



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

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Wishram 
In collaboration with the Lyle School District



ACTIVITIES

We had a wonderful time making a balanced lunch with hamburger from the Howards Haven Animal Sanctuary. Students followed a recipe and made spaghetti, roasted carrots, and breadsticks. On the last day of Summer Program students made their very own blueberry cobbler, and took it home to share with their families. YUMMY! All the measuring and reading made for great skill building in reading and math.

GRANT PARTNERS

During Summer Program we had the great fortune to meet with all of our partners. We started with our partner Gorge Ecology Outdoors and a trip to Basalt Blossom Farms. After a vigorous hike we made it to the farm and began seeing all the wonderful ways to use your environment to grow food in a more natural way, and we met Scottie the farmer. We ate a delicious meal prepared by Scottie, including lentil soup, bread, salad, and pork, much of which was grown at the farm. After our meal we planted potatoes. It was a great trip!

Howards Haven Animal Sanctuary is so much fun! We experienced feeding goats, pigs, horses, cows, and ducks. We also had the opportunity to groom horses of all sizes. Miss Risi took the time to tell us many of the animal's stories, sharing why they are now living at the sanctuary.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL) provided us with a huge array of presenters to choose from. We chose the following: Origami with Yuki was a great hit! Students enjoyed making a jumping frog, a pinwheel, and a bird. The OMSI Virtual Program through FVRL was fun. We solved a crime using our deductive reasoning skills, learned about prehistoric dinosaurs, and explored the solar system during the virtual star party.

Arts in Education of the Gorge's Executive Director, Shelley Toon, provided students with the opportunity to show their creativity when making funny hats, learning about oceans, and the art of foiling.

It really is great to see students use their minds, imagination and have honest fun! Thank you so very much to our partners for making this happen.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Jeanette Burkhart at Yakama Nation Fisheries (YNF) took us to Lyle Falls to learn about some new technology that YNF is using to ensure healthy salmon. We then ventured to Klickitat Fish Hatchery to see how fish are raised at a hatchery. We were super lucky to see them tagging the fish, which is how a biologist can track each individual hatchery fish.

Wishram Volunteer Fire Department opened their doors to our students to learn about being a First Responder and the different things the volunteers do, like putting out grass fires, structure fires, and responding to accidents. The kids loved looking at and crawling on the equipment. We also figured out how many pounds of water the new monster truck "Charlie" carries. Each gallon of water weighs 8 pounds and Charlie held 2,000 gallons... How much did the water weigh?



FIELD TRIPS

We were able to take several trips this summer. We started off by studying about fossils and how to dig for them. Then we hopped on our bus and went to Fossil, Oregon. Directly behind their high school is a fossil bed that is loaded with plant fossils. Our students left hot, exhausted, and carrying a bag of fossils. This was one of our very favorite trips!

We also went to the Portland Zoo. Students made a plan that allowed them to see all the exhibits they wanted to see, using their newly acquired mapping skills. We revamped our path several times, but we did get to see all the things each student wanted to see.

Next, we went to OMSI and played in Turbine Hall. We did all sorts of experiments using physics, made music, and solved mind-bending puzzles. We had so much fun!

Our last trip was to the Portland Art Museum, where we toured the museum and saw some absolutely amazing art. We were treated to art activities provided by an on-site artist. It was a great trip!

PARENT EVENTS

Parents attended the Creature Teacher event presentation from FVRL. Shanti brought some amazing reptiles to share and teach us about. It was a real treat!



Portland Zoo visit

Student Highlight

KAYLEB ROWAN (7TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"Hanging out with my friends is my favorite thing about REACH, and doing some of the activities. I also enjoy being a mentor to all the younger students."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I loved going to OMSI! I really liked going into the Chemistry Lab in Turbine Hall, and learning how carbon dioxide turns water acidic. I also had a great time doing Origami with Yuki."

What have you learned recently?

"When I went to Portland Art Museum I learned that statues are a representation of art. I also learned a lot about the artists that created the art, like Frida Kahlo, she was a famous Mexican artist."

