



**Irvine Unified School District
END OF THE YEAR REPORT
Lakeside Middle School**

SCHOOL TARGETS FOR 2008-2009:

- TARGET #1: Our target for teachers is to create and/or improve instructional strategies and assessments.
- TARGET #2: Our target for the school program is to increase student achievement through the development, modification and implementation of academic interventions for students.
- TARGET #3: Our target for the staff is to sustain and enhance our collaborative professional culture with the goal of improving student learning.
- TARGET #4: Our target for the students is to create a culture of acceptance and tolerance among the student population through peer leadership and mentoring.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2008-2009:

- **Maintained superior API score (927)** with decile and similar schools scores of 10.
- Continued **system of interventions** to support all students; Homework club utilizing **honor society high school tutors**.
- Assisted academically at-risk 7th and 8th graders through an intensive **after school directed study program**.
- Continued to refine core subject **anchor assessments/essays**; taught all students **PIRATES** test strategies.
- Incorporated **additional writing** instruction and assessment through the social science department.
- Utilized **SuccessMaker** licenses for Extended Learning, elective math remediation, and special needs classes.
- Provided key staff members with **Professional Learning Communities training** led by Austin Buffum.
- Provided staff **training in technology** to enhance instruction (PLATO, Blackboard).
- **Raised over \$30,000** through our annual ASB fundraiser; funds were spent on student activities.
- Our **ASB Leadership** class organized dances, competitions, and "Lakeside Live" broadcasts.
- Provided **individual and small-group counseling** to students in need.
- Whole school participation in **Red Ribbon Week**; Students won 1st and 2nd (art), 1st (essay) in the city-wide contest.
- Received **Peer Assistance Review** grant funding to give teachers time for strategic planning.
- Organized a school-wide holiday **gift and food drive** to support Families Forward (13 families).
- Lakeside families in need were identified; **Families Forward** and **Operation School Bell** provided assistance.
- Continued the use of Criterion On-Line writing and Accelerated Reader through language arts.
- Earned county honors at **National History Day** (17 years participation); sent 20 students to the state competition.
- 7th and 8th grade teams won 2nd place overall at Orange County **Academic Pentathlon**.
- 32 students were district finalists the **Science Fair** and 30 of them garnered district level awards.
- Formed Lakeside's first **Green Team**; Members invited to and attended **UCI Hydrogen Fueling Station Field Trip**.
- **UCI Careers in Science** attended by 65 students; Won two 1st place awards at **Astounding Inventions**.
- Participated in **Chapman University Holocaust Art and Writing Contest** for the ninth consecutive year.
- 60 students went to the **Museum of Tolerance**, transportation funded by a district GATE grant.
- Orchestra earned **Unanimous Superior** and symphonic band **Excellent ratings** at District Festival.
- Continued participation in the **Irvine Hoops Classic** and the **Harvest Cup Soccer** Tournament.
- Full school participation in lunchtime intramural sports program and culminating Olympics day at the end of the year.
- Over 60 students participated in the **Irvine Junior Games** and won 10 gold, 13 silver and 11 bronze medals.
- Student-led lunchtime **Book Club** read 6 books; participation per meeting averaged 85-95 students.
- **National Junior Honor Society** membership over 120 students (straight A's two trimesters in a row). Bake sales funded **Families Forward** holiday drive, and other donations; A school-wide food drive benefited Families Forward.
- Hosted **Islamic Speaker's Bureau** for all 7th graders.
- 8th grade **Wagon's West** interdisciplinary unit culminated in a hoop dancer assembly and BBQ lunch.
- Continued small-group literature study through "**Literature Lab**" for all students.
- 44 students attended the City of Irvine **Middle School Youth Conference** promoting a healthy lifestyle.
- Honored student representatives of our **Core Ethical Values** and continued an anti-bullying focus on campus.
- Continued "Crew" program consisting of **students acting as leaders and positive role models** for their peers.
- Teachers and counselors attended **PLUS training** (Peer Leaders Uniting Students) and implemented the program.
- Offered a **full elective program** including media literacy, ceramics, drawing, home arts, Spanish 1, speech and debate, study skills, drama, yearbook, ASB, chorus, band, orchestra, journalism, law and society, and more.
- Served as a **teacher training partner** with UCI, CSU Fullerton and Concordia University.
- Continued **student/parent/teacher conferences** with greater emphasis on individual student learning.
- Planned and participated in a **collaboration meeting with feeder elementary schools**.
- Continued to live by our motto which is: "**Doing What's Best for Kids.**"

_____, Principal