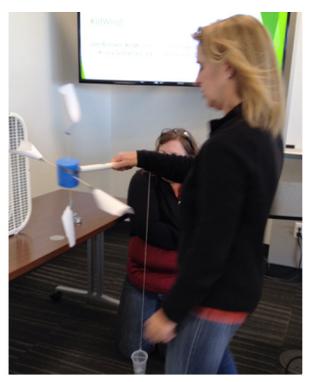




April



To continue our investigation with human impact on the environment Suzanne Burd, Community Education Coordinator for Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles, Oregon organized a tour of the campus. Columbia Gorge Community College specializes in Career and Technical Education and a focus on Renewable Energy Technology (RET). While on campus teachers designed and engineered blades to

generate wind power with guidance from Jon Roshke, KidWind Pacific Northwest and Kristy Schneider, La Center School District. Each school was loaned a KidWind kit to take back and use with their students.

May

May was a celebration with a very special guest: Janice Rickard, a "Rosie the Riveter" for Boeing during World War II. She shared her experiences working at Boeing in the 1940's, when women took over what were normally men's jobs during the war. We started the day at the statue of Wendy the Welder on the Columbia River with a historical perspective of the Kaiser Ship Yards provided by Brad Richardson, Curator of the Clark County Historical Museum.



Later, Alex Dimitrov provided a virtual Google Goggle Tour of the future design of the Columbia River Waterfront project. In the afternoon teachers shared their year-long action research on increasing Visual Spatial skills in girls, one of the researched recommendations to encourage girls' interest in STEM subjects.



"The RET program helped ignite a passion for troubleshooting and determining root causes of many technical and electronic problems. For my job, I diagnose and repair products, and this program equipped me with the confidence and problem solving skills to be a valuable asset to my employer."

-Grace Patton,
2013 RET graduate

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See video of the women who worked at Boeing during WWII:
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