



# SUN Community School Profile 2012

## Lent K-8

Lead Agency: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)

### Service Area & Target Groups/Focus

Children, adults and families who are homeless, living in poverty and/or at risk of academic failure – primarily from school neighborhood, but services are open to anyone.

School Population: 581 students; Grades K-8; 87% Free and Reduced Lunch;  
71% Students of Color (Asian 17%, African American 11%, Hispanic 38%,  
American Indian/AK Native <1%, Multiple Race 4%, Pacific Islander 1%, White 29%)

### Core Services 2011-12

#### Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

##### Academic Support

Homework Club  
Creative Writing Club  
Tutoring  
Reading Groups  
AKA Science  
Spanish Literacy  
Story Scouts  
Girl's Book Club

##### Recreation

Basketball  
Soccer  
Volleyball  
Track  
Cheerleading  
Bike Repair  
Open Gym

##### Empowerment/Skill-Building

Lent Garden Committee

##### Enrichment

Arts & Crafts  
Theater  
Crochet Club  
Hip Hop Dance  
Chess Club  
Computer Art  
Chinese Paper Crafts  
Jewelry Making  
Photoshop  
Stop Motion Animation  
Games Galore  
Garden Club  
Latin American Dance

##### Summer Programs

Academic Summer School 5 weeks  
Academia de Padres/Latino  
Parent Academy (1 week)

##### Youth Leadership/ Involvement

Student Leadership Team  
Green Club

##### Adult Education

English (ESL)  
Parent Child Development  
Services (PCDS) for  
Vietnamese parents  
Parent Groups in English, Spanish  
& Vietnamese  
Zumba

##### Community/Cultural Events

Back to School Night  
Lent Garden Work Party  
Fiesta Latina  
Monthly SnowCap Food Boxes  
Multicultural Family Crafts Night  
Earth Day Celebration  
Lunar New Year Celebration  
Family & Staff Dinner  
Bike Fair  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
Celebration  
Clothes Swaps

#### Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents  
School-wide Parent Meetings & Activities  
Spanish Immersion Curriculum Nights; Weatherization Workshop; ESL Student Parent Night;  
Women's Support Group in Spanish; Lent Community Resource Fair; Academia de  
Padres/Parent Academy

## Case Management & Skill Building

IRCO InSPIRE Academic Case Management for Students of Latino and Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage; IRCO FACES Case Management for Parents of Vietnamese, African Immigrant and Middle Eastern heritage; Camp Fire Columbia Academic Case Management

## System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment & connection of students/ families with services; development of referral system  
SUN CS Advisory Body (school staff, parents, students, and partner agencies)  
Partner Meetings, Student Staffing Meetings 27 Community Agency Partners  
Site Management in Out-of-School Time 4 Business Partners  
Partner and Resource Development 1437 volunteer hours contributed  
\$58,840 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

## Additional Services

Food Pantry; Computer Access  
Referrals for Clothing Closet, Energy &  
Rental Assistance, Health Services

## Evaluation 2010-11

### Outputs

#### 526 youth served

- 70% students of color
- 88% identified as being  
“at risk of academic failure”
- 93% qualified for free and reduced lunch

#### 100 adults served

**2648 people served** in non-enrollment events  
(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

### Outcomes

**81%** of students increased benchmark scores  
in Reading

**80%** of students increased benchmark scores  
in Math

**Average daily attendance** of SUN CS  
students was **96%**

According to teachers, of students who regularly  
attended SUN CS:

**84%** improved **classroom academic  
performance**

**60%** improved getting **homework** in on time

**78%** **participated** in class more

**71%** improved **behavior**

**77%** came to school more **motivated to learn**

### Latino Academia de Padres / Parent Academy a Success!

SUN collaborated with El Programa Hispano/ Catholic Charities and PPS to host an 8-week parent leadership course for 22 Latino parents. Each week parents were offered dinner and childcare while they attended their two hour class. While students stayed behind and worked on various activities, parents were in class discussing topics that addressed areas of their children’s education. They learned about report cards, conferences and the importance of being involved with the school. They were informed about the volunteer process and the options that they have as a community member of Lent. There were small group discussions, journaling and even homework that had to be turned in for the next class.

At the end of the eight weeks, there was a big celebration which friends, family and school staff were invited to attend. Each parent walked with cap and gown to receive their diploma. For many, their motivation to finish the course was to walk with cap and gown because they had never had the opportunity to do so before. The evening event included dinner, student and parent performances, and congratulations from the Lent principal. These classes empowered our parents and opened the door for them to feel comfortable to be present in the school. After graduating from the Parent Academy, the influence that the graduates have on other parents has helped increase the Latino parent participation at Lent.

During the summer, we hosted another 1-week course for various parents of PPS and their participation and success stories were featured on the local news.



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