

Irvine Unified School District
END-OF-THE-YEAR REPORT
Northwood Elementary School

School Targets for 2007-08:

- A. Create a Professional Learning Community (PLC).
- B. Provide underperforming students with interventions.
- C. Increase parent involvement.

School Achievements 2007-08:

- We were recognized as an NCLB Blue Ribbon Nominee School for 2007-2008.
- We implemented a Professional Learning Community that focuses on what students need to learn and what we do when students have difficulty learning.
- We collectively created our new Mission Statement which answers the question, “Why do we exist?” and wrote our School Vision, which answers the question, “What kind of school do we expect to become?”
- We underwent a Data Analysis and Goal Setting Staff Development Day. The purpose of the day-long meeting was to investigate the questions: “What have our students learned?” and “What have our students not learned?”
- We created Team Norms, answering the question, “How shall we behave?”
- We formed an Instructional Leadership Team to improve the learning of all students.
- We revamped our Student Study Team process to identify students in need of interventions.
- We reduced student retentions by increasing academic interventions.
- We developed a Title 1 after-school intervention programs, including a Language Arts program for grades 1-3, and Math program for Grades 4-6.
- We implemented a school-wide Bellwork ® language arts daily practice program in Grades 1-6.
- We provided an After-school GATE program in Marine Biology for GATE students grades 4-6.
- We had LCD projectors installed in all classrooms.
- We reestablished the Northwood Elementary Student Council.
- We instituted a school-wide outdoor Monday morning flag salute and announcements.
- We worked with the Irvine Police Department and the City of Irvine to identify the safest routes to school, resulting in the installation of new signage at Trabuco & Remington and the installation of a new crosswalk at Lewis with a crossing guard.
- We presented Academic Family Nights, such as Family Geography Night and Family Astronomy Night.
- We held our first annual PTA Swap Meet and Pancake Breakfast.
- We established a parental group email system to communicate with all parents.
- We completed fundraising for our lunch area shade structure through the Jog-a-thon and grants procured from corporate funding sources such as Johnson & Johnson, Wal-Mart, and Allergan.
- We established a Community Partnership Program with Albertson’s and Ralph’s.
- We utilized the school website as a virtual marquee to communicate upcoming events and school registration information to parents.
- We overhauled our monthly Family Fun Night fundraising program to include venues such as Chick-fil-A, Chuck E. Cheese, Pat & Oscars and Ruby’s.
- We redesigned our monthly Character Value Program (this year’s theme: Respect).
- We brought children’s authors to Northwood for Author’s Day presentations.
- We held a Title 1 Parent Night for the parents of our Title 1 students and an ELAC Tea for the parents of our English Language Learners.
- We introduced the City of Irvine’s Childcare Program and worked closely with Rainbow Rising to provide multiple childcare options for Northwood parents.

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