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ACTIVITIES

Together with Lyle Summer School, REACH students got to learn all about STREAM science with our friends from Trout Unlimited. Laurie assembled her dedicated team to curate an amazing day filled with learning at Ekone Park, including leather crafting, collecting macroinvertebrates from the Little Klickitat River, Native American culture & first foods, plant identification, pole casting, and a presentation of the river restoration project on our hometown Klickitat River. Groups of students also got to take a mini detour to the Goldendale Fish Hatchery to see all the stages of rainbow trout raising, helping hatchery staff feed the big fish pellets and splash around the pools before heading home.

We also visited our partners from Riverview Bank where students got to tour the vault and count coins. They were introduced to checkbooks and learned how to balance budgets by tallying purchases and subtracting them from their original balance. Students were already volunteering to be program accountants to keep track of REACH Rewards points they earn throughout the year.



Students learning STREAM science.

GRANT PARTNERS

Our grant partners from Fort Vancouver Libraries coordinated an incredible presentation by Shanti from Creature Teachers. Shanti came to our school with all of her animal ambassadors and shared their unique characteristics and stories with us. She instructed students how to handle and approach these creatures with gentle care, showing students how to feel the textured exterior of many of her friends.

During Lyle Summer School, artist extraordinaire, Erin, from Arts in Education of the Gorge came out to explore the power of the sun by facilitating a cyanotype sun printing project utilizing natural materials gathered from around the school grounds. Students collected leaves and flowers and arranged them on special printing sheets, then left them out in the sun to do its magic. Once they rinsed the sheets in a mixed water bath, students were amazed to discover the gorgeous cyan colors left behind silhouetting their chosen backdrop.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

REACH students were privileged this summer to experience some community culture with a dance performance at Lyle Summer School by the Aztec Dancers, and at the Bingen Park by Andean dancers. They shared their songs and stories with us, and even invited students into a big circle to dance the friendship dance together.

For our final field trip of the summer, Summer REACH students got to visit our good friend Scotty and the land of Basalt Blossom for a farm to table experience and regenerative day in nature. Scotty and his talented team took us on a nature walk through the oak/pine forest, shared the calming vibrations of various ancient instruments, and facilitated a crafting/building station using power tools and recycled materials. For lunch, students harvested blueberries, made



Dance performance by the Aztec Dancers.

lemonade, grilled quesadillas, and prepared salsa to accompany the most delicious slow cooked beef. But the ultimate highlight for students was connecting with the farm dogs, Toshi & Sky!

FIELD TRIPS

Summer REACH was full of so many amazing field trips. We visited The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, WAAAM, and went cherry picking in Hood River. We also went to the big city with Lyle Summer School to visit OMSI. We partnered with Wishram REACH for two field trips to visit the Bonneville Dam & Portland Art Museum. Ranger Tyler taught us about hydroelectric power and Hana and her team from the Portland Art Museum taught students all about stop/motion animation and the teamwork it took to create Pinocchio.

We also got to visit one of REACH's all time favorite local sites at Howard's Haven Animal Sanctuary. Risi taught REACH students how to interpret animal language by observing their subtle body movements and by approaching them with deep consideration. There were also goats, donkeys, pigs, and dogs, and students got to roam around the barn and climb atop haystacks galore!

PARENT EVENTS

REACH staff invited families to attend the Free Family Fish Day at Spearfish Lake hosted by local agencies for our Summer Parent Event.

To close out Summer REACH programming, families were also invited to join us at the Lyle Activity Center for the final hours of our final day. REACH staff grilled hotdogs and provided a picnic lunch before all enjoyed a season closing slideshow showcasing all the incredible adventures & learning opportunities we got to experience throughout the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

It was a full year of learning and establishing foundations for this next phase of REACH programming. We're excited to take a break this summer and come back strong in the fall to continue building and growing together as a community.

Soon thereafter, Dallesport REACH will be teaming up with our relatives from Wishram REACH to visit the Bonneville Dam & Portland Art Museum. CRITFC will cater part of our experience on the river.

Our final week of Summer REACH will be familial, taking a small group of dedicated Dallesport REACH students to nearby destinations to relax, reflect, and savor our final moments of connection before taking rest for the remainder of summer.



Students visit Basalt Blossom farm.



Students enjoying cherry picking in Hood River.



Field trip to the Boneville dam.

