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Greetings from Stacy Cornay, PEN's Executive Director!

Dear Friends,

Every parent dreams of a community where their children feel safe and connected and that they truly belong. PEN has launched the Human Kindness Initiative to make this dream a reality. In collaboration with local agencies, we are excited to present a series of engaging talks, interactive workshops, and captivating theater and dance performances that delve into the challenges our children face today.

We know parenting can be challenging, and sometimes lonely. Creating a community of support for parents and their children is important. It's the basis of everything we do at PEN. We have many different programs and workshops planned that are sure to provide insight, encouragement, tools and resources for parents and caregivers who wish to engage in the most effective parenting possible.

Please take a look at all we have coming up, and register for those events that resonate with you. Share this information with everyone you know. Through the support of an ARPA grant from Boulder County, we have a special opportunity to more deeply engage with our communities this year.

Questions? Let us know. We look forward to seeing you!

Best,

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We are beyond excited to kick off our **Human Kindness Initiative** with nationally renowned presenter and New York Times best-selling author Rosalind Wiseman!

Keynote topics:

- current landscape for young people
- difference between dignity and respect and its essential role in relationships with young people
- strategies to support young people's development and resilience
- Effective communication between adults and young people



Register: www.penbv.org/events/raising-our-village/

For a full list of **Human Kindness Initiative** events, click here:

English: Human Kindness Initiative Calendar English

Espanol: Iniciativa de Bondad Humana Espanol



Community Collaborator Spotlight



Our featured Community Collaborator this month is Rosalind Wiseman.

Rosalind is the best-selling author of nine books, including the New York Times bestsellers *Queen Bees and Wannabes*—the inspiration for the *Mean Girls* movie and musical franchise—and *Masterminds & Wingmen*, named Best Parenting Book by Books for a Better Life.

Currently, she serves as a senior leadership consultant at the US State Department's Office for Overseas Schools which serves over 195 schools throughout the world.

She has been interviewed, profiled, in or written for *The New York Times, The London Times, Atlantic, the Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, USA Today, NPR* affiliates throughout the country and many others.

Learn more about Rosalind here!

Rosalind Wiseman

Click here to listen to PEN's Parenting Well podcast on Spotify!

Episode #27: Parenting Through Today's Challenges with Dignity with Rosalind Wiseman



PEN Podcast

Join Rosalind Wiseman live for a live chat with Dr. Shelly Mahon, from PEN's Parenting Well Podcast!

September 10, 12 - 12:30 pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4472134783?pwd= bmlzL0VMZG5xUjJuaFpoS3FJVzdNdz09&omn=89327379242



Become a PEN PAL!

PEN is looking for parents in BVSD to join our PEN PALS (Parents as Leaders in Schools) Program. These leaders are asked to be a liaison between their school and PEN by attending monthly meetings and sharing PEN's transformative programs with their school community.

Meet other wonderful parents and give the families in your school a hand up by connecting them with PEN's information, tools and strategies!

We will gather returning and new parents leaders for an introductory meeting - food and beverages will be served! (If you have dietary restrictions you are welcome to bring food.)

September 9th at 6 pm at the Louisville Public Library.

951 Spruce St, Louisville, CO 80027

RSVP to Paula paula.nelson@penbv.org | 303.880.6030 If you cannot meet in person, please join us via zoom at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86553928058?pwd= 09k24u6ffOv9BvWivLB2J2BWSxntym.1

Read more about PEN PALS here:

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PALS interest form

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