

Cedar Valley Community School in Lynnwood, hosted this year's Juneteenth Celebration, with hundreds of community members attending.



Also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to tell the last enslaved African Americans in the Confederate South that they were free and no longer under bondage.



Project Girl's dance performance for the community of Lynnwood



Olympia Edwards of Project Girl

Juneteenth was sponsored by Project Girl, a mentoring program designed to foster the advancement of young women of color. Learn more about Project Girl [here](#).



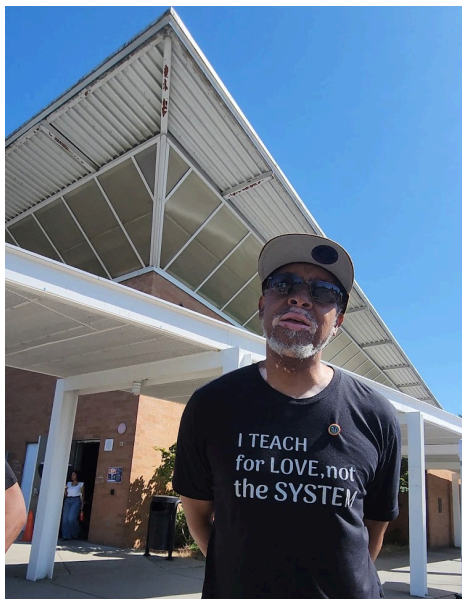
Members of Project Girl pose for a photo during Juneteenth.

Juneteenth in Lynnwood had over 50 vendors, over 10 food trucks, live entertainment and a DJ.

“Last year we hosted Juneteenth and had over 1,000 people in the community join us for this special event, ” said organizer Kirk Mathis. “We wanted to bring the celebrations of diversity to the city of Lynnwood”.



“Juneteenth should be celebrated like any other major holiday” said Kirk Mathis



Mountlake Terrace City Council member Steve Woodward challenged the community to spread love.

“We want to encourage our community members to engage and interact with other people they may not know”, said Mountlake Terrace City Council member Steve Woodward”. “It is important to be able to create a safe place where we can collaborate, grow and educate each other about how we want to change history.”



Lynnwood City Council member Josh Binda encourages people to research on the history of Juneteenth

“It’s important to understand why we celebrate Juneteenth,” said Lynnwood City Council member Josh Binda. “Take action and get educated on what it takes to evolve into the next generation of diversity inclusion.”



Lynnwood City Council member David Parshall said that “Supporting the community starts with you.” “It’s important to understand the origins of Juneteenth, and recognize the freedom that was given”



During his keynote speech, Steve Woodard said it’s important for attendees “to challenge each other to be a better person, a better friend and a better ally.”



Project Girls performing in front of community members on Juneteenth.

Families had the opportunity to interact with some of the vendors.



Sno-Isle Libraries Pop Up Van



Members of the Lynnwood Police Department celebrate Juneteenth at Cedar Valley Community School.



Lynnwood Police Department members interact with the community.



A live band performance at Cedar Valley Community School during Juneteenth.



Supercar Driven supporting the community with a custom Lamborghini & Custom Pickachu Themed Toyota Supra



Luna Mexican Grill with delicious menu options

One of the food vendors was Luna Mexican Grill.



Kids celebrate Juneteenth with arts and crafts.



Attendees visit a vendor table.