

68

GRADE 1 SCHOLARS

4

WEEKS

5

DAYS PER WEEK

+3

AVERAGE MONTHS GAINED IN READING

89%

ADA

60

HOURS OF LITERACY

546

HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Redwood City School District

This report presents outcomes of Big Lift Inspiring Summers - a holistic learning experience blending academics with enrichment, social-emotional skill development, and community engagement.

Program Goals

- Promote the love of learning
- Prevent Summer Learning Loss
- Accelerate and increase literacy levels in scholars who are below grade level before the beginning of the new year
- Build positive relationships between scholars and educators
- Increase scholar engagement in learning activities

Academics

Growth in literacy skills is an important indicator of student success and are measured via pre-and post-program assessments.

+3 average reading gains in months

Growth Mindset

Scholars develop a love of learning by focusing on goals that are attainable through dedication and hard work.

- 96%** of parents reported their child improved in their ability to overcome challenges
- 86%** of teachers said scholars exhibited growth mindset

Self-Confidence

Self Confidence is the key to scholars' success in school, college, and their careers.

- 96%** of parents reported an increase in their child's confidence
- 100%** of teachers reported an increase in scholars' confidence
- 94%** of parents reported their child having a more positive attitude about school

Professional Development

BellXcel empowered educators with 21st Century instructional skills and strategies they can transfer into the classroom in the school year.

- 100%** of teachers said BellXcel developed their professional skills
- 100%** of teachers said teaching in the Inspiring Summers program was rewarding
- 100%** of teachers would recommend Inspiring Summers to parents

Family Engagement

Weekly reports and events engaged parents and caregivers in their child's education.

- 94%** of parents became more involved in their child's education
- 100%** of parents were highly-satisfied with the Inspiring Summers program
- 98%** of parents would recommend Inspiring Summers to other parents

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“My favorite activity at Big Lift was reading! I really love to read, now!”

Program Scholar



Enrichment

Enrichment courses were designed to foster critical 21st Century skills like teamwork and leadership, increase self-confidence, and expose scholars to new subjects, opportunities, and career paths. Scholars rotated through the following courses:

- Fairytale Engineering
- Robots with Dots and Dash
- Math All Around
- Creative Chemistry



Field Trips & Community Engagement

Field trips, special events, and guest speakers supported learning by exposing scholars to diverse ideas, people, places, and opportunities while nurturing increased tolerance and critical-thinking skills. Experiences included:

- Schaberg Library, Redwood City Public Library
- On Site Experience: Imagination Playground
- Speaker Amber Hines, Soul Soup Music
- On Site Experience: Rig-a-ma-jig
- On Site Experience: Insect Discovery Lab



School Partners

- Roosevelt Elementary



Community Partners

- Redwood City Public Libraries
- San Mateo County Libraries
- Redwood City School District
- San Mateo County Office of Education



Financial Supporters

- Tipping Point Community
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