



— FALL/WINTER 2024-2025

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are looking forward to joining our friends from Trout Unlimited in March for a follow up field trip to the river restoration site on the Klickitat River called Klickitat Mile One. Last year, REACH students journeyed to Klickitat Mile One to plant native plants and trees to aid in the restoration process.

This spring, we will return to honor the hard work that so many people put into this local river access site and bringing native plants back to their native habitat. Many thanks to folks from the US Forest Service and other environmental organizations for their partnership with local school groups like REACH to encourage a sense of place for our students and investment in preserving the natural ecosystem of our home lands.





ACTIVITIES

Dallesport REACH celebrated the New Year learning about the Hispanic heritage tradition of the 12 lucky grapes. We read a children's story that illustrates how some people make new years wishes by eating one grape for each of the clock's twelve rings at midnight, and for others, for each month of the upcoming year. Students got to make a few wishes and eat a few grapes of their own, which led into a multi-week planning process for co-creating the activity schedule in the upcoming year.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

REACH students were fortunate to have local law & fire agency support for emergency preparedness training so far this year. Our good friend Deputy Corning from the Klickitat Sheriff's Department came in October to deliver a super fun and engaging lockdown drill, and a dedicated crew from the Lyle Fire Department led by Captain Ramsey visited in January to run a fire drill and spread fire prevention awareness. Students shared their appreciation and respect for all the hard work these folks do to keep our communities safe.





Student Highli

ADRIAN, 5TH GRADE

What is your favorite thing about **REACH?** Getting more recess

What is something fun you did at **REACH recently?** Taki party

What have you learned at REACH recently? I learned how to peel a potato

Quote: "Don't be mean"



FIELD TRIPS

In honor of the fall season, REACH partnered with Dallesport Elementary to bring students to Packer Orchards in Odell for a school field trip. Together with the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade classes, REACH students traveled across the big river on a chilly fall day in October. Delighting in all the farm themed activities, students interacted with pools of corn, husks, mazes, barrels, lassos, squash, troughs, tractors, hay, goats and much, much more, learning in tactile and kinesthetic ways all about farming and the fall bounty that comes with hard work and dedication. Thank you, Packer Orchards, for providing such an incredible experience for our local children!

PARENT EVENTS

For Halloween, REACH partnered with the Lyle Activity Center to host the Lyle Trunk or Treat event for local families. Settling up a storytelling station, REACH staff shared a few creepy songs and scary tales for those brave enough to sing along and delight in some fright! Families enjoyed delicious soup and hot chocolate while students ran around as a mob of creepy costumed characters competing for the best dressed of them all. We are grateful for our friends at the Lyle Activity Center for hosting and organizing the event for the Lyle community.

GRANT PARTNERS

Our partnership with Skyline Health continues to bring robust health & nutrition lessons coupled with STEM cooking activities throughout the year. Strategizing over multi-week series allows students to develop skills and knowledge in a particular realm. For example, throughout January, Miss Anna led the group in making pizzas, starting off with pre-made dough, then making our own, and culminating with an experimental gluten free dough as the final lesson. Additional support from our friends at The Next Door allows for the delivery of specific instruction and proficiency building in all of our up and coming kid cooks. Thank you for all your support, Anna & Goliah!



