Santa Clara
Adult Education (SCAE)

Parent Education

2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Fast Facts

- 14 classes offered
- 11 part-time classified and certificated staff
- 575 students served and registered (310 parents, 265 children)
- 78 % of budget revenue came from class fees
- Spent 99% of the Parent Education budget.
- All 2013/2014classes were filled to capacity with a waitlist
- 121 students speak a second language
- Teachers Carrie Casto and Erin Brown remain in the position of Parent Education Coordinators.
- Additional funding from fundraising covered the cost of all classroom materials.
- Wilson Preschool raised fees for the 2014-15 by 5% for 11 classes. Fees were not raised for the 2013/14 school year.
- 63% district residents served (registered for Fall 2013)
- 10 of the 11 Preschool Fall 2014 classes are full with a waitlist.

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

Filling the Reservoir: What parents can do to help their children soar

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, 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 (two sections
- Parenting Your Four Year Old (two sections)
- Parenting Your Two, Three, and Four Year Olds (Saturday class)

Partnerships

Parent Education has continued our partnership with SCUSD Student Services. We make referrals for each other's services, and work together to provide optimum education for the children with special needs who are included in our classes. We continue to support parents in our community by hosting parent education speakers, posting parenting education resources

on the Parent Education page of the SCUSD website, working with Social Services when their clients are mandated to take parenting classes, and making referrals to other agencies' programs, such as Parent Helping Parents and the Santa Clara City Library Parent Education Speaker Series. We also participate every year in the Santa Clara City Library's Preschool Information Night.

Program Highlights

- The Parent Education, along with the rest of Adult Education, was accredited by WASC
- The Parent Education Program hosts free evening speakers open to the public.
- 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. We adhere to their standards, and hope to bring back accredited status when the State budget improves.
- Since Wilson Preschool has been designated a High/Scope Foundation authorized "Developmentally Appropriate Demonstration Classroom," Department of Education students from San Jose City College were assigned to observe in our classrooms. Students from San Jose State were assigned to observe our Raising Resilient Children Class, as a model for Parent Education.
- Parents and teachers worked together volunteering time, money and talent to organize and present our highly successful End of Year Family Story Night and Fundraiser.

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, administrators, librarians or para-educators in public and private schools. Many of our current or former students are SCUSD employees.
- Our children alumni have reported high success in kindergarten through university academic achievement, active participation in community service and/or student leadership, and in their careers. Each year former children students returned to Wilson Preschool to participate with their own children.

Fundraising

- End of Year auction raised approximately $11,000.
- Annual student registration/processing fee of $85 for continuing families and new families added approximately $15,000 to the Family Preservation Grant.

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