Visit from WA MESA

Sezi Flemming the Director of STEM at WA MESA paid our center a visit. This was a great opportunity to discuss the new curriculum, welcome our director back from maternity leave and most importantly discuss the important work we do with BIPOC students.
This is Moriah, she is a second year PLU student majoring in Sociology and minoring in Psychology. In her free time she likes to read, re-watch favorite shows, and go for walks. Working with and teaching young children is her career goal for the future.
This is Emily Moore and she is from Beaverton, Oregon. Emily is a third year student at PLU and is double majoring in Elementary Education and Hispanic Studies.
This year we have added a new lesson to our curriculum. Our middle and high school students will be learning about Drones, how to fly them and how to connect coding with drones. Students will be able to display their final work during MESA Day on April 24th, 2023.
Thank you to all that donated to our MESAGiving this year. We were able to impact 8-9 families from Mount Tahoma High School. There was everything from macaroni & cheese, mashed potatoes, sweet yam, cornbread mix, and more. We really appreciate the support in making this a reality.
Paula Yost teaches Tech Tools and AP Computer Science Principles at Stadium High School. This is her second year as the MESA advisor and she is excited to have a greater level of participation this year than last. Although, last year was her first year as MESA advisor AND the first year MESA is available to Stadium students, the number of students attending has more than doubled. Currently she is working on forming teams of students to focus on the various competition options available at MESA Day. Her MESA club members just finished cabinet elections and are looking forward to really digging into coding and learning more about drones.
Families came together to learn about the various ways this tradition is celebrated across cultures. From an indigenous community in Michoacán to the Philippines. The community came together to think of their loved ones. We had a fun time.
MESA PARENT WELCOME NIGHT:
Día de los Muertos

We were able to see how the altar was put together, parents also had a chance to talk to our parent board.
MESA Staff in your Schools:
MESA Staff has been visiting MESA students and their schools (Ashley and Toniqua have gone to Spanaway Middle School, Spanaway Lake High School, Lochburn Middle School, SAMI High School, and Stadium High School.)

WOC students in a mini Straw Tower Challenge
MESA Staff in your Schools:
The visits have helped increase MESA representations in different school districts throughout the Tacoma/South Puget Sound Area. If you have not seen us in your school yet, we will be there in the new year!

BIPOC students in a mini Straw Tower Challenge
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A sincere thank you for creating memories with us and we hope to continue in the New Year!
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- 24-hour Pierce County Crisis Line
  (800) 576-7764

- 24-hour Pierce County Crisis Text Line
  Text "HEAL" or "NAMI" to 741741

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