



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.



SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County Department of School and
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