



## School Faculty 2018-2019

Sam Andreas—Older  
Primary

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Primary

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Toddlers and Younger  
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Primary

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Younger All Days

Lexi Hundley—Older All  
Days

Tonya Palsulich—Older  
All Days

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Toddlers and Older All  
Days

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Younger All Days

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## From the Director: Parenting and the Holidays

By Sarah O'Dell

I taught at TCS several years before I had children of my own and there are so many moments in my life that I am grateful for the education in parenting I received from TCS before I had children. Many people have ideas about the type of parent they will be before having children, and anyone who has those ideas knows that some of them fly out the window when you are faced with the emotion surrounding your OWN child! I was the teacher that said, "I will take good care of her and if she doesn't calm down right away, I will let you know. But I'm sure she will be ok right away." And thinking, "Really. She will. Go." But the day I brought my own daughter to the 2-3s class, she cried when I left. I was SURE that she would be hysterical the entire time and I was traumatizing her for life by leaving. Those are the moments when your ideas on parenting fly out the window! But there are things I learned that did not leave me (and still haven't today). These things keep me grounded through the difficult times of parenting.

One of the articles that I read early on in my career (and teachers still read today) was about the Winter Holidays. As I parent a 14 and 15 year old, this article is still relevant today. It keeps me thinking about what is meaningful for us as a family vs. expectations. This time of year can be full of fun activities for families and we all know that "fun" turns in to "chaos" really quickly when it is too much. This month when you think about all of the opportunities to gather with your family, go on special outings and take part in exciting activities I hope you will take a moment to read this article (attached) and think about what can be meaningful for your family at this time of year.

## P-TCS News: Holiday Gift-Giving

By Angie Fuller, P-TCS President

With the holiday season fast approaching, P-TCS wanted to shed some light on the TCS practice of giving holiday gifts to teachers. Traditionally, each class gives a holiday card and cash (or a gift card) to each of their teachers. From December 3 - December 14, each classroom representative will provide a card for all families to sign and collect any monetary donations volunteered by parents. Monetary donations are totally voluntary and based upon whatever feels right for each family. The cards and money will be presented to teachers the last week before winter break during the class party. This year we are also asking parents to donate a bottle of wine, or fun beverage to the staff holiday party! This is a new tradition we are starting this year along with providing the staff holiday party meal with P-TCS funds! Beverage donations accepted Dec 3-Dec 21 in main hallway.

Most importantly, teachers love receiving the holiday card with all the wonderful signatures and comments from families. The card is what makes their hearts full, so PLEASE make sure everyone signs the card and we show our teachers how much we appreciate them! Stay tuned for more information from your class reps and as always... please do what feels right for your family and your traditions. Happy Holidays!

## Important Details

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

Wednesday,  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, TCS  
Annual Charitable  
Drive benefitting The  
Idaho Foodbank  
begins. Donations  
accepted through  
December 6<sup>th</sup> at  
12:00.

Thursday, December  
20<sup>th</sup>, Older Part Time  
Holiday Party

Friday, December 21,  
Holiday Parties for the  
Younger Part Times,  
Younger All Days,  
Older All Days,  
Younger Primes and  
Older Primes

**SCHOOL CLOSED AT  
NOON ON FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**SCHOOL CLOSED  
DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>-  
JANUARY 1 FOR  
WINTER HOLIDAYS**

**SCHOOL CLOSED  
JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup>,  
All Days Classes  
and Pre-Arranged  
Primary Child Care  
Open**

Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>,  
All Classes Resume  
Regular Schedules

## Classroom News

Many classes at TCS talk about being thankful this time of year in celebration of Thanksgiving. Here is what children at our school are thankful for this year!

The Older Primes are thankful for...family, cheetahs and turkeys, digital monsters and Komodo Dragons, calendars, Thanksgiving, Earth, tomatoes, a pet dog named Jack, Lego sets and monkey bars, blueberries, God and a pet dog Austin, Jesus and being born, Mommy, Daddy, brothers and pets, Nexo knights, more Lego sets and jalapeño chips.

The Younger Primes are thankful for...candy, baby elephants, baby tigers, Halloween, baby fawns, kittens, ice cream, windows and hair.

The Older All Days are thankful for daddies who give squeezes, moms and dads, reading books, heart blankies, Grammys, grandmas and grandpas, going outside and getting cookies, baby sisters, drinking orange juice, going to see Santa, playing with friends, paper airplanes, scooters, homes and hugging mommies.

The Younger All Days are thankful for friends, teachers, cooking, dancing to *Bop Till You Drop*, books, water bottles, bikes and art.

The Older Part Times are thankful for friends and everyone else here at TCS, friends from England, and more friends!

The Younger Part Times are thankful for books, stuffed animals, hugs, neighborhoods, fire trucks, more books, "Georgie", balloons, hanging out with the whole family, toys, toy trains and families.

The teachers and staff at TCS are thankful for our families, treats and sharing our days with your children during this holiday season. Thank you for being part of our TCS community!

Fun Fact: The Children's School has a whole school blog. Go to [www.tcsboise.org](http://www.tcsboise.org) and click on the TCS Blog tab. You can read newsletter articles dating back to 2011!

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## Looking back at the 2018 Feast

By Nicole Shadduck, Education Director

The Holiday Season is now in full swing! We are happy to be back to school after the Thanksgiving break but wanted to look back on our TCS Feasts. We celebrated with two "Staff and Children Feasts". The Younger Part Times, Younger All Days and Older All Days had a morning feast of yogurt, fruit salad, rolls and pumpkin bread with whipped cream. The Older Part Times, Younger Primes and Older Primes feast featured mashed potatoes, corn bread and pumpkin pie and cookies with whipped cream. Each class prepared part of the meal to share with the rest of the classes. Each 'feasting group' gathered in one classroom, shared a snack and sang some Thanksgiving songs. This is one of the few times that staff and groups of children get to gather as a larger community. It often remains as one of the best memories of TCS for children. Ask your child to sing, "I heard Mr. Turkey Say". It's a classic (at least at TCS)!