



Summer 2019

NEWSLETTER



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

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In collaboration with the Lyle School District

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

One of the first activities we enjoyed was The Fraction Cafe, a project-based math lesson with Lisa Melander of Math Sherpa. At the Fraction Cafe, the students had to use fractions in cooking, budgeting, and balancing their profit. They had to measure food and modify recipes to match their customer base.

Later that day, the REACH kids were treated to a visit from the Knights of Veritas. The kids learned about the knights and lifestyle of people in 1565. The Knights of Veritas displayed and explained authentic clothing, tools, and weapons.

GRANT PARTNERS

Elementary students were entertained by Mr. Fantastic Magician, a Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL) partner. He kept the kids guessing and very engaged with his sleight of hand coin and card tricks.

Third through sixth graders reached in to their creative talents working with Allison Fox of Arts in Education of the Gorge. They brainstormed ideas with Mrs. Fox and shared what they feel represents the Columbia Gorge. The ideas came together in the form of a large painted mural in the Lyle Community School building.

On June 24th, our community partner, Debi Budnick of Skyline Hospital, gave our students a lesson on bacteria and how to protect themselves from getting infected by the nasty little germs! The kids touched common items throughout the school and then touched the prepared specimen dishes. Two days later, we took a trip to Skyline Hospital and visited the lab to observe the grown bacteria cultures.

Mo Phillips of our FVRL partnership visited our group to share his music and a lesson on songwriting. That same day, we spent the morning with artist Marlowe Lyddon of Arts in Education of the Gorge. The students learned the basics of still life art, and after drawing and painting beautiful fruit baskets, they got to sample some exotic fruit, such as dragonfruit and spiny melon.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

During week four of our summer program the students went to The Discovery Center in The Dalles and learned about the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery, some history of the local Native American tribes, the prehistoric beginnings of the area, including seeing fossils and bones from ancient animals. The students were fascinated by the live raptor show in the Discovery Center theater.

The Howard Animal Rescue farm field trip was also a favorite activity. The kids got to see the animals and learn about the skeletal systems and digestive systems of several species. Many thanks to Risi Howard for her hospitality!



FIELD TRIPS

We had a full schedule of field trips this summer. Two favorites were with Jim Wells and the Cascadia Adventure Education School. We are so grateful to Jim and his crew for being such a positive community partnership with our program. We first went to Goose Lake in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest for a fun day of fishing out of rubber boats. Most of the kids caught fish that day and all excelled in the casting contest. Of course, the day wouldn't have been complete without team building activities, a bit of math, and a visit from Bigfoot! The second field trip with Cascadia was at Horsethief Lake State Park, where the kids learned to row out on the lake before coming back and participating in a gold rush. After weighing and measuring their gold at the pop-up assayer's office, the gold miners were able to use their funny money to buy small treats. They also made tic-tac-toe boards out of chunks of wood and painted rocks. This was followed by a hike up Horsethief Butte with a demonstration of rock-climbing by some of the Cascadia crew. The gang then hiked a bit farther to view some ancient Native American petroglyphs.

The field trip to the Howard Animal Rescue Farm was also a favorite outing. The kids got up close to goats, pigs, burros, and horses. They learned about the skeletal systems and digestive systems of several species of animals and got to spend the morning out in the fresh air at the beautiful farm.

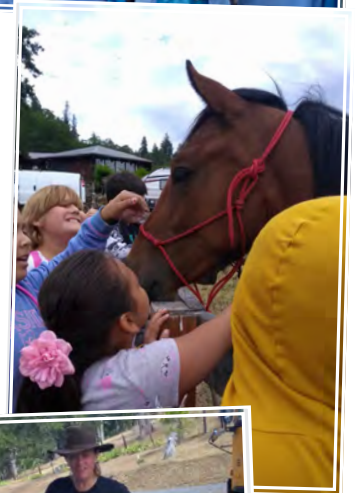
On the last day of summer program, our group went for a visit to community partner Riverview Bank. The young bankers got to step into the vault, count money, push the button for the vacuum money container at the drive through, and learn about careers in banking.

PARENT EVENTS

Parents were very happy to accompany us on several field trips including the Oregon Zoo and the Goose Lake Fishing Trip. After seeing our summer in action, parent feedback was very positive and by all accounts they are grateful their children have the opportunity to participate in such a great program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are already brainstorming ideas for the fifth and final year of our REACH program. We will keep everyone informed.



Student Highlight



BEAR LOPEZ (5TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

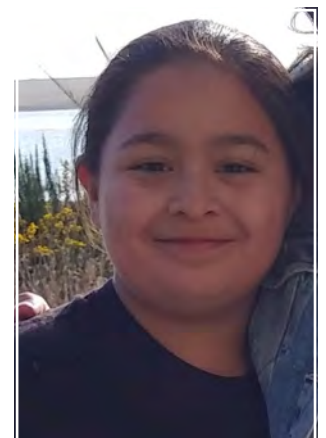
"I love the math games and Mancala, and hanging out with all my friends, and Mrs. Ullom and Ms. Michelle."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I love the field trips we have gone on this summer, especially with Cascadia at Goose Lake, and the trip to the movie theater to see Toy Story 4."

What have you learned recently?

"When we went on our trips with Cascadia, they taught us a lot of survival skills and water safety. I think these are important skills and they help us to be safe!"



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