



SUN Community School Profile 2015

Buckman 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: 486 students; Grades K-5; 33% Free and Reduced Lunch; 33% Students of Color (African American 3%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 2%, Hispanic 11%, Multiple Race 16%, White 67%)

Core Services

Examples of Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

Over 150 benchmark-linked after-school classes; Cranium Club 4 days a week for homework help; Individual tutoring; American Reads, America Counts; Curriculum-related math & writing family nights, Jump-start Summer School; School's Out Learning Days; Learning-themed weekly summer camps.

Empowerment/Skill-Building

Girls' Empowerment; Earth Helpers; Tae Kwon Do; Marimba; Yoga; Gardening; Motion Magic; Ultimate Frisbee; School Newspaper; Spanish; Sportsplay; Globe Trotters; and Art City

Mentoring

Faithful Friends and Family of Friends

Adult Education

Adult Yoga, Qi Gong; Adult Marimba; Color Guard Team; Community Drill; Zumba. Parent education series on transitioning to middle school

Recreation

Three 4th and 5th grade teams in Parks and Rec Drug Free Basketball League; Dance; Music, Drama, Art, and Sports Classes and Camps; Tae Kwon Do; Motion Magic; Piano, Marimba, MUSE strings; Guitar, Yoga, Sportskids, Get Fit, Soccer, Health & Fitness, Hip hop, Ultimate Frisbee, Weaving, and Chess.

Youth Leadership/Involvement

Walk and Bike to School Challenges; Second Wind Food Drive; Season of Sharing; Spirit Days; Lego Robotics; Buckman Student Council,

Summer Programs

Farm Fun; Arts and Writing Intensive; Circus Camp; and Sailing the Seven Seas. Peter Pan Drama camp, a healthy body systems-themed Get Fit Camp, and Jump Start Summer School: Animals with a Bad Rap.

Enrichment

Phonics Fun; A-Z Mysteries; Story Shorts Jedi Academy; Speech & Debate; Comic Connection; Drama; School Newspaper; Time Machine; Me and My Fam; Fabulous Folk Tales; Zing Zane Zines; Expressive Art; Life Art Journals; Mad Libs; World of Eric Carle; Superheroes; Book Club; Alien Adventures; Spelling Wizards; and Globe Trotters. Box it & Bag it Math; DIY science; AKA Science on Color and Light; Compukids; Art of Shapes; Sports Stats; Go Figure; Aquarium; Amazing Archeology; Gizmos and Gadgets; Lotions and Potions; Mathemagic; Sideways Arithmetic; Opposites Attract; Under the Sea; Athenian Secrets; Physics and Flight; Fungus: Friend or Foe; LEAP into Science; Earth Shaking Discoveries; Patterns 'N Shapes; Mega Bytes; Overhead and Underfoot; Measure Up; Dungeons and Dragons; Time 'N Money; Gardening; Jr. Naturalists; Earth Helpers; Patterns in Nature; Smart Art; Spring Things; Incredible Inventors; Things that Go; Skateboard Science; and Let's Read Math.

Community/Cultural Events

Family Dance, Family Stories Night, Walk and Bike to School Days, Emergency Preparedness Fair,

Family Education & Engagement

Linking parents with social services and resources. Weekly communication through newsletter and website. School-wide parent meetings and community-building activities including bi-monthly family nights. SUN SHARE Resource Board and SUN informational kiosk

Case Management & Skill Building

Resource referrals for housing, energy assistance, social services, tax and counseling support; Season of Sharing; Dental sealants and dental services with OHSU; Community Care Fund for Family crises; Health Education Programs; Special Assistance; Mentoring; Emergency Food Boxes; Free School supplies; Family support during illness and/or crisis situations; Trauma Support Group; Linking families with: flu shots, low-cost health insurance, homebuying and home repair fairs, weatherization, sources of free food and clothing, domestic violence services, low-cost health and dental care, and free tax preparation

System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment & connection of students & families with services & resources; development of referral system

Coordination of services for at-risk students with school

Site Management in Out-of-School Time

Cultural liaisons for ELL groups

Partner and Resource Development

38 Community Agency Partners

12 Business Partners

2432 volunteer hours contributed

\$240,740 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Evaluation

Outputs

457 youth served

32% students of color

44% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”

28% qualified for free and reduced lunch

55 adults served

841 people served in non-enrollment events

(family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

Outcomes

73% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading*

83% of students increased benchmark scores in Math*

Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 90%

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

SUN Spotlight

The Buckman PTA and new principal both prioritized the importance of emergency preparedness and asked SUN to be part of emergency preparedness planning. This grew into a very significant project during the second half of the school year, requiring major coordination among numerous community partners, city, and district staff. The SUN site manager attended the Bureau of Emergency Managements’ multi-day, intensive training and became a trained NET volunteer emergency responder. The school re-inventoried the supply cache that SUN had originally established several years ago and in coordination with parents began a systematic effort to upgrade and relocate the supplies—eventually obtaining over \$650 worth of needed supplies. SUN became part of a team researching and advocating for an on-site storage container and was able to find a parent willing to help with the costs of purchasing a storage container once the district approves siting at the school. In conjunction with the school safety team and the PTA, SUN helped organize a Family Emergency Preparedness evening with representatives from the City, the school district, and a number of community organizations teaching parents and neighbors about how to prepare and respond in the event of a disaster. SUN created a two page summary sheet for families and after the principal and local officials explained the city and school response plan, SUN trained parents on how to begin building emergency supply kits as well as grab and go kits for kids at school. SUN also presented information on creating a family emergency preparedness plan.



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

