



PARENT EDUCATION

2010-2011

ANNUAL REPORT

FAST FACTS

- 15 classes offered
- 14 part-time or full time classified and certificated staff
- 625 students served (368 parents and 257 children)
- 823 registrations processed
- 33 languages/ethnicities served
- 67% district residents/district parents served (74% registered for Fall 2011)
- 66% of funding from fees
- 34% of funding from apportionment
- 8% additional funding from fundraising (used to pay for materials)
- Wilson Preschool raised 2011-12 fees for our 2 and 3 day classes by 27%.
- Preschool Fall 2011 classes are full, with wait lists.

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Parent Education program has created a safe, supportive learning environment for parents and children. The program maintains strong communication with families through classroom discussions, newsletters, parent meetings, and parent-teacher conferences. Parents receive ongoing support in dealing with such issues as discipline, conflict resolution, supporting children's education, and special education needs. Classes provide ample opportunity to practice positive parenting skills.

PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES:

Raising Resilient Children

Taught by SCUSD school psychologist & parent educator, Christopher Glover. Instructs parents in a constructive approach to manage the challenges of raising children, toddlers to teens, and build a foundation to help them succeed.

Wilson Preschool Classes

Offers classes for parents and their children, toddlers through pre-K. Parents actively participate in their children's classes once a week. Teachers instruct parents in ways to nurture their children's social, emotional, physical, intellectual and creative development, and help build the parents' skills to effectively work with teachers, other parents and their children in a school setting. Discussion topics include development, nutrition, health, separation, language development, how children learn, positive discipline, problem solving, social/emotional development, kindergarten preparation, domestic violence and child abuse recognition and prevention, and traits of a healthy family.

Classes offered:

- Parenting the Toddler 12-18, and 18-24 months
- Parenting Your Two Year Old (four sections)
- Parenting Your Three Year Old (three sections)
- Parenting Your Four Year Old (three sections)
- Parenting Your Two and Three Year Old (Offered alternating Saturday mornings to provide parent education and a quality parent participation preschool experience for families whose parents' jobs prevent participation on weekdays.)

Partnerships

Parent Education has previously collaborated with the SCUSD K-12 schools, the Santa Clara City Public Library, Santa Clara City Police Department, Santa Clara County Social Services, and Parents Helping Parents to support parents in taking an active role in their children's preschool -12 schools and in the wider community. Due to budget cuts, we are not currently providing off -site classes with these agencies, but we continue to work with them in making referrals, and providing resources.

Program Highlights

- Parent Education Program has been designated by the California Department of Education as a Program of Excellence, (comparable to a “Distinguished School Award.”)
- Wilson Preschool has previously been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and WASC. We continue to adhere to their standards, and hope to bring back our accredited status when the State budget improves.
- Wilson Preschool has also been designated a “Developmentally Appropriate Demonstration Classroom.” (Department of Education students from San Jose State University and local Community Colleges are assigned to observe in our classes.)
- Parents and teachers worked together volunteering time, money and talent to organize and present our highly successful End of Year Family Story Night and Raffle.

Results- Alumni testimonials show that:

- Most of our alumni attend SCUSD kindergartens.
- Most of our parents continue to be active in their children’s education either by participating in the classrooms, serving on parent boards, advocacy groups or

PTA’s, or volunteering for school special activities and fundraising.

- Many of our parents have taken paid or volunteer jobs related to working with children such as teachers, coaches, librarians or para-educators in public and private schools.
- Many of our alumni children report success not only in k-12 academics, but also in community involvement and/or student leadership.
- Alumna, Caitlyn Isobe , was Santa Clara High’s Student Representative at this past year’s SCUSD School Board Meetings.

Fundraising

- SCRIP sales generated \$3,000
- End of Year Family Story Night & Drawing built community, and earned over \$7,000.
- Parents paid a yearly pre-registration processing fee of \$75/returning families or \$85/new families. This added approx, \$15,000 to our Family Preservation Grant.

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