

**Orono Middle School
Quarter 1 Summary
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For the third consecutive year, Orono Healthy Youth has collaborated with the Minnesota Alliance with Youth to continue a program for students, which focuses on academic achievement, leadership development and service to the community. Students are supported in school to work towards tangible goals regarding their academic work, leadership and volunteer opportunities. Participating students may receive support before or during the school day, or during and an After School Homework Help program.

Here are the numbers regarding the work done during Quarter 1 of the 2009-2010 academic school year with the students in the cohort run by the AmeriCorps Promise Fellow.

Academic Support

- 39 students have submitted permission slips to receive academic support
- 35 students are actively involved in the After School Homework Help program
- 7 students are provided with academic support and guidance during the school day
- 3 students meet with Promise Fellow before school to receive additional support

(Students can receive support during all different times of the day, which causes the overlap)

Service Opportunities

- 10 students participated in a November project creating holiday letters and cards to be mailed to troops over seas

Volunteers

- 4 total volunteers, all high school students from Youth In Action helping after school
- 2 active high school students coming weekly to help after school

Highlights

- Success of after school program has lead to an increase in the weekly opportunities, going from 3 days per week to 4 days per week and extending the time by 15 minutes each day
- Currently waiting on two grant proposals, intending on expanding the after school program to include more service opportunities and personal enrichment experiences
- The 19 seventh grade students participating in my program had an average GPA increase of 0.3961 in their quarterly GPA (not cumulative) from quarter 4 last spring and quarter 1 this fall.
- The 9 eighth grade students participating in my program had an average GPA increase of 0.2383 in their quarterly GPA (not cumulative) from quarter 4 last spring and quarter 1 this fall.
- Combined between 7th and 8th grade, that's an average GPA increase of 0.3454 in quarterly GPA (not cumulative).