



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

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# NEWSLETTER



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In collaboration with the Wishram School District

## ACTIVITIES

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Our summer programs are designed to be both educational and enjoyable, ensuring that participants have a great time while learning.

## GRANT PARTNERS

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#### Highlights of Our Summer Adventures:

**Howard's Haven Animal Sanctuary:** We started our summer program with a trip to Howard's Haven Animal Sanctuary, where students learned about different animals' skeletal systems and got up close with goats, pigs, and horses.

**Trout Unlimited & Spring Creek Fish Hatchery:** That same day, we met with Trout Unlimited to learn about healthy streams and visited the Spring Creek Fish Hatchery to see how they raise various types of trout.

**Career Connect Southwest:** Partnering with us, Career Connect Southwest brought Michelle, a chemical engineer, to lead an experiment where we created a recipe for a pill coating.

**Art in Education of the Gorge:** Amazing artists from Art in Education of the Gorge set us up with creative projects. Lacey Spray visited twice, helping us create cool wire and bead trees and other 3D creations. Briana Larsen led a printmaking session, and Marge guided us through fun yoga activities.

**Gorge Ecology Outdoors/Discovery Center:** We took a trip to Columbia Hills State Park for a hike and learned about the beautiful and historic Native American petroglyphs.

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library:** The library brought us several performers, including Red Yarn, Talewise Science Exploration, Creature Teachers, and Taiko Japanese stories, dances, and drumming.

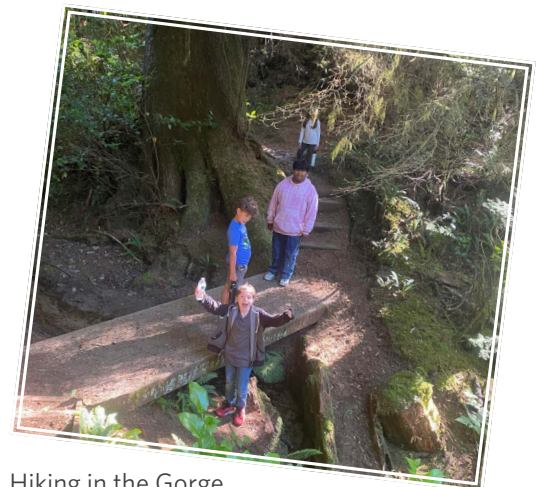
**Riverview Bank:** Thank you to Riverview Bank for the fun and educational trip to your bank.

**Portland Art Museum:** Hana and her amazing staff at the Portland Art Museum filled us with wonderful information about the arts. They truly ROCK!

**Acknowledgment to Grant Partners:** Grant Partners are essential to our programming. We literally cannot do it without them. Thank you so much for your partnerships.



Performing for the kids.



Hiking in the Gorge.

## FIELD TRIPS

**Week Two Adventures:** During the second week, our 4th through 11th grade students went on a coastal camping adventure to Newport, Oregon, and camped at South Beach State Park. Students worked in teams to set up their tents and learned essential camping skills such as starting, maintaining, and extinguishing a campfire. We cooked baked potatoes, peach cobbler, roasted hot dogs, and made s'mores over our campfire.

**Beach Fun:** We visited the beach, built sandcastles, made and flew kites, collected cool rocks and shells, and watched people crabbing from the public dock.

**Educational Trips:** We visited the Hatfield Marine Science Museum and the Oregon Coast Aquarium for hands-on learning experiences. The students are already looking forward to next summer's trip.

**Wings and Waves Waterpark:** We had a splashing good time at Wings and Waves with a wave pool, slides, and just having fun with friends.

**Dinosaurs Galore at OMSI:** Our visit to OMSI was a hit, especially in Turbine Hall, where hands-on learning is the key to fun. The main attraction, Dinosaurs, was simply amazing, especially for our dinosaur-loving students.



Newport Pier

## Student Highlight

### HANK SANDERSON (5TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"It is really fun! We do arts and crafts, creating wooden stuff and painting."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Going on many summer program fieldtrips. We went camping at the coast, went to Howards Haven Animal Sanctuary, OMSI, and Wings and Waves. Those were my favorites."

What have you learned recently?

"A lot of things are fun! I had never been camping before, and it is fun, and I know how, too!"



Creating arts and crafts

