



2018-2019 Annual Report

Literacy and Learning in Neverland

While Peter Pan needed a little pixie dust for his adventure, Mr. Valetta's primary students needed the older adults at Gunning Park for their year-long adventure! Near West's Intergenerational Visits push learning beyond the classroom walls and help develop positive relationships between students and older adults. Last year was especially remarkable for Mr. Valetta's students.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS GENERATIONS

Mr. Valetta's class partnered with the older adults at Gunning Park Rose Center for Aging Well in a program with The Musical Theatre Project around the play *Peter Pan*. Students and older adults sang, studied the script, learned choreography, and practiced their lines together for the show, innovatively supporting primary students' Ohio Learning Standards, including "considering characters, settings, and major events in a story." One part of the program had seniors and students take turns singing the goodnight song and sharing their favorite toys from childhood (or at least earlier in their childhood). Students were surprised and delighted to hear that some of their favorite toys are the very same things the seniors had enjoyed so many years ago when they were younger! Each visit built toward the culminating event: performing the whole *Peter Pan* story together.

Throughout the project, Mr. Valetta noticed that the few students who were sometimes disengaged or having a bad day back at school, always forgot their worries and had nothing but smiles on their faces as they stepped through the door of Gunning Park to see their learning partners awaiting them. They immediately engaged and found joy in the activities.

AN AWARD-WINNING YEAR

Performing *Peter Pan*, combined with visits throughout the year, made this partnership such a meaningful experience for all! In May 2019, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging awarded Near West their Partnership and Progress Award in recognition of this valuable community partnership. Near West students and Gunning Park seniors will continue to spark joy and curiosity into the 2019 - 2020 school year and beyond.

About Near West Intergenerational School

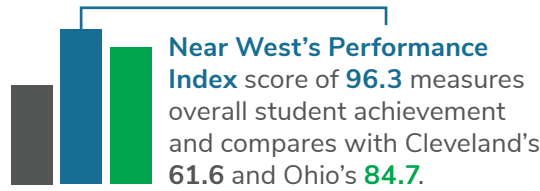
In 2011, a group of parents seeking a high-quality public school for their children brought this award-winning educational model to Ohio City. Today, Near West is a top performing school whose students are excelling in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

Near West is part of an award-winning network of public charter schools in Cleveland that help children learn at their own pace in a diverse and supportive community environment. Our schools have small, multi-age classes that allow children to learn and teach alongside older adults who serve as Learning Partners.



A Year Worth Celebrating

With a score of 96%, Near West has the highest score in Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers in Cleveland, contributing to 95% of students meeting the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements for promotion to 4th grade.



3rd highest Performance Index Score among community schools educating K-8 students in Cuyahoga County

11:1 student to teacher ratio

100% of subjects taught by Certified Teachers

Demographic Snapshot

Our students are from:

Cleveland	79%
Parma	6%
Lakewood	3%
North Olmsted	2%
Richmond Heights	2%
Elyria	1%
Euclid	1%
East Cleveland	1%
Garfield Heights	1%
Fairview Park	1%
Lorain	1%
Westlake	1%
Shaker Heights	1%
Brooklyn	<1%
Cleveland Heights	<1%
Maple Heights	<1%
Berea	<1%
Strongsville	<1%
Willoughby-Eastlake	<1%

Our school community is:

African American	32.2%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	NC
Hispanic	27.6%
White, Non-Hispanic	33.6%
Multiracial	5.8%
Students with Disabilities	16.1%
*Economic Disadvantage	49%
Limited English Proficiency	4.3%

If enrollment is less than 10 students, results are not calculated (NC). *Self-reported.

Total Enrollment **252**

Data Source: ODE 2019

Finance and Governance

*Fiscal year 2018-2019

Income	
State	\$2,259,670
Federal	329,670
Philanthropy	178,997
Other	189,114
Total Income	2,957,452

Expenses	
Salaries	1,485,198
Benefits	347,637
Purchased Services	622,421
Supplies & Materials	104,154
Equipment	20,837
Depreciation	-
Other	21,846
Total Expenses	\$2,602,093

*Unaudited financials

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