



PARENT EDUCATION

2011-2012

ANNUAL REPORT

FAST FACTS

- 16 classes offered
- 12 part-time or full time classified and certificated staff
- 647 students served (390 parents and 257 children.)
- 844 registrations processed
- 31 languages/ethnicities served
- 66% district residents/district parents served (74% registered for Fall 2012)
- Collected \$19,763.65 more fees than in 2010-11.
- 74% of budget revenue came from class fees
- Spent 94.56% of the Par. Ed. budget.
- Additional funding from fundraising covered costs of all classroom materials.
- Wilson Preschool raised 2011-12 fees for 2 and 3 day classes by 27%. Tuition for 2012-13 has been raised an additional 4% to 8%/class.
- 10 of the 11 Preschool Fall 2012 classes are already full.
- Program Supervisor, Barbara Sullivan is retiring Aug.31. Teachers Carrie Casto and Erin Brown are assuming most of her responsibilities as Parent Education Coordinators.

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

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 (three sections)
- Parenting Your Four Year Old (three sections)
- Parenting Your Two and Three Year Old

Due to lower enrollment in our afternoon Threes and Fours classes, we have cancelled them for the 2012-13 school year. This will mean less revenue from fees, but a reduction in payroll. Two teachers & one assistant have been cut hours, and one assistant was laid off.) To accommodate any students who wanted to attend one of those classes, we have made our Saturday Two & Three Year Olds class, a multi age 2-4 year olds 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. Due to budget cuts, Parent Ed. did not offer off site classes this year. We continue to support parents in our community by 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
- 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 Ohlone, DeAnza and Foothill colleges 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. 20 of our current or former students are SCUSD employees.
- Our children alumni have reported high success in k through university academic achievement, active participation in community service and/or student leadership, and in their careers. Our alumni include valedictorians, an AmeriCorps administrator, an Annapolis graduate and Navy pilot, a dentist, two firefighters, including one who just joined the Santa Clara Fire Department, and many teachers. This past year, four former children students returned to Wilson Preschool to participate with their own children.

FUNDRAISING

- SCRIP sales generated \$800
- End of Year Family Story Night & Drawing built community, and earned almost \$10,000.
- Annual student registration/processing fee of \$80/continuing families or \$85/new families added aprx, \$15,000 to the Family Preservation Grant.

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