



School Faculty 2018-2019

Sam Andreas—Older
Primary

Ciara Barker—Support

Maya Byrd—Older
Primary

Kim Conner—Parent
Toddlers and Younger
Part-Time AM

Joe Fritz—Older All Days

Julie Gill—Younger
Primary

Ande Green-Williams—
Younger All Days

Lexi Hundley—Older All
Days

Tonya Palsulich—
Younger Primary

Maite Petersen—Parent-
Toddlers and Older All
Days

Alyson Peterson—
Younger All Days

Sage Rogers—Support

Kristina Shallies—
Support

Olivia Smith—Older All
Days

Rebecca Stalder—All
Part-Time classes

Sarah O'Dell—Executive
Director

Nicole Shadduck—
Education Director

From the Director: Sharing and Young Children

By Sarah O'Dell, Executive Director

Have you ever heard teachers saying some of these phrases to children?

"Tell him when you are done."

"You both want a turn with that."

"Let's make a plan for both of you to have a turn."

This season of giving (and getting) can be hard for young children. Buying something that you are excited about and then giving it away can be a really confusing process for the very young. And on the flip side, getting a very special toy then having other people interested in looking and touching can also be disconcerting.

I have attached an article written by Cindy Finch (former Director of TCS) that I hope many of you will find helpful. The article explains the difficulty of young children when they think about sharing and gives some solid strategies and philosophical support around sharing.

P-TCS News: Goodbye 2018, Hello 2019!

By Angie Fuller, P-TCS President

On behalf of P-TCS and families past, present, and future - THANK YOU to our wonderful parent volunteers who generously donated countless hours of their time this year!! Your precious time is truly appreciated and a priceless gift to our school community.

As we start 2019, we need to call upon our amazing parent volunteers once again as we plan the TCS Tuition Assistance Auction held in the Spring (date TBD). This is P-TCS' biggest event of the year and we need all the volunteers we can get during the planning process. Please consider volunteering a few hours to help Stacy Jensen (Auction Chair) and Lily Marshall (Auction Understudy) make phone calls to local businesses for donations, run errands to pick up donated items, stuff envelopes, input data and pictures into the auction website.... this list goes on and on!

It's a fun and very rewarding opportunity to help raise money for tuition assistance. You will feel good knowing all your efforts help kids attend TCS and receive the highest quality early childhood education available.

If you can assist, please email Stacy and Lily and let them know the details of your availability including date, times, and task/s you are available for. This would be so helpful and greatly appreciated.

Cheers to past, present, and future parent volunteers!

Important Details

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

CLASSROOM HOLIDAY PARTY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December
20th, Older Part Time
Holiday Party, 3:30-
4:00

Friday, December 21,
Holiday Parties for the
Younger Part Times,
11:00-11:30
Younger All Days,
11:00-12:00
Older All Days,
11:00-12:00
Younger Primes,
11:00-12:00
Older Primes, 11:00-
12:00

SCHOOL CLOSED AT NOON ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 21ST

SCHOOL CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH- JANUARY 1 FOR WINTER HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSED JANUARY 2ND-4TH, All Days Classes and Pre-Arranged Primary Child Care Open

Monday, January 7th,
All Classes Resume
Regular Schedules

The Intention Behind Hot Glue Creations

By Sam Andreas, Older Primes Teacher

Is your Older Prime bringing home hot-glue creations on a daily basis? Are you wondering why are we taking this home? Will it ever end? Don't feel as though you are the only one with this feeling. I myself have been there before as a parent of a Prime and we still have creations years later! There are many aspects of hot-glue that fit directly into our curriculum at TCS and I wish to make them more apparent to you so when it comes time to take home those big, never ending creations, you can look at them with appreciation and know all the hard work and intention that went into making them.

At TCS, art experiences are offered in a very thoughtful way. As noted in the handbook, through many opportunities with a specific medium, children begin to understand its properties and are able to use it in more intentional ways. If children are allowed to explore a medium over a length of time, their understanding of how that medium works will expand and therefore their creations will become more complicated and increase in detail. You can see this progression with nearly every medium offered if enough time is allowed. Paste and glue limit children to 2-dimensional creations unless they spend days working on the same project allowing ample drying time between pieces. However, the instant satisfaction hot-glue offers is unique in this way. Children are able to represent their ideas in a near instant allowing self-confidence and competency to flourish, as they are able to visualize and then execute in a short-time frame.

Some may fear that children are going to burn themselves and I can say that yes, they do in the beginning stages. Some more often than others but they learn rather quickly. The placement of fingers when holding materials is important as well as the hand-eye coordination that is required when placing glue exactly where it is desired. To many, the risk of burning themselves is a very small price to pay in comparison to the power that the hot-glue gun holds. The power to represent 3-dimensional ideas in an efficient way! Children who hot-glue have to visualize, plan and concentrate so hard during the process. Once they have completed their work, they often parade it around the classroom and can't wait to take it home!

I wanted to end this with a quote from our handbook written by Naomi Pile, "As mastery of tools and materials grows, the eyes and mind join in critical observation of the merging work, and art becomes a self-discipline of the highest order, expressing individuality as nothing else can." As a teacher, the offering of hot-glue is very intentional and taken seriously. We hope that you celebrate your child's creation, ask thoughtful questions and appreciate all the hard work that your child has put into each and every creation that they bring home.



Older Primes Hot Glue
Station and one of
their Hot Glue
Creations!



Food Drive Update: Way to go TCS Families! This year, we donated 197 pounds of food to the Idaho Foodbank! A special Thank You to the Older Primes class for sorting the donations and advertising the event!