



*PEN member & parent volunteer Deborah Graff participates in the classroom*

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

**Annual Report  
2009-2010**



***"I cannot say enough about the positive changes that Webster Elementary School has experienced because of the support of PEN. We've seen a huge increase in parent involvement because of PEN... this ultimately betters the environment and the academic achievement for all children."***

*- Webster Principal, Sharon Lefler, (right) setting up a science lab with parents*

### **Programs**

Our parent education programs were attended by more than 400 people and included:

- Evaluating Schools: Test Scores and Beyond
- Exploring Your Middle School Options
- Myth vs. Reality I and II: Elementary & Middle School Parent Panels
- Navigating Open Enrollment
- Getting Ready for Kindergarten Series
- Getting Ready for Middle School Together
- Creating Effective Parent/School Partnerships: Parents As Leaders I & II

### **Accomplishments during the 2009-2010 School Year**

- More than 750 PEN members
- Provided service to more than 1300 people
- More than 400 people attended 11 parent education programs
- Represented the voice of parents on PUSD committees
- Enrolled 45 volunteer Parent Ambassadors to connect with families who were considering public schools and accompany school tours
- Hosted parent networking events to connect parents with each other, building a community of support for parental involvement
- Distributed a weekly e-newsletter with PUSD updates and PEN information
- Created a Subscriber Resource Library with valuable educational information for parents including elementary and middle school fact sheets and more
- Accompanied parent tours to PUSD's elementary and middle schools
- Monitored on-line parent discussion groups

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

- 98% gained a better understanding of public schools because of PEN
- 94% improved their perception of PUSD
- 97% said that their involvement with PEN contributed to their decision to attend PUSD schools
- 92% said that our parent education programs met or exceeded their expectations
- 88% of PEN members are PTA members compared with PUSD's average of 28%
- 100% said they would refer PEN to their friends or already had



***Here's What PEN Parents Have to Say:***

***"We didn't think public school was an option until we met PEN parents and realized the impact that we, as parents, can have on our school. We are excited about joining a network of people committed to making a change for the best for our children and our community."***

***"PEN is more important to us now than a few years ago when my daughter was going to be a kindergartener and we started looking for schools. "***

***"PEN is the go-to source for any kind of information related to Pasadena education issues."***

***"I can only imagine trying to learn about the system and individual schools on my own! It would be overwhelming. PEN is an excellent resource."***

***"The folks at PEN are extremely knowledgeable, candid, and helpful."***

***"The schools are good and in many cases better than private schools that cost a ton. Teachers, parents and administrators really care about the children."***

**Pasadena Education Network  
Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

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Total Expenses	\$109,417

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