

PSESD Native American Program

DAY WITH THE SEAHAWKS



Native American program takes students and families to Seahawk game

The PSESD Native American Education Program was chosen by the Seahawks and Boeing as one of eight recipients this season for their **Legion of Youth Program**. On Sunday, Dec. 5th, the program took 25 students (and 75 of their family and friends) to the exciting 30-23 win over San Francisco.

Students in the program who went to the game attend high school or junior high in Franklin Pierce, Peninsula, Sumner-Bonney Lake, and University Place school districts.

Students and their guests (each student received 4 tickets), most decked out in their best Seahawk gear, descended on Lumen Field well before game time for a catered lunch in a cordoned off area of Touchdown City, the teams indoor tailgate area.

During the pre-game festivities the students were visited by Taima, the "Seahawk" bird, took pics and got autographs from a former player, and received a swag bag with a Seahawk sweatshirt, a pair of Seahawk Nike Air Monarchs, and a gift card to buy food or team gear at the game.

In Touchdown City students were able to take pictures with Junior Blitz, sitting by a mock locker room, and with various other Seahawk themed backgrounds. They could also test their speed by running the 40-yard dash and catching and running back a punt return like players.

It was then up to their seats for the game. Sitting near the 12th Man flag families had a great view of one of the more crazy Seahawk games (and that is saying a lot) that included a fake punt for a TD, lots of big plays and great catches, culminating with a last second goal line stand to win the game!



More on the day at the game

A month before the game the Seahawks sent out a professional photographer to take individual "senior portrait" type photos of each student for the families to have. Many wore or held traditional Native regalia for their pictures.

During the game the PSESD NAEP was announced to the 68,000 fans as the Legion of Youth group for the game, with several of the students professional photos and the PSESD logo appearing on the two big video boards in the stadium.

It was a once in a lifetime experience for our students and families, many who said they had never been to a game before. The PSESD NAEP would like to thank the Seahawks and Boeing for providing our Native families this opportunity.



