



SUN Community School Profile 2015

Mill Park Elementary

Lead Agency: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization

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: 533 students; Grades K-5; 100% Eligible for Free Meals;
66% Students of Color (African American 17%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 18%,
Hispanic 26%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 2%, Multiple Race 3%, White 34%)

Core Services

Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

IRCO Asian/Pacific Islander and
IRCO African Immigrant
Student Support
Homework Club & Support
IXL Math Tutoring
Rosetta Stone language tutoring
ELL collaboration and support
Imagine Learning language and
literacy software

Summer Programs

Early Kindergarten Transition
Program/Kindergarten Counts
Summer Program; Camp Namanu
Summer Scholarships; Summer Camp
Fire Soccer Camp; SUN Cycle/Safe
Routes to School Camp; Summer
Reading Party and Book Giveaway;
Refugee Youth School Readiness
program; Urban Gleaners weekly
food distribution

Youth Leadership/Involvement

Service Learning Projects; Peer
Mentoring; Youth Leadership
Opportunities; SUN Student Council;
Camp Fire student leaders
SUN Students of the Month;
Playworks Junior Coaches

Recreation

Team Building Initiatives; SPARK Sports
Curriculum; Girls on the Run; Gym
Games; Soccer Club;
Oregon Zoo Club; Drama Club

Mentoring

David Douglas High School & Floyd
Light Middle School Student
Volunteers
Peer Homework Tutoring
Playworks Junior Coaches program

Empowerment/Skill-Building

Chess for Success; SUN/Camp Fire
Garden Beds; IRCO Asian/Pacific
Islander Support; IRCO INSPIRE
African Immigrant Support; Summer
Reading Party and Book Giveaway

Community/Cultural Events

Trimester Showcase Events; Books &
Basketball Night; OMSI Night at Mill
Park; Family Movie Night; ESL Classes;
Burmese & Karen Family Night;
Graham Cracker Construction Night

Enrichment

Project Based Learning Clubs such as:
Science Experiments Club, Board
Games Club, GarageBand Club,
Cooking Club, Comic Book Club,
Forensic/FBI Club, Art Club, Space
Club, Drama/Puppet Club, Portland
Bridges Club, Transformers Club,
Student-led Clubs, Oregon Zoo Club;
Art and Music; Science and Math;
Environmental and Natural Studies;
Health and Wellness

Adult Education

Kindergarten Counts Parent Education
Classes; Back to School Night Resource
Fair; ESL Classes; Family Support
Opportunities through SUN and School
Partners;
Asian/Pacific Islander Parent Support
Groups (in partnership with IRCO);
Oregon Food Bank parent classes

Family Education & Engagement

Daily Family Communication; School-wide parent meetings and activities
Camp Fire SUN Updates in school newsletter; End of Term Showcases; Back to School Open House;
Urban Gleaners (weekly food donations); Winter Food Drive; Winter Coat Drive; Oregon Food Bank
School Food Pantry Site

Case Management & Skill Building

Resource Referrals for families in need of food, clothing, shelter, utilities assistance

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; Site Management in Out-of-School Time
Partner and Resource Development

7 Community Agency Partners

3 Business Partners

313 volunteer hours contributed

\$57,441 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Additional Services

Snack and Hot Dinner Program
PSU Master of Social Work intern

Evaluation

Outputs

366 youth served

74% students of color

99% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”

100% qualified for free and reduced lunch

161 adults served

655 people served in non-enrollment events

(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

Outcomes

78% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading *

95% of students increased benchmark scores in Math *

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

***due to changes in state testing these numbers are
not available for this year**

SUN Spotlight

Over the past year alone, Mill Park SUN saw over 400 students (almost 2/3 of our student population) take advantage of SUN community resources. SUN-supported extended day programs allowed students to make new friends, build academic skills, explore the surrounding world, and gain confidence in themselves. We provided classes for parents and caretakers to expand their English-language skills, learn how to encourage their students academically at home, and engage with Mill Park teachers and staff in support of their children. At the same time, SUN provided families (confidential) access to vital resources such as food, clothing, and housing.

In a true demonstration of how a strong, organized and caring community can make an impact, Mill Park SUN is proud to team up with local partners including Urban Gleaners, SnowCap, Camp Fire Columbia, and the Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church to distribute food to 75 families each week. This year, we look forward to adding the Oregon Food Bank as a partner with the ambition of doubling the number of families receiving weekly food assistance, further reducing the food-insecurity issues affecting many of our families.



*SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County, the City of Portland,
local school districts, nonprofits and community.*

