



Spring 2018-19

# NEWSLETTER



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

## Wishram



In collaboration with the Wishram School District

### SPRING ACTIVITIES

Students have been learning about the growing cycle of plants, students started plants in plastic baggies with a moist paper towel and then transplanted them into a planter that they made by reusing a milk carton and gluing popsicle sticks to the carton. We have also spent time cooking, and trying different types of foods. Some of these "new to us" foods were good, but many of them tasted like grass.

Our book study of *The Giver*, left us with a much bigger vocabulary and contemplating why anyone would want a society with so many rules and not truly enjoying life, we all had so many questions.



### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Mr. Dale Connell visited Wishram School this April and spent time with our Third and Fourth Grade students giving them each a free dictionary and then playing fun games with the students to grab their interest in the use of the dictionary. Did you know that you can find things like the name of all the Presidents of the United States and all of the planets in the planetary system?

Mr. Connell then spent time with our High School students learning about checking and savings accounts, loans and interest rates, and student loans in particular. They all learned a lot!

Miss Chloe Hight of Artist of the Gorge visited and taught about weaving. All of our students left with a weaving created by themselves. We all had a wonderful time and many students are ready to try weaving on their own.

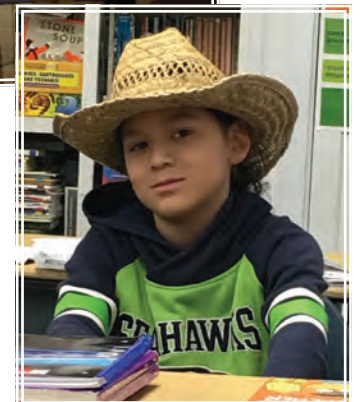


Mrs. Judy Shinn is a certified Yoga instructor and we are privileged to have her teach Yoga two times each month at our REACH After School Program. Students learn many poses: balancing, (tree pose), strengthening (warrior pose), and flexibility (downward dog), and much more. We would love thank Mrs. Shinn for all of her volunteer hours. This is such a special program and we hope to continue it into the next school year.



We would also like to thank Mrs. Evelyn Biggs who simply stops by and steps in to help anytime she has a chance. We look forward to learning about tie dying this summer!

Author of the book *It Would Stink to be a Small Tree*, P.J. Betker come and visited the REACH After School Program. He read us his book and answered all of our questions. It was awesome to have such a special visitor, and he gave us several copies of his book to have and share.



## FIELD TRIPS

Middle School REACH students went to the Annual Wind Challenge where students competed with other schools and built wind mills. Students were challenged to engineer the most torque and power. This year there was very stiff competition and Wishram students did not win an award. But the truth is, getting the privilege to be invited and compete in the Wind Challenge is an honor.

## PARENT EVENTS

Our local Washington Reading Corps members teamed up with REACH and Wishram School Library and put on a great Book Fair with the theme of dinosaurs. There were many enriching literature-based activities, a dinosaur bone dig, what's your dinosaur name, and of course buying books! This was an event was well attended by students and their families. Students have been studying about the internal organs of the human body, students invited parents and Wishram School Staff to visit their Science Fair. Everyone left having learned something new about the internal workings of the human body.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

REACH After School Program will be having an end of the school year after school program Field Day. We are excited to have families come and join in the fun participating and cheering on their children in traditional field day activities: 3-legged race, relays, bubbles, face painting, and much more.



## Student Highlight



### SELINA JOSS (4TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

**"My favorite thing about REACH is that I get a chance to help people, do fun activities and learn new things."**

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

**"Something fun I did recently was learning how to weave a tiny magic carpet, it was fun because it made me really concentrate, and I made a super cool rug. We also made plaster masks. It was fun, because I made a plaster impression of my own face, and then I got to paint and decorate it."**

What have you learned recently?

**"I have learned that I like to help other kids with their homework and projects that we are working on."**



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