



## School Faculty

### 2017-2018

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## From the Director: Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year

By Sarah O'Dell

This is our 37<sup>th</sup> school year, my 16<sup>th</sup> year at TCS and my first year as the Executive Director of The Children's School! I feel so much enthusiasm and optimism heading into this next school year. Overall I have set a goal for this school year to 'get back to our roots'. We are spending time studying the early writing of Mary Smith (our founder) and really digging in to our school's mission and goals. This is an exciting time for TCS as we look to the past for guidance and to the future for inspiration.

My commitment to The Children's School remains and I am eager to lead this school in to the future alongside dedicated parents, remarkable children and passionate teachers.

## P-TCS News: Welcome to P-TCS

By Kat McClaskey

The Parents for the Children's School (PTCS) welcomes you to the 2017-18 TCS school year! Our group works to engage and support our school community through a variety of events during the year. From t-shirts to parent education and auctions to work parties there is something fun for everyone in the PTCS calendar.

Our first 'big' event is our annual Fall Carnival to be held Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Full STEAM ahead" and will be filled with fun STEAM activities for the whole family. Volunteers are essential to making this event a success.

Please email Cynthia Woods at

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to join the fun!

Interested in learning more about P-TCS?  
Attend our next meeting on October 17th @ 7pm  
at TCS. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Did you know?

The Children's School has plans and procedures in place for a variety of emergencies and situations. There is an Emergency Procedures book located in the Coffee Room available to families to read while at the school.

## Important Details

Please see weekly Updates and your school calendar for a comprehensive list of events and closures.

In September:

New families must attend a "New to TCS" Family Orientation

In October:

October 5-6—School closed for Statewide In-service Days

October 14<sup>th</sup>—P-TCS Fall Carnival

In November:

Parent-Teacher Conferences—Scheduling and Information will be provided in Friday Updates and from classroom teachers

- November 2-3, 2-3-4s, 3-4-5s and Primary Conferences, Classes Closed (Pre-arranged Primary Child Care available, \$60/day)
- November 6-7, Older All Days Conferences, Class Open
- November 9-10, Younger All Days Conferences, Class Open

## Classroom News

### Older Primes

We have started our first class project, Ants! In just two weeks, these are just some of the ant facts the class has learned and presented. Some are based on observation; some are based on researching in books! Some ants can fly!" "The queen lays 2,000 eggs every day." "Red ants bite and it can leave a bump on your skin." "There are over 20,000 different kinds of ants." "Ants have the largest brains of all insects." "There is an ant called the Zombie Ant." "Ants are easy to catch." "Ants are fast and strong." "Sometimes ants eat things that are bigger than them because some ants have poison in them."

### Younger Primes

We have been quite excited to be starting our class outside this week. The main yard has been an instant hit with our class with some students experiencing this yard for the first time and others enjoying the remodel. We have been very busy beading and making jewelry, counting with an emphasis on 1:1 correspondence and exploring the alphabet. We are looking forward to beginning our math curriculum with the *Investigations* materials and starting our first project on Habitats.

### Older All Days

Over the past month, the Older All Days class has been showing a lot of interest in animals and science, exploring these concepts both indoors and out. While indoors, they've spent quite a bit of time carefully studying pictures in the non-fiction book, *FISH*, experimenting with using bits of short lengths of drinking straws with play-dough to build interesting creations. While playing outside, they explored the Garden Yard, some children collecting acorns from the oak tree. Other children tried the monkey bars for the first time!

**Next month: News from the Younger All Days, 3-4-5s, 2-3-4s and Parent-Toddler Class**

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## Letter to TCS Families:

With some excitement and definitely some trepidation, I am formally announcing my retirement from TCS. It has been a wonderful 22 years. I have had the pleasure of working with hundreds of children and their families, and some absolutely amazing teachers! To find a place where I could grow and be supported, develop deep relationships and lasting friendships and generally like coming to work in the morning has been a gift. You are all part of that. I will miss the daily hubbub of TCS, but most of all, the people. That is what this job has always been about for me. The people. Thank you all for everything!

Andrea Laird