

GEAR UP SCOOP

GEAR UP 2008-09

8TH, 9TH, & 10TH GRADES

COLLEGE, NOT JUST A DREAM, IT'S A PLAN!

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Schedule/homework
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3:00— 4:15

Other Enrichment
Activities
4:15—5:00

Computer gaming
Attendance:
15-45 students

GEAR UP



Bridgeport GEAR UP and White Barn Boutique Team to Bring Out a "WOW!" Crowd

On March 21 more than 130 family and friends attended Bridgeport's First Annual Fashion Show featuring fabulous gowns from the White Barn Boutique. Bridgeport GEAR UP girls from 8th through the 10th grade, along with GEAR UP tutors, as well as some very young future super models modeled formal wear.

The event began with GEAR UP Director Marla Leander speaking about the importance of working together to develop our communities and make sure our young people and their parents know about and take advantage of educational opportunities. Ashley Hiruko and Georgina Mogollan were the keynote speakers.

Ms. Hiruko, a current AmeriCorps Volunteer working with GEAR UP, told parents that as AmeriCorps volunteers they and/or their children can work for their community and earn education rewards of as much as \$10,000.00 that is matched by participating 2 year colleges and 4 year universities.

Mrs. Mogollan is the mother of two GEAR UP tutors who have had consistently high GPAs. She encouraged parents to take an active role in their children's education beginning in pre-school. She noted that parents must communicate often with teachers and school administration, attend school functions, keep close watch on their grades and always instill in them the desire to attend a college or university.

GEAR UP Parent Information Night A Partnership Effort

Community members are invited to attend Bridgeport PAC and GEAR UP event targeting gang Prevention, Intervention and Awareness, Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 in the elementary school cafeteria.

Dora Trevino and Christina Pelayo will be guest speakers along with members of the Douglas County Gang unit. Dora and Christina have been working passionately to alert parents about the seriousness of the gang problem throughout our state and country. Both of these mothers have lost children to gang violence. Dora's son was shot and killed by a 16 year old gang member as he was crossing the street on his way to a sporting event in Quincy. The Douglas County gang unit will give a one to two hour presentation outlining how to identify signs that a child is in a gang, what steps to take to get them out of a gang and how to prevent them from joining a gang.



Bridgeport, Brewster and Chelan School Districts partner For World Language Day at CWU



Students had the opportunity to learn dance steps of Latino meringue and meet students from other schools.

Three school districts took 42 students to enjoy the CWU campus and learn about other cultures and languages. Students interested in languages and cultures to broadened their perspectives on the world? They were encouraged to think about an international element to their future careers.

Students learned what a CWU language class might be like and found out more about Study Abroad programs and the various world destinations CWU could send them while earning a degree. Students learned all this and more valuable information by attending World Language Day.

Japanese language and culture were especially interesting to Bridgeport GEAR UP students. They were able to learn the discipline of NOH a, traditional theater in Japan. Moans and groans were heard in the classrooms as student sat in the "NOH" lotus position.

Ashley Hiruko will be teaching students how to write their names in katagana, Japanese characters used for writing names. "kanji" are characters are used for words like nouns, such as "tree" as a post-event.



"Your son knows three computer languages, but he's flunking English."



Students experiment being pilots at Big Bend Community College Aviation Department.

GEAR UP Partners with Career Class to Visit Big Bend Community College.

Forty two, 9th grade students explored several careers at BBCC on April 17. Hands on pilots were able to sit in the plans in the Aviation department getting a taste of life as a pilot.

Students also visited the Electrical Maintenance, Auto Mechanics and Nursing. Students voted the Aviation program most popular for the "hands on" learning experience.

May 6, GEAR UP/MECHA Partner for EWU Field Trip

Students attended the 5th Annual Latino Parent/Student Educational Conference which promoted Education and Leadership for our 32 participants Wednesday, May 6th, 2009. The Chicano Education department event included; Tours, Free Food & Live Music, Free Food & Live Music, Bilingual (Spanish/English) Informational, Sessions, Workshops, College Degree Opportunities, Life's Journey Towards Higher Education, Student Leadership Skill Building.

Where We've Been:

- November 14, Manson Career Fair
- October, Washington State University
- November 6, Hutch High, Seattle
- April 30, Big Bend Community College
- May 4, 10th grade cohort event.
- May 6, 9th -10th Cinco de Mayo Parent/Student Day at Eastern Washington University.
- May 8, 8th grade World languages Day at Central Washington University.
- May 15, Bridges/GEAR UP Tech Camp at Central Washington University.
- May 21, 8th Grade Transition Event with parents and students.



Parents participating in GEAR UP/TECH Reach computer distribution.

TECH REACH Community Computer Distribution

Vincent Guerrero and Ashley, our AmeriCorps volunteers, have been facilitating a computer club every Friday since December with kids from the GEARUP cohort. During meetings kids learn about refurbishing computers, computer programming, and even some leadership skills. This club was made possible by the "Tech REACH Alliance project".

During the last few meetings kids were encouraged to teach others about what they had learned in the club. The students also participated in a community computer distribution on April 25th. A parent computer class was held by Will Bull AmeriCorps VISTA member during the 25th. Parents learned computer basics free of charge and also received a working computer along with a free thumb drive. Parents were offered three months of free internet if they had completed more computer classes held in Omak.

