



## School Faculty 2019-2020

Allison Ady—Support

Sam Andreas—Older  
Primary

Maya Byrd—Older Primary

Kim Conner—Part Time  
Programs

Tori Doell—Older All Days

Joe Fritz—Support

Julie Gill—Younger Primary

Trasey Graybill—Support

Ande Green-Williams—  
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Amanda Hobb—Older Part  
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Lexi Hundley—Support

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Primary

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Alyson Peterson—Younger  
All Days

Sage Rogers—Support

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Days

Olivia Smith—Support

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## From the Director: Choosing the Right School

By Sarah O'Dell and Nicole Shadduck, Executive and Education Directors

During the winter and spring months in Boise, families are asked to make decisions about next year's school placement. Over the years, TCS has put a process into place to support families in selecting the best program for your child and family. We hope that you will participate in all or some of the steps listed to be assured that TCS is the best fit for your child and family. If your needs are changing or your child is too old to join us next year, we want to help with your transition, too. Later in the year, we will host a Transition from TCS Parent Night for those who are leaving The Children's School.

Here are some things you can do to be well informed during this time of year!

\*Come to the Open House on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00. This is the best time to have conversations with a variety of teachers because they are not actively teaching.

\*Schedule a parent-teacher conference in January or February and discuss next year's options with your child's teacher.

\*Talk with Nicole to determine a time to observe a class that you are considering for your child next year.

\*Read the information packet regarding re-enrollment that will be available to you at the Open House or in your school mailbox on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. This packet includes an enrollment calendar, tuition and fee schedule and description of class offerings. All families must return the Intention Form by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

\*Inform Sarah or Nicole if you need help in navigating this process. We can help you or point you to resources to help you make the best school decision for your child.

We do hope to see most of you back for the 2020-2021 school year. Remember when talking to your children, it is a 'grown up' decision and a long time from now (especially for the children).

Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's early years!

## Important Details

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

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
TCS Annual Open  
House, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>,  
Enrollment information  
distributed. Please  
submit tuition assistance  
applications to  
[www.sssbynais.com](http://www.sssbynais.com)  
school code #4112 by  
February 7, 2020.

Thursday-Friday,  
January 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, Part  
Time and Primary  
Classes Parent Teacher  
Conferences

Monday-Tuesday,  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Older  
All Days Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

Wednesday-Thursday,  
February 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>,  
Younger All Days  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>,  
Intention Forms are due  
by 4:00 PM.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY  
17<sup>TH</sup>, SCHOOL CLOSED  
FOR PRESIDENT'S  
DAY**

Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Contracts for the 2020-  
2021 School Year are  
due with deposit by  
4:00 PM.

### From the Parent Handbook:

#### **Sickness and Health Policy**

We want children to stay healthy. Children's illnesses are the most infectious at the beginning. Parents must keep children home at the first sign or symptom of illness, such as a temperature, rash, red eyes, earache, sore throat, upset stomach or diarrhea. If your child is extremely irritable or droopy, s/he should stay home. A child must remain home for **24 hours** after the occurrence of a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Children who have symptoms of illness when not medicated (for example, a child who still has a fever when not taking a fever-reducing medicine) are too sick to be at school.

If a child gets sick at school, s/he will be separated from the class into a supervised resting area and a parent will be called to take the child home. Please make sure we have current work, home, cell, and emergency numbers on file in the office. Let the school know if they change during the school year.

In addition to our assessment of the *risk of infection* to others, a child's ability to be at school is determined by his/her *ability to participate* in school activities and in our school faculty/staff's *ability to care* for your child.

If your child is well enough to come to school, s/he is well enough to go outdoors to play. We plan for outdoor play every day!

Please call or email us before your child's class start time when you are keeping your child home.

At all times there are staff trained in pediatric CPR and first aid on site.

Families are required to provide the school with a "Health Report" form, signed by your child's physician. This information needs to be updated as age appropriate—at the least, upon enrollment and at Kindergarten age.

The school has information on specific illnesses common to young children. If you are not sure whether your child's symptoms require *exclusion from school*, please check-in at the office. (We follow guidelines set by the Central District Health Department.)

Head lice are a common occurrence in groups of children. Children found with active cases of head lice will be sent home for treatment and can then return to school. Treatment includes not only shampooing but removal of nits. TCS has a written policy regarding lice and steps that parents and teachers use when lice occur.