



REACH is a program of  
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# NEWSLETTER



RELATIONSHIPS  
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COMMUNITY  
HOMEWORK

Wishram



*In collaboration with the Wishram School District*

## ACTIVITIES

Earlier in the spring, our students embarked on a fun and educational hands-on activity: making cloud dough! Initially, they tried a recipe that called for baby lotion and corn starch. Despite their best efforts, it was a complete flop. However, our determined students were not about to give up.

With curiosity and perseverance, they researched different recipes and decided to try using strawberry hair conditioner and corn starch. This time, it worked out perfectly! The students were thrilled with their successful creation and learned valuable lessons in problem-solving and experimentation.

## GRANT PARTNERS

This spring has been filled with enriching experiences and exciting partner visits at our REACH program. Our students had the opportunity to learn from a variety of experts, each bringing unique knowledge and activities to our community.

### February: Honorable Harvest with Heather Lopez

In February, we had the pleasure of a visit from our Plant Person, Heather Lopez. She introduced us to the concept of "Honorable Harvest" and taught us how to make Peppy Nettle Tea. Heather explained the importance of each ingredient, and we even made extra tea to share with visitors to our school.

### March-April: Mural Creation with Molly Holmlund

March and April brought us the talented muralist Molly Holmlund, who works with our partner Arts In Education of the Gorge. Molly guided our students in designing and painting a new mural on a section of our gym wall. The result is spectacular, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Molly and AIEG for their contributions.

### Career Connects Southwest and James from Innovative Composites Engineering

Our partner Career Connects Southwest organized an informative session with James from Innovative Composites Engineering. James taught us about the power of air and electric current, sparking curiosity and interest among the students.

### Klickitat County Health Department: Germs and Cleanliness

The Klickitat County Health Department visited to educate us about germs and cleanliness. Students applied a luminescent lotion on their hands and then washed them, revealing how much grime remained. This eye-opening activity underscored the importance of using soap and water for effective handwashing.

### May 6th: Emergency Preparedness with Deputy Ben Corning

On May 6th, Deputy Ben Corning from the Klickitat County Sheriff's Department shared vital information on what to do in case of an emergency



Molly working with our students.



Deputy Ben Corning came to visit.

at school. The students had numerous questions, and Deputy Corning provided insightful answers, ensuring everyone felt informed and prepared.

### **Musical Delight with Mick Doherty**

Our partner Fort Vancouver Regional Library brought us a special treat with Mick Doherty and his hammer dulcimer. Mick's 89-string instrument, spanning over 4 octaves, captivated the students with its variety of tones and the use of different mallets and a damper pedal. His performance was a delightful experience for all.

### **Magical Learning with Louie Foxx**

We also had a visit from Louie Foxx, a magician and comedian, who taught us about idioms in a hilariously magical way. Louie's engaging and entertaining presentation left a lasting impression, and we hope to welcome him back soon.

This spring has been truly remarkable, thanks to our wonderful partners and their contributions. These experiences have enriched our students' learning and created lasting memories.

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

### **Native Language Lessons with Wishram School District**

REACH partnered with Wishram School District to bring Native Language Lessons to students and families of our community. Colleen and Catherine were our facilitators for these language classes. Students learned native language, created necklace and headband crafts, and participated in traditional dances. A big thank you to Colleen and Catherine for their invaluable contributions!

## **PARENT EVENTS**

### **CASS Family Art Night**

Our partnership with Fort Vancouver Regional Library brought us "CASS Family Art Night." Kim Puckett designed a cool family paint and collage project. Each family member created their own collage using items in the same color scheme. When the individual projects were completed, they could be hung together on a wall and coordinate, showcasing the different personalities of family members while highlighting family connection through cohesive colors. It was a wonderful event.

### **Camping-Inspired Family Event**

We partnered with Wishram School District, Wishram TITLE program, and Fort Vancouver Regional Library for a camping-inspired family event to welcome the new Yakama Nation Housing Development. We met at the new housing development and had a huge BBQ with hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, and watermelon. There were sign-ups for summer reading programs with FVRL and a fun s'mores activity. It was an awesome turnout!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

We are looking forward to summer program with so many activities, partner visits, and trips to fill our minds and hearts with adventure and the love of learning.



Family night is always a favorite with the students.





## Student Highlight

### MIKEY ELWELL (5TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"We get to do activities and have fun."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Creating art and design with perler beads. I have also had fun working with our makers kits. We have made flash lights, moving markers, and RC Cars with our community partner Betsy Barnhart."

What have you learned recently?

"I have learned to make things out of cardboard and cups to make a house, marble runs. And test them to see if they work."



## Student Highlight

### D'ANGELO SOHAPPY (8TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

Learning new things, doing experiments and having presenters come and do new things with us. Making cloud dough with corn starch and strawberry hair conditioner was great and the dough, it felt so soft!"

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"On Fridays once or twice a month we would have a movie night with popcorn. This was a lot of fun."

What have you learned recently?

"How to make a CO2 car. We chose a a design, then made a pattern with a foam block, then used that to make a wooden car. Then we built it altogether."

