



FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

☆☆☆ Wishram School District ☆☆☆

FUN ACTIVITIES:

We have had a great start to our program this year! We have been working on a variety of different instructional units, including airplanes, engineering, poetry, Visual Spatial skills and different art mediums. We have also been learning sign language, which is a lot of fun! Several of our older students have had the opportunity to lead different activities as well as mentor and work with the younger students. All of our students are setting goals for themselves and are helping to choose our program activities.

Our seniors have been busy this year. They have filled out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms and on December 5th they all piled into the school van and went to take their SAT tests. They are now anxiously awaiting their test scores – but we know they all did a great job!

We have had some great family activities already this year. Our Halloween Carnival had lots of spooky fun, including carnival games, ‘scare photos,’ a cake walk and a haunted house. Each class sold items to raise money for their senior class trip, and there were lots of interesting things to eat including mummy hotdogs, jack o’lantern floats, and eyeballs on a stick. Yum!

We also had great success with the 16th annual Cultural Exchange event. The REACH program partnered with the Wishram School District and the local Native American community to put on a sit-down, traditional native salmon and turkey dinner. Native American drummers, dancers and storytellers educated students, parents and staff on traditional songs, dances and stories of long ago. Everyone had an amazing time and we look forward to more collaborations like this in the future!

GUEST PRESENTERS:

We welcomed a special guest to our program this fall. Jerry Ackerman, a nationally-known student speaker, led a parent seminar titled “Parenting the Snapchat Generation.” The seminar helped parents to understand what makes student issues of today harder than ever, how to get to the heart of their child, internet rules to live by, the latest apps your child is using, how to use parental controls, and the top three things parents need to do by example for their children. This was a highly informative class and our parents and staff really enjoyed it!

☆☆☆ Student Highlights ☆☆☆

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

“Being a mentor and working with the littles (the younger children).”

What have you learned recently?

“How to sign exact English in the REACH sign language class.”

What did you like about a recent activity/field trip/guest?

“The Cultural Exchange was amazing! Learning about our local Native American culture and traditions was wonderful!”

Additional Quote:

“I am a foreign exchange student from Italy. I was unsure of what I wanted to do after high school. Now because of REACH mentoring, I know I want to be a teacher in America!”



☆☆☆ Upcoming Events! ☆☆☆

BOOK FAIR
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Join us at the Wishram School Book Fair and find some great new books!

