San Bruno Park 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**
- For Scholars: Strengthen Language Arts and STEM skills along with social emotional development
- For Families: Promote engagement in the importance of early literacy for their children

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

+1 average reading gains in months

**Growth Mindset**
Through dedication and hard work, scholars develop a love of learning by focusing on goals that are attainable.

78% of parents reported their child improved in their ability to overcome challenges
85% of teachers said scholars exhibited growth mindset

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

78% of parents reported an increase in their child’s confidence
77% of teachers reported an increase in scholars’ confidence
100% 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.

80% of teachers would recommend teaching in the Inspiring Summers program to their peers
80% of teachers said teaching in the Inspiring Summers program was rewarding
80% of teachers would recommend Inspiring Summers to parents

**Family Engagement**
Weekly reports and events engaged parents and caregivers in their child’s education.

100% of parents became more involved in their child’s education
89% of parents were highly-satisfied with the Inspiring Summers program
100% of parents would recommend Inspiring Summers to other parents

Source: BellXcel 2019 STAR assessments and stakeholder surveys
**Enrichment**

Teamwork, leadership and building self-confidence were woven into enrichment courses designed to foster critical 21st Century skills. Scholars were introduced to new subjects and guest speakers that opened their eyes to career pathways within their reach if they apply themselves in school:

- Creative Chemistry
- Fairy Tale Engineering
- Movement and Mindfulness
- Robotics with Dash and Dot
- Force and Friction

“...the program allows flexibility for teachers to work individually with the Scholars in giving them a lift to the next grade.”

Program Educator

**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:

- San Bruno Public Library
- San Bruno Police Department
- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- German the Magician
- Marine Science Mobile Lab
- Petting Zoo
- The Bug Lady
- Leah’s Pantry (for parents)
- Learning Wheels (book give away)
- Guest Speakers:
  - US Congresswoman Jackie Speier
  - Ray Hernandez, Dean Skyline College
  - Dr. Bryan Vander Lugt, Research Scientist
  - Dr. Henry Sánchez, UCSF Pathologist
  - Wendy al-Mukdad, Engineer
  - Renee Callantine, Attorney
  - Scott Curtner, Banking

**School Partners**

- San Bruno Park School District (maintenance, business and food services)
- Belle Air Elementary School (providing classroom space and equipment)

**Community Partners**

- San Bruno Library and Recreation Department
- San Bruno Police & Fire Departments
- San Bruno Cable TV
- Skyline College
- San Bruno Chamber of Commerce
- San Bruno Community Foundation
- Supervisors Dave Pine and Carole Groom

**Financial Supporters**

- San Bruno Education Foundation
- Welch Family Partnership
- San Mateo County Measure K
- San Mateo County Libraries
- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- Tipping Point Community
- Anonymous donation for morning coffee service
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- San Mateo County Office of Education