Native Plant Garden

Students in the EAST class (student-run community service project class) at Palisades Charter High School do more than average gardening. Several EAST students have collaborated over the years to implement plans for an on-campus native plant garden.

Another great aspect of Pali’s student-initiated Native Plant Garden is education. QR codes are on display on labels for each plant. Pali community members can scan these on their phones to get more information about the native species in question.
In addition to the Native Plant garden on Pali’s campus, there is the community-maintained Temescal Canyon native plant/xeriscape garden right across the street from Pali’s football stadium. Every fourth Saturday, students and community members come together to volunteer their time and work on the garden. Email Barbara Marinacci at ppgardenclub@verizon.net for more information.

Field Trip Destinations:

- Theodore Payne Foundation --
  - Field Trip Program
    - Field trips are inquiry-based and California Department of Education standards-based, and feature hands-on activities that teach students about California native plants and the natural world. Throughout all programs, the vital ecological link between native plants, insects and other animals is emphasized. Students will understand the water-saving benefits of native plants and the crucial ecological function that plants fulfill.
    - 1-3 hours and are held in the Education Center and on TPF grounds.
    - Fee: $3.00 per student, Title I schools; $5.00 per student, all others. All worksheets, factsheets and materials included.
    - Contact: Diana Sherwood, K-12 Community Education, at diana@theodorepayne.org or 818-768-1802.
    - For middle- and high-school students: The Foundation offers a two-hour program that includes illustrated lecture and tour of gardens and growing facilities. The lecture explains the big picture of California native plants — geography, soils, native plant adaptations and water use, and why native plants are essential to the food web. During the tour, students gain a hands-on familiarity with native plants and are shown how TPF
propagates plants from seed and cuttings. A real eye-opener for exposing students to varied career choices! Classes are welcome to stay for lunch in our sycamore-shaded picnic area, and finish with a one-mile hike through the coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitat of Wild Flower Hill.

■ Plant propagation classes for high school students are available for groups of eight students or less. Participants learn how to propagate native plants from cuttings. Special rates apply.

○ Annual garden tours
○ Volunteer Days
○ Public Project Volunteering