



Fall/Winter 2018-19

NEWSLETTER



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

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In collaboration with the Lyle School District

FALL ACTIVITIES

This fall/winter has been full of so many fun activities! We have created a giant REACH bingo card, which we display as an ongoing activity. On it, there are multiple reading, math, reasoning, and logic activities. Students are able to get a "bingo" by getting their names on the card when completing learning activities and educational games. Some examples of activities are: Reader's Theater, Digitz (an interactive electronic system for learning multiplication facts), Think Tank for a wide variety of math skills, Extreme Dot-to-Dot, art sheets, read-aloud to a teacher, silent reading, building system challenges, and many other fun learning activities. Students can also get credit for teaching games or activities to other students. Many are cooperative activities, but there are also choices for independent work. This was created to encourage all students to tackle new challenges and to complete activities that they would otherwise shy away from.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Debi Budnick from Skyline Hospital has visited the elementary REACH program several times this year. Debi always shares healthy tips for our kids. On her last visit we studied the history of eggs with Debi; the kids learned facts about the history of human consumption of eggs and also the nutritional value. They read about the process of egg farming and discussed the increase of egg production throughout recent years. This was followed with a hands-on scrambled egg cooking lesson. We believe our young people should be aware of the importance of healthy eating, and should learn how to feed themselves and their families without relying on fast food.

The elementary REACH students have also been having a great time in collaboration with the secondary REACH program and Abby Brandt from the Klickitat County 4-H. Heather Lopez and Abby have been working with the secondary students, who in turn have been mentoring the younger kids. The focus so far has been on the food groups and the risk of too many sugary drinks. The secondary students have been doing an excellent job presenting to and teaching the 3rd through 6th grade students.

FEATURED PARENT EVENT

Parents were invited to a night of learning about the dangers of vaping at a time when kids are taking up the habit at an alarming rate. Partner KLASAC presented a Powerpoint, materials, and important information to parents. This was also attended by Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer.

UPCOMING EVENT

Plans are currently in the works for our students to do an activity learning about the science of culturing bacteria in a petri dish. Debi Budnick, our Skyline Hospital community partner, will present a lesson on how easily germs are spread along with the importance of handwashing. The students will do a comparison of clean hands and hands that have been touching common items throughout the school. The cultures will be grown in the Skyline Hospital lab with a follow-up field trip to the hospital. The kids will also visit many hospital departments such as the x-ray department, the helipad, and the emergency area.

FEATURED FIELD TRIP: REACH KICK-OFF EVENT

The REACH Program Kick-Off Event was a success! Parents, students, REACH Staff and grant partners came together to celebrate the benefits of REACH. We joined our friends from Sternwheeler and Cascadia Education Adventure for a fun afternoon activity featuring the Sternwheeler Challenge with different mystery categories highlighting fun facts and trivia in mathematics, history, geology, biology, engineering, economy and anthropology!



Student Highlight



JAZZIE COMSTOCK (4TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"My favorite thing about REACH is that I love school, and I love having extra hours at school to learn more stuff. I love all of the fun learning games at REACH. I also love the game Guacamole!"

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Something fun I've done at REACH recently is play games and do activities to get my name on the REACH bingo card."

What have you learned recently?

"What I have learned at REACH recently is how to stay healthy by eating the right foods. I learned this when we worked with the older kids and Abby from 4-H."



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