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This year the staff at Lourdes has implemented two extremely, valuable software programs. The library updated the library software to Destiny Library Manager. This system is web-based so it allows access from any computer. Destiny web-quest also offers a search engine that allows patrons to search resources from the library simultaneously with online research databases such as EBSCO. The library searches may also be set to the students' ability levels.

The second computer program, Accelerated Reader helps teachers manage and monitor a student's independent reading practice. Students choose a book at their own level, read it, and take a short quiz on the computer. AR gives children, teachers, and parents, feedback based on the quiz results, which can be used to help set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. This has definitely enhanced our library reading program.

One must also mention the Lourdes Parent Club, which supports the school's goals and assists financially. They serve potluck lunches for the students, volunteer in the classrooms, provide transportation for field trips... This year they have also contributed \$30, 000 to the annual school budget.

As you read this report, you can see that Lourdes has had another successful year. This year the overall state rating for Lourdes Public charter School is Level 5, the top rating.

An audited financial report is available for review upon request.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Duman
Administrator

Maps 2014-15

Students Scoring at or above 50 Percentile Grades 1-8 Spring 2015

Reading--- 90.7%
Math--- 81.4%
Language Usage---81.4%

Average of all tests: 84.5% scored at or above 50 percentile

Students Meeting Growth Target from Fall 2013 to Spring 2014 Grades 1-8

Reading---58% *
Mathematics---81.4%
Language Usage---74%

*Students who tested above 95% in the fall did not meet their growth target even though they scored above the 95% in the spring.

Curriculum Assessment Percent of Students Passing Curriculum Assessment Tests

Reading
93%

Math
93%

School Accomplishments

Pacific Logging Congress Field Trip: Students in grades 4 through 8 traveled to Molalla to participate in hands-on activities in the tree harvesting process. They saw innovative tree harvesting technology, learned how today's practices protect habitat and water quality for fish and wildlife, and were exposed to an array of forest-related careers.

Missoula Children's Theatre: For the fifth year Lourdes Charter School hosted the Missoula Children's Theatre. This is a week-long residency that begins with an open group audition and culminates in a public performance. All Lourdes students were cast and well-rehearsed throughout the week; learning lines, songs, and choreography to perform as an ensemble in producing the full-length musical, "Robin Hood".

Portland Opera to Go: The Portland Opera presented *Barber of Seville*. Students and members of the community enjoyed this adaptation by Kristine McIntyre.

GLOBE: Since 2002 the Lourdes has climate measurements to the GLOBE database. Students gather atmospheric/climate and hydrology measurements and post them on the GLOBE web-page for scientists around the world.

Artist-in-Residence: The school hosted Mamadou Thioub from the Art Center in Corvallis. He used music, and storytelling to teach the African culture. He taught all students Senegal drum skills on several drums including the djembe and djun djun drums. The residency concluded with a drumming recital at the spring program/graduation.

Speech Tournament: The 7th and 8th grade students participated in a speech tournament at the school. Three area judges rated the students in three speech events: impromptu, expository reading, and an elocution piece. All students presented their elocution speech at a school assembly. First, second and third prizes were presented by the Lourdes Foundation.

CATCH: (Combined Approach to Child Health) the Samaritan Health service in Corvallis, Oregon received a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services to combat childhood obesity. This money is used to bring the highly successful CATCH program to communities in Linn and Lincoln counties. Lourdes was chosen to participate. The school received classroom curriculum, physical education equipment, and resources for healthy food choices. Each month a healthy food was promoted, samples given to each student, and recipes sent home.

Coat Drive: In December the students collected new or lightly used coats from infant through adult sizes. Coats were donated to Bethel Baptist Free Clothing Closet.

Stayton Community Food Bank: In April the students collected canned and non-perishable food items for the local food bank. In one week the students collected 348 pounds of food, approximately ten pounds per family.

School Evaluation: For the third year, the Center for Students Success at Portland State University has conducted an evaluation for the Lourdes School as requested by the Scio School District, our sponsor. Janie Adams, MA, gave the school an exceeding rating in distinctive instructional practices. "... the school uses the skills and talents of its community members to provide a learning environment that assists each student in developing their talents and meeting their potential through a strong program of basic skills and critical thinking." She also commended the school on its success in achieving its stated mission and goals and receiving a '5 rating' on the school report card.

Support Organizations

Parent /Teacher Club

The Parent/Teacher Club continues to be an active component of the Lourdes Public Charter School. With their annual Family Fun Night, Casino Night, and miscellaneous fund raising projects, the organization has placed \$30,000 in the school's 2015-16 budget. The monies this year were used for:

Field Trips/Transportation
Food and Refreshments for Various Events
Teacher Appreciation
Staff Development
Classroom Supplies and Materials
Artist-in-Residence Programs
Playground Renovation

Lourdes Education Foundation

The Lourdes Education Foundation is a supporting organization for the Lourdes Public Charter School. The Foundation's purpose is to establish economic security for the school. Their goal is to raise sufficient funds to provide financial security and to reach an amount so that a percentage of the earnings may be used in the annual school budget. This year the Foundation purchased the Accelerated Reader software for the school and sponsored the 7th and 8th grade speech tournament.

eScrip

The school and community are supporting the efforts of the Foundation by registering their Safeway cards for the eScrip program which earns 5% to 10% of purchase amounts. This year the earnings from this program raised over \$3,000 for the Foundation.

R.H. Parker /United Foundation

The school received \$2,000 from the R.H. Parker/United Foundation toward the purchase of a new copy machine for the school.

Volunteers

Parents and community volunteers performed the following tasks: school newsletter, laundry, library assistance, classroom teachers' assistants, potlucks, janitorial tasks, and fundraising.

Donors

Every year the school receives donations from loyal supporters. This is a morale lift for the parents and staff, as well as needed financial support.