



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

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NEWSLETTER



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ACTIVITIES

Wishram REACH Programs have been busy bees this spring. K-5 students have been enjoying the spring weather and feeling eager to jump into all of our program opportunities.

In our 6-12th Grade program students have worked tediously on the school yearbook. They were recently printed and all students Kindergarten thru 12th grade received one free of charge. All the students enjoyed signing each other's year books.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library graciously contributed brand new books to take home along with a summer reading challenge. Thank you so much FVRL!

We have been implementing a lot of math enrichment activities over the last several months. Students have been using their creativity and math to create pattern blocks, multi bead patterns, multi beaded necklaces, marble runs, magnetic sticks and building tetrahedrons.



GRANT PARTNERS

Grant Partners have been a vital part of our after-school program this spring. We started with Molly from AIEG who helped students go from literal scribbles on the gymnasium wall to a beautiful mural of Celilo Falls. Erin from AIEG visited us to do print making by gathering beautiful gifts of nature. Columbia Gorge Discovery Center engaged students for 3 days with bicycle safety and riding bikes in a small portion of town. We also had the opportunity to engage in a cultural enrichment opportunity with FVRL's performer, Lisa Chang of Hula Halau, and the history of Hula dance. Students even got to try dancing hula themselves.

Our 6th-12th grade program enjoyed a special afternoon learning about the history of Henna from a FVRL artist, and the cultural significance of the art of Henna. Each attendee received a gorgeous Henna Tattoo from Wendy to remember their experience.

To wrap up the school year, we had the opportunity to invite FVRL's artist-performer Talewise, who conducted several exciting science experiments that bring a story to life! Together we explored Newton's Laws of Motion, the changing states of matter, the transfer of energy, air pressure, physical and chemical reactions, and more!



Bicycle riding and safety tips.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Chelsea White, Isaiah, and Gracie White's mom joined our REACH program to share her artistic talent of rock painting. Some of the REACH students decided they wanted to hide their rocks for community members to find and have their hearts warmed with the kind messages written on the rock.



Students learning to Hula dance.

FIELD TRIPS

We went on a field trip this spring to Riverview Bank and students learned all about banking. They went into the vault and had a pretend board meeting. The icing on the cake was when every student had the opportunity to run the drive through pneumatic machine, the kids were thrilled!

PARENT EVENTS

We have had several family events this spring. One of our favorites was My Piñata where every participant learned about the history and cultural significance of piñatas. Did you know that piñatas were traditionally made with clay and stuffed with fresh fruit? We then had the opportunity to each make our very own pinata.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are so excited to jump into our summer fun during our REACH summer program. There is a lot in store this year such as a beach trip, Bonneville Dam tour, Portland Art Museum, and much more! We also have several artists, performers, and other partners scheduled for some summer fun. The students are going to have a BLAST!



Family night is always a favorite with the students.

K-5 Student Highlight

GRACIE WHITE (3RD GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"Getting to play outside with my friends."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I enjoyed making Piñatas! That was really cool! I made mine into a kitty cat-meow."

What have you learned recently?

"How to paint with watercolors. Oh, and the fish people (Trout Unlimited) came and showed us how to cast out a line."



6-12 Student Highlight

ABBY MANZELLA (6TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"Snacks and activities. I specifically liked perler beads, marble runs, and jewelry making!"

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"We made stickers, and Henna tattooing with Wendy. "

What have you learned recently?

"Be nice and to keep my hands to myself, which is a plus since my siblings are also in REACH."

