



Park Ridge-Niles School District 64
Board of Education
October 28, 2013

Jefferson Program: History

- After School Program at Jefferson School
32 years ago
25 students
3 staff members

Jefferson Program: Now

- Total Enrollment: 250+
- Daily Enrollment: varies from 168 - 200
- Enrollment varies by school:
 - Carpenter: 58
 - Field: 80
 - Franklin: 68
 - Roosevelt: 2*
 - Washington: 40
 - Emerson/Lincoln: 5

Beyond the Bell Pilot



- Fall 2012 - Initial Proposal
- December 2012 - Approval of 1-year Beyond the Bell pilot program at Roosevelt School
- August 2013 - Beyond the Bell begins at Roosevelt School

Roosevelt School: Then and Now

After School Program Participation

- **2012-13** at Jefferson After School Program
66 total students enrolled (October 2012 data)
43 - 56 students attended daily (October 2012 data)
- **2013-14** at Beyond the Bell at Roosevelt
171 total students enrolled
75 - 85 students attend daily
85 - 106 students for Wednesday (early dismissal)



Roosevelt Pilot Survey Results



- Sept. 23 presentation from Dr. Dwyer about BTB activities at Roosevelt
- 100% survey response rate (112 families)

Roosevelt Pilot Survey Results (continued)



1. I am pleased with the Beyond the Bell program. **94% Excellent; 6% Good**
2. I like the option for my child to participate in after school functions. **89% Excellent; 11% Good**
3. I feel the Beyond the Bell Program provides a balance of work and play. **83% Excellent; 17% Good**

Roosevelt Pilot Survey Results (continued)



4. I feel that the time allocated for homework is appropriate. **73% Excellent; 27% Good**
5. The Beyond the Bell staff is very approachable and responsive to my child and his/her needs.
86% Excellent; 12% Good; 1% Average
6. I would recommend the Beyond the Bell Program to other families. **87% Excellent; 11% Good
2% Average**

Jefferson Survey Results

- 165 surveys distributed
- 80 (48%) surveys returned
- Overall results
 - 40% preferred to continue at Jefferson
 - 56% preferred program at their local school
 - 3% had no preference

Jefferson Survey Results (continued)

- Results by school (Jefferson/local school)

Carpenter (16): 25%/63%

Field (15): 27%/67%

Franklin (20): 50%/50%

Washington (20): 30%/70%

No School Identified (8): 87%/12%



Vision for 2014-15

- Enrollment of approximately 100 students before and after school
- Both quiet and open homework areas offered with homework helpers
- Accommodate needs of other student groups or school activities at each location (e.g., Scouts, sports, Market Day, etc.)
- Use of outdoor spaces and adjacent parks



Plans for 2014-15 Carpenter School

Location: gym, adjacent kitchen, adjoining hallways, playgrounds

Pick up/drop off: Hamlin

Alternate spaces: LRC

Storage area: kitchen cabinets



Plans for 2014-15 Field School

Location: gym, adjacent kitchen, adjoining hallways, playgrounds

Pick up/drop off: Wisner

Alternate spaces: Northeast Park, outdoor stage, reading garden, auditorium

Storage area: kitchen cabinets



Plans for 2014-15 Franklin School

Location: gym, adjacent kitchen, adjoining hallways, playgrounds

Pick up/drop off: Manor Lane circle drive

Alternate spaces: auditorium, Northwest Park

Storage area: kitchen cabinets



Plans for 2014-15 Washington School

Location: gym, adjacent kitchen, adjoining hallways, playgrounds

Pick up/drop off: Stewart

Alternate spaces: auditorium, LRC, Centennial Park

Storage area: kitchen cabinets, PE storage

Recommendation for 2014-15

- Park District to assume full responsibility for the on-site before and after school program at all 5 elementary schools
- No change to AM and PM Jefferson Extended Day Kindergarten Programs
- Kindergartners will return to their home school for care from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Park District will offer care on days when there are no classes (e.g., holidays, staff development days and record days)

Benefits to Students

- Safety of students
- Convenient pick-up for parents
- More students accommodated
- New opportunities at home school
- More time for homework or recreation
- Familiar surroundings
- Additional support for special needs students

Other Considerations

- Impact on Jefferson staff
- Social ties strengthened at home school, not District-wide
- Increased requests for PM kindergarten at home schools (?)
- Park District Grade 6 'Tween Time

Parent Support

Brief comments from Roosevelt BTB families and organization leader at prospective school

Next Steps

November 18

Action Item to expand Beyond the Bell before and after school program to Carpenter, Field, Franklin, and Washington Schools effective 2014-15 school year



Q & A