



Oak Park Education Foundation

Update for D97 Board
October 27, 2015



BASE Camp 2015:
Science of Living Things with Seth Baker
Photography by Paul Goyette



OPEF is a unique school foundation

“Successful school foundations realize that their most effective role and benefits derive from goals beyond mere fundraising.”

- The School Superintendent Association

Our mission is to provide **innovative enrichment programs** that have the greatest impact on D97 students





OPEF: The best of Oak Park

We partner with a
generous, educated
community

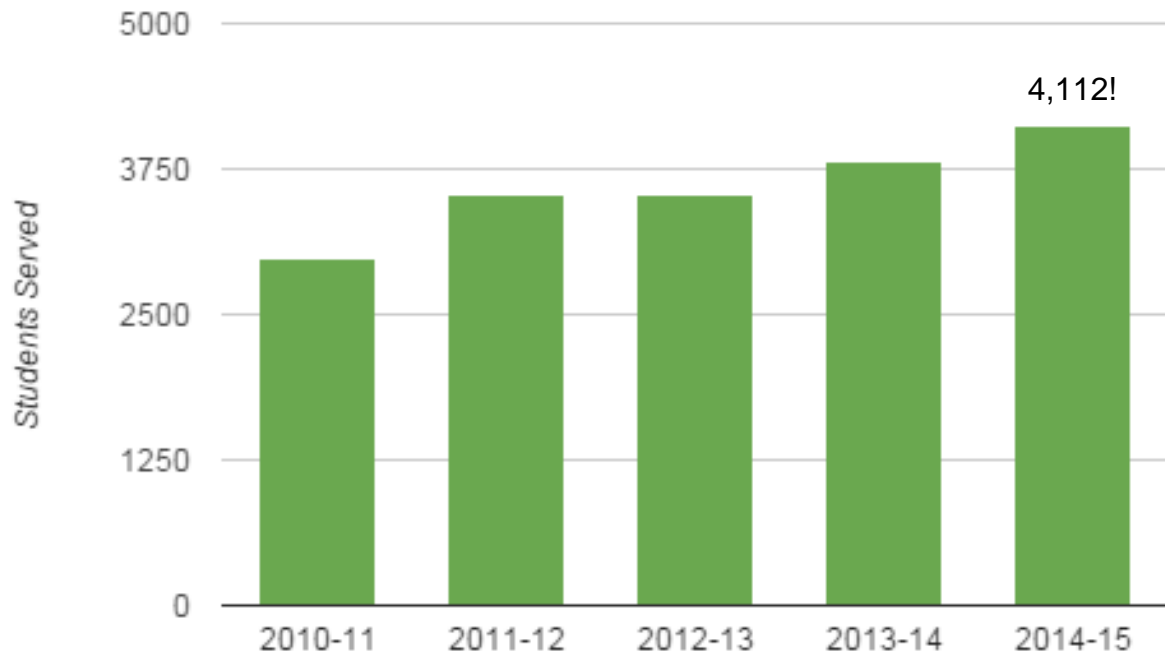
Residencies with passionate
experts

\$200K of in-kind donations
from volunteers and local
businesses



Measuring the Moon Science Alliance Project:
Visiting IIT astrophysicist Dr. Sally Laurent-Muehleisen
Photography by Paul Goyette

Serving +38% more students vs. 5 YA



Students are double counted if they experience multiple programs





Programs have a breadth & impact, covering STEAM topics



Architecture
Adventure



Art Start



Geared Up



Science
Alliance



Spoken
Word*



VEX
Robotics

When asked whether they'd recommend us to a peer**:

100% of participating teachers surveyed are highly likely to recommend
Geared Up, Science Alliance, Art Start, VEX Robotics

100% are somewhat/highly likely to recommend Architecture Adventure

* *Spoken Word is new in 2015*

** *Source: 2014-15 program audit surveys*





What they say...

“I learned how to build a robot and how to become a leader. I also learned how work better with my team.”

- VEX Robotics Club Member

Students

“The Geared Up Program has been invaluable. The hands-on experiences help students to better understand simple machines... I also incorporate a writing (persuasive) piece where students create an original machine and try to sell the ‘gadget.’”

- District 97 Teacher

Teachers

“I don't think there is a scientist or engineer who doesn't have someone in their past who influenced their decision to study in [STEM] fields. OPEF provides you the opportunity do this for many children.”

- Science Alliance Volunteer

Experts

“Art Start is a magnificent way to differentiate learning and bring new depth to classroom studies in a fun, hands-on way.”

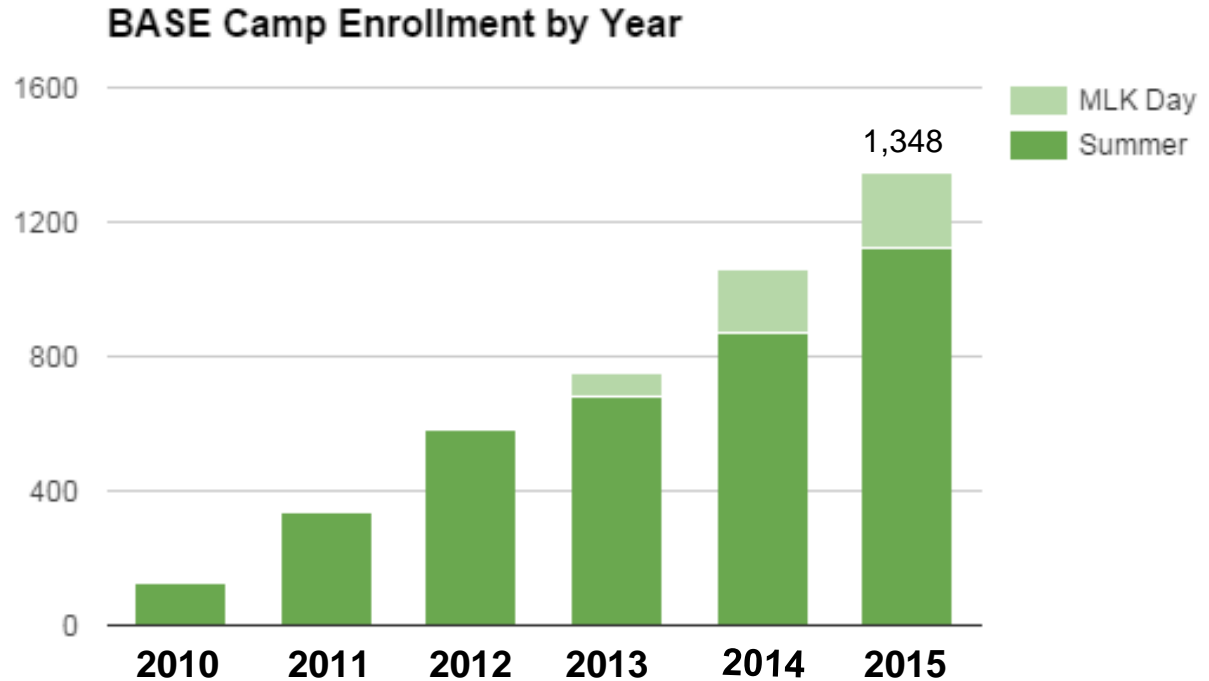
- District 97 Teacher

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BASE Camp: A quadruple win for D97

1. Quality summer and day-off enrichment
2. Innovation incubator for OPEF and D97 teachers
3. Employs D97 teachers
4. Revenues support free in-school programs



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What's next?

Ensure 100% program participation

Implement Spoken Word

Artist residency with 7th graders; after-school club for all middle schoolers

Update 3-year Strategic Plan

Interview a sample of principals, teachers, administrators and board members. Please say yes!





Discussion

What else do you want from OPEF?

