



POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY SOUTH SOUND YMCA



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

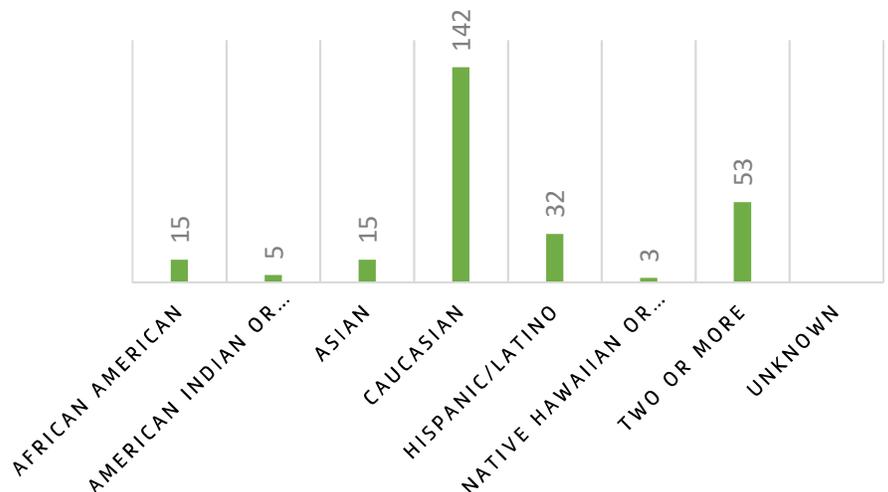
An integral element that affects every aspect of scholars' goals.

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

