



Oakville Middle and High School

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2009/2010 GEAR UP HIGH LIGHTS



HANDS ON SCIENCE AT THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE



Students search for earthworms, pill bugs and other creepy crawlers and then get a closer look through hand held micro-scopes to help them understand the ecology of nature. Oakville students participated in college lectures given by the colleges faculty. This was their first college campus visit of the year. As one student put it, "It was fun being a college student for the day, thanks GEAR UP. Oh yes, the hot chocolate, muffins and especially the pizza was good too."

8TH GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A COLLEGE FAIR AT WOLF LODGE



This was the first time the class of 2014 have ever been to a real college fair. Over 10 colleges and universities were represented at the college. Students asked many questions, "What's so great about your college. What majors do you have?" "It's fantastic to get young people thinking about college in middle school," said Mr. Crowley.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DAY



In the picture on the left, students are trying to work together to move a ball in the middle as they all hold on to strings tied to a small ring holding the ball across the field. After many attempts they finally worked as a team and laid the ball down on a small white pipe in the middle of the picture. Students on the right, are working together to get across a river without falling in using the blue planks. The students participated in many team building activities. They didn't give up, they all had opportunities to be leaders throughout the day. Working cooperatively together has huge benefits in the classroom. The day was a big hit with the students and also school staff.

GEAR Up students hopped aboard the Amtrak Train early in the morning on May 5th to participate in the annual Cinco De Mayo Festival in Portland Oregon. It is one of the biggest festivals in the Northwest. All had a great time and made it back safely.





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GEAR UP 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT GIVING TO OTHERS

**COLLEGE STUDENT LEADERS POSE WITH
CREATED CLASSROOM COLLEGE
RESOURCE CENTERS**



**Amanda (GEAR UP CPA) is
helping Lailah with her
baby blanket**



The girls are showing their baby blanket to the Birthing Center Staff on the left. To the right, a newborn baby's father selects Lailah's blanket for the newly born baby boy. All the other blankets were donated to the St. Peter's Birthing Center in Centralia. The girls put a lot of work in their blankets under the leadership of Cleome, CPA, and future teacher.



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GEAR UP Helps Students "Aim High, Stay In School, Study Hard, And Develop The Skills Needed To Go To College"

GEAR UP'S COLLEGE PREPARATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM

COLLEGE STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE

Who are the CPA's

CPA's are college students who are recruited from The Evergreen State College and other local colleges and universities. They must be attending college, have academic strengths in mathematics, writing, reading, and science. CPA's have an interest in working with middle and high school students from diverse backgrounds. They also need to be willing to learn methods of effective tutoring and mentoring..

What do CPA's do?

Typically, CPA's may:

- Tutor students individually within a classroom setting or in groups during class.
- Work with student in academics, leadership or community service clubs during and after school.
- Be a role model for students by encouraging them to stay in school and develop the skills needed to go to college.
- Meet with students one-on-one to work on specific skills.
- Help students organize their work.
- Listen to students read their assigned writing aloud to help them correct errors.
- Help students understand math errors and suggest strategies to address them.

During the 2009/2010 school year GEAR hired seven CPA's totaling over a 1,700 hours of tutoring and mentoring. We had two college interns from the University of Washington and The Evergreen State College also providing tutoring and mentoring support for the students.



AMANDA
Anthropology



CLEOME
Master's In Teaching



TRAVIS
Native American Studies



ALEX
Sociology

Gear Up is a federally funded grant through the U.S. Department of Education that partners with school and community organizations to encourage disadvantaged students to aim high, stay in school, study hard, and develop the skills needed to prepare for college. In 2008 The Evergreen State College GEAR UP project was awarded \$5.8 million from the Department of Education to for six years in the Clover Park and Oakville School Districts.