



Fall 2019-20

NEWSLETTER

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HOMEWORK

REACH is a program of
Educational Service District 112

Wishram



In collaboration with the Wishram School District

FALL ACTIVITIES

Students have enjoyed a lot of hands-on activities that encourage reading, math, writing, science and art. One particular activity that students took a lot of interest in was their leaf collages. Students spent time collecting a variety of leaves and then created beautiful collages.

GRANT PARTNERS

We enjoyed our much anticipated visit from Dale Connell from Rivermark Bank. Dale brought dictionaries to our students and did word searches and other fun activities to help students become acquainted with their new dictionary. Thank you, Dale!

PARENT EVENTS

On Halloween we had our annual Halloween Carnival. We had games and many fun activities to do, plus a considerable amount of candy to give away that was generously donated by the local Wishram Community members.

On November 26th we had our 19th annual Cultural Exchange. This event is made possible by donations from Gorge area businesses, Wishram School, and families of Wishram Community and Wishram School staff members. We begin preparations a few weeks before the event by making decorations during the REACH Program. This year we made Salmon to put on the gymnasium wall, and accordion pumpkins to adorn the decorated tables.

On the day of the event we start by decorating the gym and the tables. It was so very festive and beautiful! At noon the feast begins with a blessing and learning the importance of specific traditional foods such as salmon, venison, and berries, then the feast begins. We have all the traditional foods from our two cultures: salmon, venison, turkey, potatoes, stuffing,



corn, huckleberry sauce and more. Dessert and clean-up occur next in preparation for the dancing, music, storytelling and songs.

Our day ends with the Friendship Dance where one circle becomes two and we shake hands. This is a wonderful tradition our school and community will continue to host for many years to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events include our annual Winter Program where all students participate. REACH students will help with the decorations and perform a poem or song in sign language.



Student Highlight



ALLYSSA FLETCHER (6TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"I really like to help the little kids with their homework. It reminds me of the work I used to do when I was their age. I especially liked the science projects, like the erupting lemon!" (See photos below.)

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Something fun I did in REACH recently was watercolor painting. I haven't been able to do that in a while."

What have you learned recently?

"I have learned in science that the lemons could actually have that reaction with baking soda."

