



Fall/Winter 2018-19

NEWSLETTER



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

Wishram



In collaboration with the Wishram School District

FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES

Students performed the song "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" in sign language at the annual Wishram Winter Program. Students have been learning sign language and are creating a sign language book with all the words they are learning this school year.

Some of the lessons our students have enjoyed in the last few months are learning about chemical reactions with household items like vinegar and baking soda and pop and Mentos. We have also been learning how to measure using the Imperial and Metric systems.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

For several weeks in December, WSU and local 4-H partner Abby Brandt educated After School participants about healthy eating and living. We cooked and tried some new foods, which everyone really liked.

Thanks to the efforts of Wishram Ameri-Corps members (Dawn Beauchamp, Kayla Douglas, and Chelsea White), REACH staffer Sheila McCullough, and several drop-in teachers, Wishram's After School Program is enriching, fun, and a place to learn outside of the regular parameters of the classroom. Our students have enjoyed following a recipe to make slime, learning sign language, playing with pattern blocks, painting rocks, and playing a new leadership problem solving game called Twangled.

PARENT EVENTS

We have had many parent events so far this 2018-2019 school year:

- » Open House is the day before school starts and is way to meet our students and parents and also have community surveys and volunteer forms filled out.
- » The REACH Kick-Off event was on the Sternwheeler this year. Students and their parents each did a search for different items on the paddle boat or in the Columbia gorge area we were traveling. It was a fantastic adventure.
- » FASFA Night is an opportunity for Wishram School Seniors and their parents to get their FASFA form filled out and have questions answered.
- » The Halloween Carnival is always a fun time with literary enrichment activities, traditional carnival games, and a spooky haunted house put on by our older students.
- » Our Veteran's Day Ceremony honors our loved ones who have been in the service.
- » Cultural Exchange is an integral part of creating bridges through education of local Native American culture and traditions (plus it is a lot of fun!).



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!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Some of our upcoming events are the Rotary Club dictionary give away, a visit from partner Dale Conell of Riverview Bank to discuss finances with our Careers and Seniors' classes, Book Fair, and REACH Field Day.



Student Highlight



JUNE CATES (4TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"My favorite thing about REACH is doing sign language on Tuesday with Miss Sheila."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Something fun I did in REACH was when we made the different types of rockets. I especially liked the Mentos rockets."

What have you learned recently?

"In REACH I have been learning how plants grow in different places and the different growing processes of different plants. I have also been learning how to measure and prepare food at proper temperatures, how to turn the stovetop and oven on, how to use a mixer, and how to follow and double a recipe."



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