



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

SCHOOL TARGETS FOR 2007-2008:

Curriculum Target: Improve student learning through school-wide instructional and assessment practices.

Instruction Target: Improve student learning through intervention efforts.

Classroom Practice: Create and sustain a collaborative professional culture.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2007-2008:

- **Maintained superior API score (917)** 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** and a **lunchtime directed study program** with assistance from.
- 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.
- Over 300 students participated in SuccessMaker and showed excellent gains in math and reading.
- Provided new math department members training at **Brad Fulton workshop** and **CMC conference** in Palm Springs
- Provided staff **training in technology** to enhance instruction (PLATO, Blackboard).
- An 8th grade science teacher flew in a zero gravity airplane through the **Weightless Flights of Discovery** program.
- **Raised close to \$20,000** 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, 2nd (essay) and 3rd (art) 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** (16 years participation); sent 13 students to the state competition.
- 7th and 8th grade teams won 1st place overall at Orange County **Academic Pentathlon**.
- 39 students were district finalists the **Science Fair** and 31 of them garnered district level awards.
- All 8th graders participated in “**Science to Go**” lessons and field trip provided by **IRWD & Discovery Science Center**.
- **UCI Careers in Science** attended by 65 students; Won two 1st and two 2nd place awards at **Astounding Inventions**.
- Participated in **Chapman University Holocaust Art and Writing Contest** for the eighth consecutive year.
- A 7th grade student won 1st place and a \$500 prize in the **Chapman University Holocaust Art Contest**.
- 30 students went to the **Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust**, 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.
- 44 students participated in the **Irvine Junior Games** and won 16 gold, 11 silver and 13 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; 2 food drives benefited Families Forward.
- Hosted **Islamic Speaker's Bureau** for all 7th graders; Sent 21 students on a fieldtrip to the **Getty Museum**.
- 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.
- 47 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.
- Implemented “Crew” program consisting of **44 students** acting as **leaders and positive role models** for their peers.
- Sponsored **motivational speaker, Dr. Piper-Mandy**, at school-wide assembly, staff meeting and PTSA meeting.
- Utilized our **Math Glossary** that is translated into Farsi, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and Chinese.
- 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.
- Continued to live by our motto which is: “**Doing What's Best for Kids.**”

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