



POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY SOUTH SOUND YMCA

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This report presents outcomes of Power Scholars Academy (PSA), a holistic learning experience that blends academics with enrichment, social emotional learning and community service.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase literacy and math skills
- Strengthen self-confidence, social-emotional learning and wellness
- Increase parental engagement
- Build a stronger connection with local schools and the community



281
grade K-5
scholars

87% ADA

5 weeks

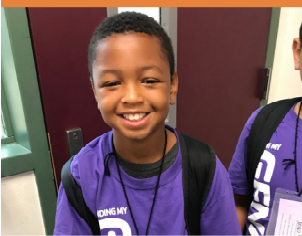
**SIGN LANGUAGE
STOP-MOTION
DANCE
SWIMMING**



**5 days
per
week**

**45 hours of
math**

**45 hours of
literacy**



38
educators
trained

ACADEMICS

Literacy and math skills gains are an important indicator of student success, and are measured via pre- and post assessments. Without intervention, under-resourced children lose an average of 2 months of skills each summer. Power Scholars not only halted this summer slide, but improved them by:

+1 average reading
gains in months

+0.5 average math
gains in months

GROWTH MINDSET

Scholars believe their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work, fostering a love of learning.

87% of parents reported
improved abilities to
overcome challenges

62% of teachers said
scholars exhibited
growth mindset

SELF-CONFIDENCE

An integral element that affects every aspect of scholars' goals.

88%
of parents
reported an
increase in their
child's confidence

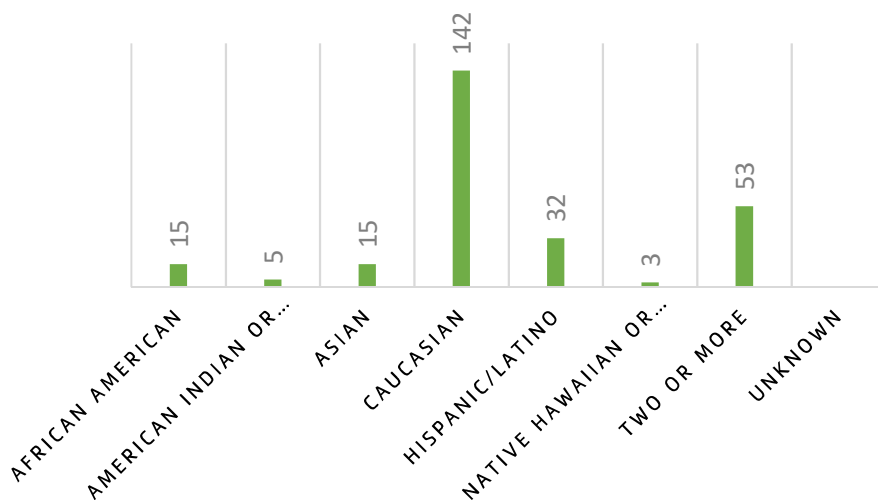
71%
of teachers reported
an increase in
scholars' confidence

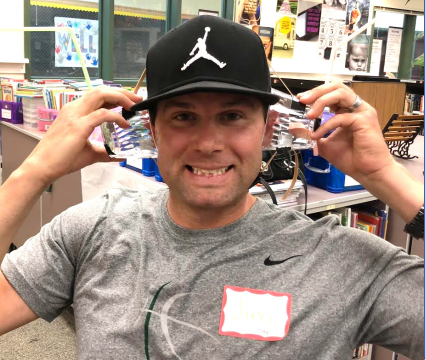
86%
of parents reported their
child having a more
positive attitude about
school

SCHOLAR DEMOGRAPHICS

Male: 152
Female: 114

RACE/ETHNICITY





"I am very thankful and grateful for the opportunity to work at Lacey Elementary this summer for Power Scholars. I was challenged for sure, but the scholars were all a blessing to be around, and I truly believe I am a better educator for being part of this experience." - Jim Mills, 3rd Grade Teacher at Lacey Elementary School

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

- Swim Lessons at the Briggs YMCA
- Creative Arts
- STEM
- Stop-Motion Filmmaking
- Sign Language
- Dancing/Music

FIELD TRIPS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Field trips supported learning by exposing scholars to diverse ideas, people, and places, and nurturing increased empathy, tolerance, and critical-thinking skills. Excursions included trips to:

- Museum of Pop Culture
- Seattle's International Fountain
- Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
- Washington State Patrol
- Timberland Regional Library
- Lacey Chief of Police



SCHOOL PARTNERS

- Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School
- Garfield Elementary School
- Lacey Elementary School



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- North Thurston Public Schools
- Olympia School District
- Tumwater School District
- City of Lacey
- North Thurston Education Foundation



FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

- The Medina Foundation
- North Thurston Education Foundation
- Lacey Rotary
- Nisqually Tribe
- WSECU
- The Community Foundation
- Kiwanis
- Umpqua Bank

