

School Faculty 2018-2019

Sam Andreas—Older
Primary

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: Why age 8?

By Sarah O'Dell, Executive Director

It is that time of year again when families begin to make plans for summer and look ahead to the next school year. Whether your children are continuing at TCS or moving to a new school, there is a 'buzz' in the air. It may be due to the weather or the excitement (or dread) of something new. A question that is often asked this time of year is, "Will my child be ready for ... and why can children stay at TCS through age 8?" While every child has their own story, we can answer, 'Why age 8?' When thinking about this month's article, I came across an article in our teacher handbook. Enjoy this writing from our archives that applies to children of today.

Transition from The Children's School

A smooth transition into traditional elementary programs is assured when children have a strong sense of self-esteem, feel competent, independent and can comfortably interact with other children and adults. Developmentally, around age eight, children reach a stage of intellectual, social and emotional synthesis and stability. Children are now strong enough in themselves to sustain their own urge to learn and master skills, to maintain their self-esteem and individuality, and not be diminished by the formality of larger institutions.

In addition to personal confidence is a child's sense of academic confidence. Children by eight have also had the necessary time it takes to develop solid writing and reading skills. The learning environment at The Children's School supports individual styles of learning and respects personal motivation to ensure that writing and reading become integrated soundly rather than being just a mechanical performance. Parents through the years have reported that children moving from The Children's School often excel in their new schools, both academically and socially. This is what should be expected when children have had the full amount of time to experience maximum growth during the critical early years.

Classroom News: Spring Sing

By Nicole Shadduck, Education Director

One of our favorite traditions at TCS is Spring Sing. Groups of children gather on the playyard and sing favorite songs to welcome in warmer weather. The Younger Part-Time, Younger All Days and Older All Days gather in the morning. The Older Part-Time, Younger Primes and Older Primes gather in the afternoon. These groups of children previously met during the fall Feast. This celebration of Spring was for children and teachers to focus on our in-school community. Please join us at our next spring event, the TCS All School Picnic on Friday, April 26th at 6:00 PM at Sunset Park. All family members invited!

Important Details

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

Friday, April 26th, at 6:00 PM. TCS All-School Picnic at Sunset Park. Family members invited!

Saturday, April 27th, TCS Spring Work Party, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Friday-Sunday, May 17th-19th, All School Campout. TCS community, current and alumni families invited.

Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day, SCHOOL CLOSED

Last Days of the School Year—Regular Class Times

All Classes will have a Rootbeer and Ice Cream Party on the last day!

Tuesday, May 21st, Parent-Toddler Program

Wednesday, May 29th, Older Part-Time Class

Thursday, May 30th, Younger Part-Time, Younger All Days, Older All Days, Younger Primes and Older Primes

Friday, May 31st, SCHOOL CLOSED for Post-Service Day

Monday, June 3rd, Summer Programs begin

Photos from the 2019 Spring Sing



Younger Part Times



Older Part Times



Older Primes



Older All Days



Younger All Days



Younger Primes

P-TCS News: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th

By Angie Fuller, P-TCS President

This is a wonderful opportunity to "Thank A Teacher" for playing a pivotal role in your children's lives. Our TCS teachers instill confidence, creativity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning in our kids.

At TCS, our teachers guide kids to:

- feel excited about learning and doing;
- make choices, take initiative and become increasingly self-directed and self-responsible;
- know limits in a firm but supportive and non-punitive environment;
- feel sensitive to others and enjoy working together in a spirit of cooperation rather than competition;
- enjoy the natural, outdoor world and learn to value living things;
- develop thinking skills: reasoning, inquiring, perceiving relationships, hypothesizing, generalizing, acquiring and ordering information;
- experience art, science, math, music, movement, language and social studies;
- develop meaningful writing and reading experience and skills. (From TCS website)

Please help us thank our teachers for all they do!! Ways you can do this include: thank you cards, poems, pictures and verbal words of appreciation. Do whatever moves you! Be creative, have fun, & show our teachers your appreciation. Remember, never underestimate the power of a kind word, honest compliment, or small act of caring.