

## RIVER OF POWER GOES VIRTUAL

Every spring, Rocky Reach Dam in Wenatchee welcomes all the fourth graders in Chelan and Douglas counties to experience “River of Power,” an exciting field trip that integrates information on power generation, the Columbia River, and salmon migration.

This partnership between the NCESD and the PUDs of both Chelan and Douglas counties allows students from both public and private schools the opportunity to tour the hydroelectric dam, view the fish passage, learn about energy transfer, and design and build their own dams with their peers. Due to school closures because of COVID-19, this year’s fourth graders will unfortunately miss out on physically going to the dam, but through the help of the PUD’s and the NCESD, these students will now have the opportunity to experience this field trip virtually.

Using Google Classroom as their platform, the NCESD created a field trip that will be rolled out to approximately 1200 fourth grade teachers by mid-May. This “River of Power” Google Classroom integrates all the learning stations that students would have participated in at the dam (Energy Transfer, Salmon Art, and Build a Dam), as well as educational videos from the Foundation for Water and Energy Education, and a 360 degree immersive virtual reality tour of a hydroelectric dam in Canada. Teachers will have access to extension activities, such as a DIY S’mores Maker using solar energy, as well as online games focusing on energy conservation, electricity safety, and power generation.

It is very unfortunate that this year’s fourth graders will miss out on touring the power house, eating scoops of ice cream from the concession stand, and chasing their friends on the grassy lawns at the base of Rocky Reach. However, even though we can’t bring the children to the dam, we hope that through this virtual field trip we can bring the dam to them, and they can still experience the unique hydropower bounty that is the Columbia River.

**If you’d like to learn more, or your school is interested in participating, please contact:**

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# Student Learning Opportunity!

North Central Accountable Community Health (NCACH) announces the North Central Washington COVID-EO Contest, a project created to engage youth in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties to learn about and bring awareness to the importance of CDC and local public health guidelines to reduce the rapid spread of the novel coronavirus in our four-county region.

The online contest from April 13 to May 15 is open to all children who live in the NCESD service district and is located at [woobox.com/9troqi](http://woobox.com/9troqi).

Students who wish to participate in the contest should create a video of two minutes or less in length illustrating one or more of the CDC and local public health recommended measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus including: social distancing, hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, and staying home when you are sick.

The video must be created by the student and should be shot using a smartphone or tablet. This video contest is open to all K-12 students in the four-county region. Kids under the age of 18 need parent/guardian permission to participate.

More than \$3,500 in prizes will be awarded to winning entries. First, second and third-place winners will be selected from each county in four age groups -- K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 for a total of 48 winners. First place winners can select from their choice of a Chromebook, smartwatch or wireless earbuds; second place will receive a \$50 gift card; third place will receive a \$25 gift card; and there will also be random drawings for additional \$10 gift cards.

This contest is made possible and developed in partnership with Cascade Medical Center, North Central Educational Service District, Digital Media Northwest and Eric Link with the Wenatchee School District. In addition, NCACH thanks Confluence Health and Columbia Valley Community Health for their generous sponsorship donations.

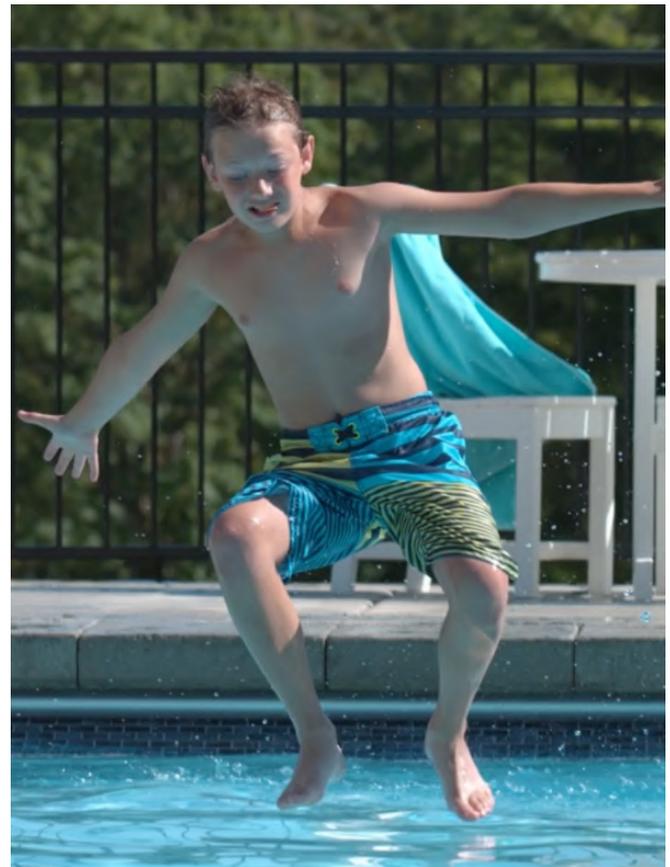
North Central Accountable Community of Health presents...

## NCW COVID-EO Contest!

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Enter your video April 13 - May 15.

Win a Chromebook, smartwatch, wireless earbuds, or \$50 gift card!



## NCESD on Social Media



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# Twenty NCW Schools Recognized for Excellence

The State Board of Education, the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC), and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction have identified 20 North Central Washington schools to be honored as part of the Washington School Recognition Program.

Schools in Washington stand out for closing gaps, showing growth, and demonstrating achievement according to new data released by the state. The state has re-imagined the recognition system to highlight schools that have received support and are thriving, and emphasize positive systems changes happening all over the state. This year, 391 schools are being recognized statewide.



## Congratulations to the following North Central Washington Schools:

Coulee-Hartline School District	Almira Coulee Hartline High School	Achievement for ELA, Graduation, 9th Grade On-Track, and Dual Credit.
Methow Valley School District	Liberty Bell Jr Sr High	Achievement for Graduation and 9th Grade On-Track.
Quincy School District	Quincy Middle School	Closing Gaps for All Students.
Cashmere School District	Vale Elementary School	Growth for students who are English learners.
Methow Valley School District	Methow Valley Elementary	Closing Gaps for one or more student groups at a Targeted Support school.
Orondo School District	Orondo Elementary and Middle School	Closing Gaps for one or more student groups at a Targeted Support school.
Warden School District	Warden Elementary	Closing Gaps for one or more student groups at a Targeted Support school.
Quincy School District	George Elementary	Closing Gaps for one or more student groups at a Targeted Support school and Growth for students identifying as Hispanic and students who qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program.
Manson School District	Manson Middle School	Closing Gaps for one or more student groups at a Targeted Support school and Growth for students who qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program, students identifying as Hispanic, and students identifying as White.
Waterville School District	Waterville High School	Growth for students identifying as Hispanic.
Brewster School District	Brewster Middle School	Growth for students who receive special education services.
Manson School District	Manson High School	Growth for students who receive special education services.
Moses Lake School District	Lakeview Terrace Elementary	Growth for students who receive special education services.
Moses Lake School District	Sage Point Elementary School	Growth for students who receive special education services.
Oroville School District	Oroville Elementary	Growth for students who receive special education services.
Okanogan School District	Okanogan High School	Growth for students identifying with Two or More races.
Wenatchee School District	Columbia Elementary School	Growth for students who qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program and students identifying as White.
Cascade School District	Icicle River Middle School	Growth for students identifying as White.
Quincy School District	Pioneer Elementary	Growth for students identifying as White.
Waterville School District	Waterville Elementary	Growth for students identifying as White.