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UPCOMING EVENTS

We're eagerly looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting summer activities program, kicking off on Monday, June 16th!

FIELD TRIPS

In March, we took a special return trip to Klickitat Mile 1 to celebrate the completion of the restoration project. Last fall, our REACH students played a hands-on role in restoring the area by planting trees, shrubs, and other native plants—and it was so rewarding to see how the space has transformed!

In April, we made our annual spring trip to Howard's Haven, and as always, it was an absolute blast. The students loved feeding apples to the horses and helping Risi care for her many happy animals. It was a joyful day filled with fresh air, furry friends, and meaningful connections to nature.

PARENT EVENTS

February brought us a heartwarming Valentine Family Event, where students and their families created handmade Valentines for their loved ones and enjoyed a delicious taco dinner generously provided by Wishram School District.

In April, we hosted a lively Family STEM Night in partnership with Career Connect Southwest. Families engaged in hands-on learning activities and creative projects, and we proudly showcased student artwork and CTE (Career & Technical Education) projects. It was a memorable night, and we're already looking forward to hosting it again next year!

Later that month, we partnered with Wishram School's Migrant Education Program to support their Cultural Event, which brought together community members from diverse backgrounds to celebrate and learn about the rich traditions and heritage of our local Native American cultures.



In May, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library's CASS Mobile Art program visited, and families had the opportunity to create beautiful works of art—both individually and collaboratively. The creativity and connection were truly inspiring.

We rounded out our family engagement season in June with another exciting Family STEM Night, this time in partnership with Wishram School's Title Program. It was a fun-filled evening of learning, discovery, and shared experiences.

Student Highlight

IZAAK DUKE, 4TH GRADE

What I love most about REACH is hanging out with my friends, playing outside, and the field trips.

Something fun I did recently at REACH was going to Maker's Club. We have made so many things like, house replicas, cards that light up, and a flashlight.

Something I learned recently at REACH is how to make a piano by folding paper, with Yuki Martin an Origami artists that came and visited us.

A quote I really like is: *"If you follow the light you will succeed."*

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

It's been an incredibly busy and exciting spring in our REACH Program, filled with enriching experiences and visits from amazing partners!

Every Tuesday, our Makers Club met with Ms. Betsy Barnhart, where students dove into hands-on learning by building flashlights, designing houses, and exploring creativity through making.

Thanks to Arts in Education of the Gorge, we were thrilled to welcome muralist Molly Holmlund, who guided students in continuing the mural on the walls of the Wishram School Gymnasium. The new additions—featuring a man cooking salmon and an old train—have brought even more beauty and cultural significance to the space.

We also had a blast with Swish Basketball, led by Miguel Lopez, who spent several days teaching us the fundamentals of the game and building students' skills and confidence on the court.

Columbia River Treaty Fishing Commission (CRTFC) and Tribal Police visited to teach us about water safety and the proper fit for Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). The highlight? Getting to sit in their police vehicles—so cool!

Arts in Education of the Gorge continued to enrich our programming by sending Erin Erickson to introduce us to block printing and Lacy Spray, who taught us how to use objects from nature as printing tools. Students even created three different types of journals—an experience that blended creativity with the natural world.

We were also wowed by Louie Foxx the Magician, sent by Fort Vancouver Regional Library, who kept everyone mesmerized with his illusions and fun-filled performance.

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center stopped by to teach us all about volcanoes, including the safest places to build homes near one—an eye-opening and educational experience.

Then on May 22, we welcomed Border Collie International, where students learned how to train dogs—and even discovered that older dogs can still learn new tricks!

To wrap up our regular afterschool programming, we had a special visit from Yuki Martin, who introduced us to the intricate art of Origami. Students created a variety of beautiful paper designs and truly embraced this unique art form.

This spring has been a season of creativity, discovery, and hands-on learning. We're so grateful to all our partners who helped make it so meaningful for our students!

