

# Shivela Middle School

## History

Shivela opened in September of 1990. Murrieta Valley High School also opened their first freshman class on the Shivela campus in 1990, before moving to their current campus in September of 1991. Shivela was the first and only middle school in Murrieta until July of 1994.

Shivela has had an exciting time since it first opened. Not only did Shivela host MVHS for a year but we also hosted Thompson Middle School for a year and a half when they first opened. We went to a multi-track year-round program in July of 1992 and stayed with that very trying and challenging program for eight years. In August of 2000 we went to our current common calendar schedule.

Shivela opened with two relocatable offices, a staff lounge/workroom, relocatable restrooms, locker rooms, multi-purpose room and twenty-six classrooms, eventually expanding to fifty-one relocatable classrooms. We moved into our new, permanent Physical Education building, referred to as "The Cage" in 1996. After many years of waiting for state and local funding, Shivela's permanent campus was completed and dedicated in April of 1998.

Shivela, an Indian word meaning Sycamore Tree, was chosen by the school board in recognition of the many Native American tribes that inhabited our valley. Our mascot, the Panther, was chosen by a vote of the first students who attended Shivela. You will notice that the Panther head is always facing to the right, significant of our goal to always move in the right direction. The school colors are teal, gray, black and white. The first students also chose the school colors.

Shivela was recognized as a California Distinguished School in May of 2001 & 2013. Our staff is very proud of this honor, as it recognizes the tremendous efforts that everyone makes to provide a positive learning environment for our students.

## Technology Background and History:

Shivela Middle School opened in September 1990. It is the oldest middle school in our district. Over the last several years, Shivela has upgraded technology to include: teacher computers, projectors in the classroom, Wi-Fi connection, and portable computer carts. Teacher computers have been replaced this year, replacing the old ones that were at least 10 years old. Shivela is twenty five years old and is still in need of many technological upgrades. Adding the additional technology, will bring Shivela into the 21st century, and allow us to be competitive with our surrounding middle schools.

## Mission Statement:

Technology shall be utilized to enhance, improve, and engage students in their everyday learning environment to promote higher level thinking and problem-solving skills.

## Vision Statement:

When students leave/promote from Shivela they need to be skilled in a variety of technologies that enhances learning, helps them to succeed at the high school level and makes them competitive in the job market.