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Free summer lunch program reaches more hungry children

More than 60,000 meals served at MV schools, parks and the library

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In just two years, the Mountain View Whisman School District has quadrupled the number of meals served to hungry kids during the summer months, going a long way toward improving the North County's dearth of free food services when schools close for summer break.

The district's "Seamless Summer" program looked a whole lot different this year, extending its operation from six weeks to eight weeks, and using food delivery trucks to expand to Rengstorff and Klein parks as well as the Mountain View Public Library. It ran from June 12 through the first week of August. Children head back to school next week.

Kids pick up free lunches during the summer lunch program at Rengstorff Park on June 22. By providing food at more locations in the city, the Mountain View School District's "Seamless Summer" program served far more meals this year than in the previous two years. Photo by Michelle Le
State test results show consistent gains

MVWSD is showing steady and consistent gains in many areas of student academic performance, as shown in recent statewide test results from the 2017-18 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). MVWSD scores are rising in areas in which other surrounding districts are not, and rising at a higher rate than the average of statewide scores.

Highlights: Results since 2015
* MVWSD had higher increases in English language arts and math scores over four years than any neighboring district.

The District increased 8% over the last four years in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards districtwide in English language arts.
* The District increased 10% over the last four years in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards districtwide in math.

English language arts over 4 years
* Percentage point growth over four years from 2 to 28 percentage points: Castro (+28), Theuerkauf (+26), Monta Loma (+14), Landels (+12), Stevenson (+7), Bubb (+5), Crittenden (+5), Graham (+4), Huff (+2), and Mistral (+2).
* Socioeconomically disadvantaged students (SED) gained 9 percentage points.
* Special education students gained 7 percentage points.
* Hispanic/Latino students gained 10 percentage points.

Math over 4 years
* Percentage point growth over four years: Castro (+23), Theuerkauf (+23), Crittenden (+14), Landels (+11), Mistral (+9), Graham (+8), Monta Loma (+6), Stevenson (+6), Bubb (+2), Huff (+1).