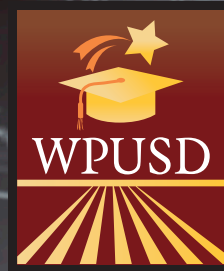


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projects, class plays, field trips, H1N1 Clinic, and provide tutors at the Lincoln Youth Center and the Twelve Bridges Library homework time. The program is dedicated to supporting our local schools and making an impact on student's lives. Our volunteers are known to be dependable, reliable, positive, motivated, conscientious and enjoy being with kids. We believe we make a difference with the students we serve, and I feel that this intergenerational opportunity is a win-win for everyone.



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District Receives an "A"

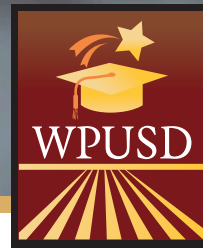
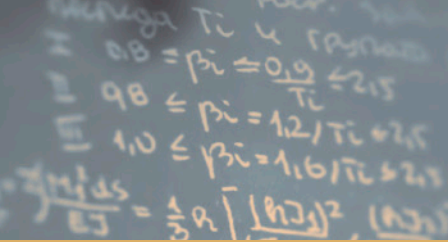
Remember the story behind the headline, "Effective Budget Management Nets Millions for District?" The impact of that fiscal windfall has come to fruition.

Standard & Poor's (S&P), a nationally recognized independent credit rating agency, has raised the district's credit rating for the second year in a row. "Two years ago, the District was BBB+, last year A-, and now they are a solid A. That is unprecedented," stated Jeff Small of Capitol Public Finance Group, the district's independent financial advisor.

S&P indicated that the main reason for the credit rating upgrade was "the district's substantial increase in unreserved fund balances and participation in the diverse economies of Sacramento and Placer counties." Furthermore, S&P stated that the district's outlook is stable, with an "expectation that the district will maintain adequate reserve levels." This confidence from S&P is a direct reflection on the sound financial management practices of the district.

This improved rating has already saved the district money by effectively lowering the interest rate paid on a loan that was refinanced the first week of December.





WPUSD is an API 810 District!

What is that and why is it exciting?

Student achievement expands in the Western Placer Unified School District as students exceed the 2009 target, achieving an API (Academic Performance Index) score of 810!

Over the past several years, our district has implemented new academic programs and curriculum to enrich and support student learning, and has added staff development activities for teachers and support staff to encourage the use of the most effective and research-based instructional strategies in the classroom. We have also worked to inform parents and to encourage partnering with us in their students' academic success. These efforts have paid off in increased student learning! WPUSD's API has grown from 754 in 2006 to 810 in 2009! That's a 56 point improvement.

Annually the California Department of Education publishes reports evaluating each school district's progress in making their targets for student academic achievement. The state has set a goal of 800 points as the API target for all California school districts based on annual standardized student testing. At the federal level, we met 2009 targets for 32 of our 34 requirements.

Western Placer Unified School District is extremely proud of the academic accomplishments of our students and our district. We will continue to monitor our students' progress closely and to offer both enrichment programs for students who are achieving above grade level and support programs for students who are struggling with grade-level standards. Thank you to our WPUSD families for being a part of our very successful academic community!



Sun City S.C.H.O.O.L.S. Program

The very successful Sun City Helping Our Outstanding Lincoln Schools (SCHOOLS) program moves into its eighth year. The concept began with a discussion of two retired educators, Cindy Moore and Sandy Frame, followed by meetings with the superintendent and principals of WPUSD. A volunteer program to support and motivate students was officially launched in March of 2002, with eight residents of Sun City Lincoln Hills.

Today, there are 250 SCHOOLS members with 180 volunteers mentoring students in our schools weekly, which equates to 500 hours of tutoring every week. The majority of tutors are in Kindergarten through grade five, but volunteers are available and willing to support students in Middle School and High School. Only 20% of the volunteers had prior careers in education, and the majority represents any career one can imagine - from medical fields, to engineering, and even aerospace! Volunteers participate in an Orientation Workshop before being assigned to a classroom.

SCHOOLS members also assist with fundraising events, science, reading and art fairs, computer labs, gardening continued back page



Spotlight School

CARLIN C. COPPIN

Carlin C. Coppin students continue to shine. Our test scores have been steadily rising and last year, we had an API score of 816. That means in the last two years we have surpassed the state's goal of 800! We attribute our success to a variety of factors, one of which is the outstanding partnerships established by our families and school staff.

This year, Carlin C. Coppin has implemented two exciting programs. The first, we call Spotlight. Spotlight is a designated intervention time during each school day designed to target instruction for students who may need just a little, or even a lot of extra support. By providing an intervention period each day, during the school day, students are guaranteed to receive the help they need. Teachers and other support staff provide this additional assistance.

We are also excited this year to be offering Odyssey of the Mind to our High Achieving and Gifted and Talented Students. Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program with the focus of developing divergent, independent thinking abilities. It is a team effort and this year our two teams, made up of 3rd-5th graders will demonstrate their solutions at a tournament, competing with other school sites and other districts.

Carlin C. Coppin may be one of the smaller schools in the district, but like our big, red dragon mascot, Sparky, we are proud of our sizeable sparkle!



For more information go to:
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