

1084

RISING K, 1st, and 2nd
GRADE
SCHOLARS

4

WEEKS

5

DAYS PER
WEEK

+1

AVERAGE MONTHS
GAINED IN READING

90%

ADA

60

HOURS OF
LITERACY

60

HOURS OF
STEM ENRICHMENT

2,542

HOURS OF
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT



THE BIG LIFT

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

Program Goals

- Create a cooperative/collaborative place of learning where we value education, everyone's culture and embrace a growth mindset
- Support vulnerable scholars' literacy development
- Provide engaging STEM enrichment experiences
- Build positive relationships between scholars, educators, and families

Academics

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

+1 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.

90% of parents reported their child improved in their ability to overcome challenges

95% of teachers said scholars exhibited growth mindset

Self-Confidence

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

91% of parents reported an increase in their child's confidence

94% of teachers reported an increase in scholars' confidence

92% of parents reported their child having a more positive attitude about school

Professional Development

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

89% of teachers said Big Lift Inspiring Summers developed their professional skills

96% of teachers said teaching in the Big Lift Inspiring Summers program was rewarding

98% of teachers would recommend Big Lift Inspiring Summers to parents

Family Engagement

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

88% of parents became more involved in their child's education

98% of parents were highly-satisfied with the Big Lift Inspiring Summers program

98% of parents would recommend Big Lift Inspiring Summers to other parents

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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:

- Force and Friction
- Math All Around
- Fairy Tale Engineering
- Yoga & Mindfulness
- Robotics with Dash and Dot
- Creative Chemistry

“I’d teach this program year-round if I could.”

Inspiring Summers Educator

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

Inspiring Summers Scholar



Community Experiences

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:

- Guest Speakers
- Rigamajig & Imagination Playground
- Petting Zoo
- Family Literacy and Technology Workshops



School Partners

- Cabrillo Unified School District
- La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District
- Redwood City School District
- South San Francisco Unified School District
- Jefferson Elementary School District
- Ravenswood City School District
- San Bruno Park School District



Community Partners

- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Partners of the Big Lift
- Children's Discovery Museum



Financial Supporters

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