



# SUN Community School Profile 2015

## Whitman Elementary School

Lead Agency: Impact Northwest

### 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: 273 students; Grades K-5; 100% Eligible for Free Meals;  
62% Students of Color (African American 7%, American Indian/AK Native 3%, Asian 13%,  
Hispanic 29%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%, Multiple Race 9%, White 38%)

### Core Services

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

##### Academic Support

After School Hot Suppers  
Homework Explorers  
Mandatory Homework & Literacy  
Morning Homework Club  
Spanish for Beginners  
Computer University Tutoring  
Tutoring  
Young Chemists  
Science: Eye Spy  
Math Games  
Math & Reading activities for  
meeting benchmarks  
Book Worms

##### Enrichment

Ukulele  
Dance  
Choir  
Theater: Adventures in Wonderland  
A Galaxy Far Away  
Poetry Slam  
Science: Brilliant Builders

Around the World  
AKA Science  
Built It Club  
Science of Art  
Art Explorers  
Music  
Poetry  
Creative Writing

##### Recreation

Soccer for Success  
Kids Sports  
Gym Games  
Bicycle Safety  
Cultural Dance  
Field Trips  
Everyone's an Artist  
Boys & Girls Soccer Teams  
Hip Hop Dance  
Cheer  
Poetry  
Basketball Leagues

##### Summer Programs

Multiple weeks of educational  
summer school, enrichment  
& recreational programs, free  
breakfast and lunch provided  
Early Kindergarten Program. Field  
Trips

##### Youth Leadership/Involvement

Whitman SUN Leadership Club  
Community Service Learning  
Projects

##### Adult Education

Adult & Child Cooking and Nutrition  
Classes  
Summer Safety  
Family Writing  
Community English Classes  
Adult Zumba  
Resources  
Home Weatherization Workshop  
Weatherization Workshop Family  
Safety Planning  
Problem Solving  
Parenting Skills  
Financial Literacy

##### Community/Cultural Events

Multi-Cultural Fair  
Family Game Night  
Volunteer Appreciation Tea  
SUN Showcases  
Early Kindergarten Reunion  
Home Weatherization Workshop  
Bike Safety

##### Empowerment/Skill-Building

Computer Classes

## Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide parent meetings and activities  
Parent and Child Cooking and Nutrition Classes

## 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; Support Staff Student and Family Support Meetings  
Site Management in Out-of-School Time  
Partner and Resource Development  
16 Community Agency Partners  
4 Business Partners

288 volunteer hours contributed  
\$2,365 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

## Additional Services

Food Boxes & Food Backpack Program  
Clothing Closet

## Evaluation

### Outputs

#### 271 youth served

63% students of color  
96% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”  
100% qualified for free and reduced lunch

#### 113 adults served

1757 people served in non-enrollment events  
(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

### Outcomes

69% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading \*  
89% of students increased benchmark scores in Math \*  
Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 87%

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

## SUN Spotlight

Whitman SUN is a great way for new families to become acclimated with the school and community. SUN offers a variety of classes each term for students. Students also receive free dinner, learn new skills, make friends and receive homework help in the extended-day program at Whitman. Students have the opportunity to join special clubs such as drama, chess and journalism.

Monthly Parent Teas are open to all families and provide resources and information for families along with a way to connect to each other in an enjoyable, relaxed environment. Family Events include Multi-Cultural Fair, Family Game Night, Movie Night, Early Kindergarten Reunion and Home Weatherization Workshop to name a few. Families can choose to volunteer at the event or just come for the fun.

Additional services include emergency services for families in need such as energy assistance or food boxes. SUN also facilitates mentors for students.



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

