and meeting new ones, too!

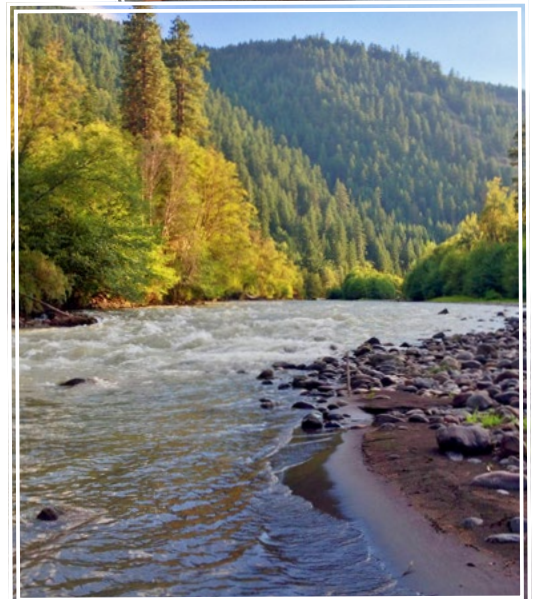


GRANT PARTNERS

Students enjoyed all the activities this summer, and were always eager to see what we had in store for them next!

We had the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Klickitat River as we rafted down with our phenomenal partners from Gorge Ecology Outdoors (GEO). Sometimes we take the natural beauty that surrounds us for granted, until we have the time to slow down, jump in a raft and be in the center of it all. It was such a beautiful day on the river, with time to enjoy the scenery, lunch on the rocks, some AWESOME rapids, all in the company of two amazing guides, Drew & Kenji from GEO. We had to use math skills throughout the entire trip, as Kenji taught the group how to count pulls forward and backwards to navigate the raft. It's amazing how three pulls forward can make a difference!

We look forward to many more adventures like this one!





COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We were able to collaborate with grant partner Kenji from Gorge Ecology Outdoors as he guided and introduced the REACH program to community members at the Basalt Blossom Sustainable Farm-Homestead. We traveled to the 20-acre farm, nestled on a hillside in Klickitat, Washington.

There were so many highlights to this trip and experience! We hiked, and learned about working on the farm with the chickens, planting potatoes, and about the waterways. They shared an abundance of educational teachings such as the amount of food chickens consume, solar energy vs. electrical, how much water the well pumped in a minute, and how the water system fed into the garden and home for usage using distance from the actual wellhouse to the outsources,

Afterwards, we enjoyed a beautiful meal prepared for us by the farm's owner. Overall, it was a wonderful and informative experience, and one that we look forward to doing again! We thank GEO and Basalt Blossom Sustainable Farm for going above and beyond to make this experience fun, educational and delicious!

FIELD TRIPS

We are all excited to begin our adventurous summer REACH program!!! REACH wants to congratulate the class of 2022, WAY TO GO! A special congratulations to REACH senior Dakota Stubbs. We hope you continue to reach for the stars!



Basalt Blossom Sustainable Farm-Homestead visit.



Student Highlight

ANAHUY LOPEZ (9TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"REACH gives me something fun to do and allows me to learn and see new things. I also like meeting new people and talking to the artists.!"

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I got to go rafting down the Klickitat River with Kenji and Drew from GEO. It was so much fun, especially the level three rapid that went down at the end!"

What have you learned recently?

"I learned water safety from Gorge Ecology Outdoors, and a lot of new art skills from the artists. "

Quote:

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin D. Roosevelt

