



SUN Community School Profile 2015

Grout Elementary School

Lead Agency: Portland Parks and Recreation

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: 376 students; Grades K-5; 61% Free and Reduced Lunch;
49% Students of Color (African American 14%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 10%,
Hispanic 13%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%, Multiple Race 10%, White 51%)

Core Services

Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

Suppers Program (through PPS
Nutrition Services)
Homework Clubs
Reading & Math Coach
Clue: A Mystery Book Club
Poetry Club
Computer Science

Mentoring

B.A.M (Boys Advocacy &
Mentoring)
Girl Power

Recreation

Skateboarding
Volleyball
Soccer
Dodgeball
Yoga
Tag You're It!
Mixed Sports: Get In the Game
Zumba

Enrichment

Spanish for Ninos
Garden Club
Theater Play Performance
Theater: Improv
Music & Movement
Lego Robotics
Violin Lessons
Chess We Can!
Crafts: Woodland Habitats
Crafts: Illustrated Storybook

Youth Leadership/Involvement

Playworks – Community Leaders

Empowerment/Skill-Building

Skateboard: Girls On Board
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball

Summer Programs

8 week half/full day youth
sports/arts & crafts camps
Summer Lunch Program (through
PPS Nutrition Services)
New Moon Productions Theater
Camps

Adult Education

Orchestra
Yoga
Drop in Basketball

Community/Cultural Events

Harvest Festival
Family Fun & Fitness Night
Family Art Night

Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents
School-wide parent meetings and activities

System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment and connection of students and families with services; development of referral system

SUN CS Advisory Body (school staff, parents, students, and partner agencies)

Partner Meetings

Student Staffing Meetings

Site Management in Out-of-School Time

Partner and Resource Development

7 Community Agency Partners

2 Business Partners

1650 volunteer hours contributed

\$60,000 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Evaluation

Outputs

229 youth served

33% students of color

42% identified as being “at risk of academic failure”

53% qualified for free and reduced lunch

Outcomes

70% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading *

81% of students increased benchmark scores in Math *

Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 96%

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

SUN Spotlight

Grout SUN CS offered in collaboration with Grout PTA, Dirt Club, where students cultivated a respect for both nature and their school community while tending the school's edible garden. At the end of the school year, when the junior master gardeners were asked, “How does our garden grow?” their responses clearly illustrated their newly earned respect for nature in the city;

“With donations from the PTA plant sale & Home Depot.”

“With water. Plants use water to carry moisture and nutrients back and forth between the roots and leaves.”

“With insects, that pollinate plants and help plants reproduce.”

“With teamwork!”

“With fresh, clean air and sunlight. Dirty air caused by pollution can block out sunlight.”

“With soil and compost, to feed plants and help control diseases.”

“With time and patience. Lots of patience.”



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

