

## Ocean Beach School District and The Pacific Education Institute

Feet wet, hands dirty, minds engaged

## Who are we?

### Ocean Beach School Dist.

- 890 Students
- 2 – Elem, 1- HS/MS
- Chinook, Ilwaco, Long Beach, Ocean Park, Oysterville and Nahcotta
- Columbia River, Pacific Ocean, Willapa Bay, Numerous Rivers and Lakes
- Our Heritage and Our Future are tied to Natural Resources; Fishing, Shellfish, Cranberries, Timber, Tourism and ???
- Our staff and community have strong ties to this place – We are "Peninsula Proud"



## Pacific Education Institute

### Programs and Projects

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Project ORCA: Outdoor Regional Curriculum Activities Initiative</li> <li>■ Shadow of the Salmon</li> <li>■ K-20 for E3</li> <li>■ Culminating Projects for High School Seniors</li> <li>■ Partnership with Teachers of Teachers of Science (TOTOS)</li> <li>■ New Market Skills Center</li> <li>■ Agriculture Education Partners in Project Based Learning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Outdoor Academy</li> <li>■ Adopt-a-Farmer Project</li> <li>■ Project Black Bear, Tumwater School District</li> <li>■ Project Bluebird</li> <li>■ Project Burrow</li> <li>■ Project CAT</li> <li>■ Washington State's Project Learning Tree Program</li> <li>■ Washington State's Project WILD Program</li> <li>■ Washington State's Project WET Program</li> </ul> |
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Our Mission: To create the best K-12 natural resource education program in the Northwest.



## Our Beliefs

- School is not a building, it is an experience.
- Students learn best by doing; and they do best when they are excited about, and engaged in, their learning.
- Stewardship and sustainability are concepts that we can no longer ignore and must be addressed in our schools.
- We have one of the greatest outdoor science laboratories around right here in on the Peninsula.
- Our best chance for success is to fully engage our community in this endeavor.

## Our Priorities

- Utilize the incredible natural resource laboratory in our own backyard and get kids outside interacting with the natural world!
- Team with NR professionals to provide place-based learning opportunities for our students and staff.
- Create integrated, cross-curricular themes at each grade level for exploring our natural world.
- Empower our teachers with the best technology, professional development, and support materials available.
- Become a "Lighthouse" for other districts so they may create their own place-based educational program.

## Our Plan

- Take the time to build it right and make it last
- Start with our Highly Capable program and expand into the regular classrooms.
- Build a cadre of NR specialists who can help us create and deliver the program.
- Utilize the expertise of PEI to help with professional development, curriculum development and program funding.
- Solicit outside financial support to off-set program costs.
- Archive and share our progress so that others may follow our lead.

## What you can do to help!

- Contact us if you are willing to provide:
  - NR experts to help develop or deliver the program
  - Educational resources to supplement our work
  - Supplies and/or equipment for field-based scientific inquiry projects
  - Financial assistance to offset some of the costs of a program like this.
  - Stewardship to this important endeavor

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