



PEN member & parent volunteer Ciran Hadjian prepares students for an outdoor art project

***Helping Parents
Explore, Evaluate and Engage***

**Annual Report
2010-2011**

“Thank you, PEN, for making a tremendous difference with our community. More importantly with our children. My position is stop complaining and do something about it. That's what PEN is...the "doing something about it." PEN has been consistent and that is really important in sustaining our school district and our schools.”
- F. K., PEN parent

Accomplishments during the 2010-2011 School Year

- Provided service to 3144 people during 2010-2011
- Currently have 928 members compared with 756 last year at this time
- Approximately 1306 people attended elementary or middle school tours
- 361 parents attended our 11 parent education programs
 - Evaluating Schools: Test Scores and Beyond
 - Exploring Middle School
 - Myth vs. Reality I: Elementary Parent Panel
 - Myth vs. Reality II: Middle School Parent Panel
 - Navigating Open Enrollment
 - Getting Ready for Kindergarten
 - Getting Ready for Middle School
 - Parents As Leaders I and II
- More than 262 parents attended our new on-site parent programs
- Our on-site Kinder-parent readiness programs and services reached 367 underserved parents since January 2011
- 83 volunteers, including more than 50 Parent Ambassadors, supported PEN by working with parents at elementary and middle schools, and planning events
- Represented parents on PUSD's School Consolidation Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Parent Engagement Action Team, Open Enrollment Team, Excellent Middle Schools Design Team, Community Budget Advisory Committee, and the School Calendar Committee
- Hosted parent networking events to develop communities of support and cross cultural relationships
- Partnerships with Pasadena Unified School District, Mother's Club, Head Start Centers, Pasadena Educational Foundation, Levitt Pavilion-Pasadena, and others
- Re-designed a new, more user friendly website with up-to-date information about PEN, PUSD, and parent engagement resources
- Started a 5-year strategic planning process

Our member survey results show the positive impact that PEN has:

- 86% gained a better understanding of public schools because of PEN
- 90% improved their perception of PUSD
- 88% said that PEN continues to be a factor in their public school experience
- PEN members volunteer at their school an average of 13 hours per month
- Nearly 100% said they would refer PEN to their friends or already had



Pre-school parents at Villa-Parke Head Start during one of PEN's Kinder-Parent Readiness programs

Here's What PEN Parents Have to Say:

"It is reassuring to see that many more parents are opting for the Pasadena public schools. With more parental involvement and activism it can only make our school district stronger."

"All the info is accessible, delivering news in a timely manner, so that it's relevant to parents at the right time. PUSD would be lost without PEN."

"PEN is a consistent, non-insider source of reliable, current, and relevant PUSD information."

"PEN gave me the confidence to explore our local public schools. Prior to my involvement with PEN, all I had was 20 year old perceptions from my parents."

"It's very reassuring to know that there are caring, involved parents, teachers, and administrators in PUSD."

Pasadena Education Network—Fiscal Year 2010-2011

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Total Expenses	\$140,951

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