

The Crossroads Connection

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Project Based Learning Inspires Crossroads Students

Did you hear your son or daughter talking about the PBL? It was the big topic at Crossroads in February.

Although the PBL was scheduled to be a 2 week unit, the snow made it take most of the month.

The students were allowed to choose a subject based around the overall topic of Indigenous Peoples. They were in charge of their own learning, asking the driving questions and doing all the research on the subject they chose. Students were able to earn a quarter credit in a subject area or elective.

Each student was to produce a product along with written material on the subject.

Students had 12 full school days to complete their projects, and it culminated in "Cultural Awareness Night" on February 26th.

After three and a half long weeks, with intermittent snow days, the students were able to show off their

work ~ and what an incredible night it was!

All family members and community members were invited.

Dinner tables were set and decorated by the members of the project management PBL. Students mixed up and cooked fry bread right in front of the guests.

Projects lined the halls and dotted the commons. Students stood ready to present to anyone who was passing by. You could tell how proud they were as they explained their projects and what they had learned.

Members of the Tulalip Tribe joined us that evening and brought dinner, including ham, macaroni salad, and beans. They also provided entertainment on ceremonial drums, and got many of the younger guests to participate with them.

A wonderful evening was had by both students and guests.



The project month culminated in a field trip to Hi-Bulb Cultural center on the Tulalip Reservation.

This was the first attempt at a Project Based Learning Unit at Crossroads. Based on student participation, and community involvement, we are hoping to continue to do a PBL at least once a year. Your input is valuable. Please let us know what you think of this as a continuing event by taking the survey at conferences on March 28.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sr. Project Presentations Crossroads Commons	3/19
Bunny Fundraiser See Page 2	3/23
Seattle Children's Theater Presentation "Ghosted"	3/26
Student Led Conferences and Coffee with the Principal	3/28
Senior's baby pictures due for Yearbook	3/22
Spring Break	4/1 - 4/5
Voices of Youth Presentation Crossroads Commons	4/30

Student Led Conferences and Coffee with the Principal March 28

Student led conferences will be a one night only event, Thursday March 28 from 11:30 am to 6pm. If that is inconvenient, you can also make arrangements to meet another time by contacting your student's Check and Connect teacher.

It is a requirement for all students to attend with a parent or trusted adult.

There will be a Panoramic Survey for parents to take to give us feedback on your student's experiences at Crossroads. We also want your input on what you would like to see the school provide for your children in the future.

Your students will be prepared with portfolios of their work, grades and communi-

ty service hours. You can meet with and speak to all your child's teachers.

In addition our Principal, Bridgette McVay will be available for questions and comments.

Join us for an informational evening that will also include cookies and coffee!



Bunny Fundraiser for Prom

The 3rd Annual Bunny Fundraiser will be held on March 23 at Crossroads HS from 11 to 3. Come join us for:

- ◆ Petting live bunnies
- ◆ Rock painting
- ◆ Canvas painting classes
- ◆ Craft Sales
- ◆ Easter Bunny Pictures
- ◆ Bake Sale

This is a great way to spend the day with your family and friends, painting and having fun, all while supporting a very important cause: PROM!

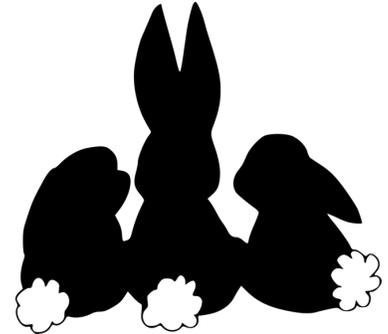
FUN FOR ALL AGES!

We feel that it is important for all Crossroads students to be able to participate in prom night so the Crossroads Prom is FREE for all students to attend.

Your donations will help pay for the venue, a charter bus to and from the event, dinner, a DJ, a photographer, dessert and decorations.

The bunny fundraiser is the last of this year's fundraisers for prom. So bring your checkbook, get your painting clothes on, and join us on March 23!

We are always accepting donations of dresses, shoes, men's shirts, suits, ties and dress shoes for students in need of prom attire. Drop them off at the Crossroads Office.



Important Dates for 2019 Graduates

MARCH 19

Senior Project Night 5pm to 7pm

MAY 9

Last night to sign up for a Night School Class

MAY 17

Prom! More info to come in April

MAY 23

Fines, community service and HS and Beyond Plan due, last day to order Cap and Gown



MAY 22

Baby pictures due to Mrs. Carlson

MAY 30

Night School Classes due,
Scholarship Night at GFHS 7pm

JUNE 5: GRADUATION!

Sr. Breakfast at the Eagles 9am
Graduation Practice 10am
Be at Crossroads Gym at 5pm
Graduation Ceremony at
Hi Jewel Stadium 6pm

Seattle Children's Theater comes to Crossroads

The play *Ghosted* will be performed by Seattle Children's Theater at an assembly in the Crossroads gym on March 26th.

Ghosted is a play about the often stigmatized topic of anxiety and depression. The playwright, Trista Baldwin, remembers how hard it was to talk openly about sad or anxious feelings in high school. She remembers questioning whether or not it was "normal" to have certain feelings or reactions to things.

She wrote *Ghosted* after listening to the Children's Theater teens talking on a

panel about their own anxiety and depression. She learned how the teens were feeling, and how adults could best help them.

When we find out about peers and depression we are often worried about losing them. We ask "what can I do? What should I do? What is enough? What is too much? And there are no clear answers.

Communication is the key. When we don't share difficult things with others, it can reinforce the stigma around them.

But when someone opens a door and admits to having a problem, it shines a light on everyone's problems, and suddenly we are not alone.

Ultimately, *Ghosted* is about breaking down barriers and talking about anxiety and depression. None of us is ever as alone as we think we are.

We are pleased to be able to work with Seattle Children's Theater to bring this subject into the light. Be sure to ask your student what they experienced after seeing *Ghosted* on March 26.