



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 Shaddock—
Education Director

From the Directors: A Letter to 2018-2019 Families

Goodbye 2018-2019, hello summer! Another year has been completed. While we celebrate all the accomplishments of the past year we look forward to what the next year will bring.

Some of the behind the scenes work you may have missed was a renewed focus on conflict resolution. Staff reviewed our materials created in 2000 and participated in a professional development series focused on supporting peaceful conflict resolution. Another intensive study that teachers worked through was about The Project Approach, another cornerstone of our curriculum for children. Did you notice the increase of photos and philosophy writings throughout our halls this winter? We hope you learned more about some of the daily activities of your children. We started year two of our five year strategic plan, emphasizing communication, facilities and teacher compensation, retention and development. Thank you for your feedback as we continue to take The Children's School into the future.

While we have an eye on the future and look at the past to guide us, we absolutely relish in the present. While every class has their own set of highlights, the highlights we don't take for granted happen in EVERY classroom here at TCS.

*Children made friends, solved problems and grew in their relationships with teachers. They played with blocks, small unit blocks and large hollow blocks, too! Children created ART, with paint, paper, markers, glue, clay and all types of collage. Children dug in the sand and created the most glorious mud.

*Teachers returning to TCS. Every classroom at TCS had returning teachers at work! We are in the midst of an exciting time at TCS. We have novice faculty, teachers who are mid-career and faculty who have been here 20 years and more. What a mix of ideas, enthusiasm and expertise! We are also happy to announce that 100 percent of our teachers are expected to return for another school year! Way to go, TCS!

*Families participated in all kinds of ways at TCS. P-TCS had another successful year of fundraising through the Carnival, Bake Sale and Annual Spring Fundraiser (aka the Auction). P-TCS organized everything from parent education events to snacks at our seasonal work parties.

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Important Details

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

**Monday, May 27th,
Memorial Day,
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Rootbeer Float
Parties on the Last
Day of School!**

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, TCS
Summer Programs begin

Thurs.-Fri., July 4th-5th,
Independence Day
Closure, **TCS CLOSED**

Friday, August 16th, End
of Summer Programs

**Monday, August 19th-
Friday, August 23rd,
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday, August 26th,
First day of full-time
programs

Tuesday, September 4th,
Older Part-Time begins

Monday, September 9th,
Younger Part-Time
begins

*The Board of Directors met monthly and sometimes more to focus on strategic planning, provide an updated retirement plan for faculty and help us plan for the future with plans for a feasibility study and improved schedule for our part-time programs.

The Children's School would not be the place it is without all of YOU! Thank you for sharing the last school year with us and we hope to see many of you back in the fall!

Sarah O'Dell and Nicole Shadduck

Thank You from P-TCS

By Angie Fuller, P-TCS President

Thank you for everyone's support with P-TCS projects this year! We did a lot of FUNdraising, parent education, community building, and teacher appreciation. Here is a recap of PTCS' 2018-2019 school year projects:

Supplied every kid and teacher with a TCS shirt

Created a school photo directory

Raised \$3000 for teacher education

Held multiple parent education events ranging from anxiety to gender development

Organized playdates in the park and indoor play areas

Arranged a Dads night and a Moms night so parents could connect

Raised money for PTCS projects through the holiday bake sale

Raised \$200 for TCS to purchase books at Rediscovered Books through the book sale

Celebrated our teachers with lunches, food and beverages at the Holiday dinner party, and "Thank You!" during teacher appreciation week

Raise \$28,000 for tuition assistance at the auction so every child has an equal opportunity to attend TCS!

Assisted TCS staff with cleaning the school and grounds in the fall and spring

And, hopefully, made everyone's school year rich with connections and positive school community interactions

I am grateful to be a part of such a thoughtful and caring community of parents, kids, teachers, and staff. TCS feels like a family to me and that extends to each and every one of you. I will send an email survey out soon about P-TCS and please let me know your thoughts, concerns, support, etc. as we are always looking for new help, encouragement, ideas, and constructive feedback.

If you are leaving the school, your absence will be noticed and missed - but we hope you will always come back and participate as ALUMNI family!

Until next school year, have a SAFE and fun summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

Angie Fuller