



# Program Profile

El Reno in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

2012

## El Reno Public Schools 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

El Reno Public Schools are bustling with afterschool activities! Utilizing technology, community volunteers and service learning, these kids are building the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

### Who?

El Reno Public School district keeps the school doors open until 5:30 Monday through Friday for 169 of El Reno's Public School students. Every year community members are invited to participate in activities, be a guest teacher and take part in various aspects of the program. Representatives from the local community college, counselors and children's authors are invited to present lessons to the children.

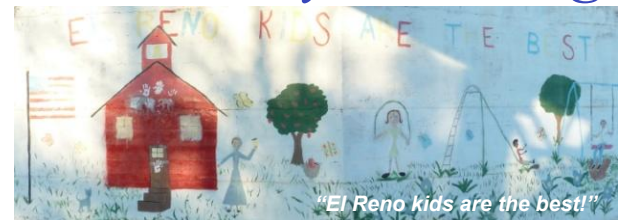


Martha Cremer teaches Spanish after school



Literacy games on the SMART Board

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning!



"El Reno kids are the best!"

### Quote of the Day:

*I don't remember how to do everything they are learning and am grateful that they offer homework help for the kids before I pick them up!*

~ A Grandmother, El Reno

### What?

El Reno is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) grantee. The purpose of this important program is to create *community learning centers* which focus on:

- Academic enrichment opportunities for students in high-poverty and low-performing schools
- Meeting State and local student standards in core academic subjects
- Offering students an array of enrichment activities that complement regular academic programs
- Offering literacy and other educational services to the families of the students

## How?

El Reno 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC offers students an array of activities that complement and support the school day. Afterschool, students have access to mentoring, tutoring and homework help, visual art, Spanish, math and language games on one of the four SMART Boards designated especially for the afterschool program. With smart utilization of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funds, El Reno afterschool program purchased four Smart Boards for use in the afterschool classrooms. The purchase inspired the school principal to write a grant and acquire SMART Boards for every classroom throughout the rest of the school. This partnership between the afterschool program and the public school spurred a technological upgrade in the classrooms, benefitting all the children!

## Win!

Not only are academic skills strengthened but character and social skills are improved upon as well. Students engage in various service learning activities to teach them the importance of service to their communities and its members. Likewise, community members model service learning to the students by getting involved with afterschool programs. Martha Cremer, an ESL teacher by day, comes to give Spanish lessons to the kids in the afternoon. Partnerships like this allow El Reno Public Schools to engage with community partners!



3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders visit a residential care home with songs and hand-made gifts!



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### City and Afterschool Information

Approx. Population	17,000
Approx. median household income	\$44,500
Crime rate*	Average
Poverty level	16.6%
Children currently enrolled in El Reno public schools	861
Students currently enrolled in afterschool	169
Afterschool students who qualify for free/reduced lunch	108

\*Crime rate as compared to US average

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 Monday through Friday  
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Serving grades K – 4<sup>th</sup>