



School Faculty 2017-2018

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All Days

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From the Director: Looking Ahead to 2018-2019

By Sarah O'Dell

Enrollment time at The Children's School is underway! We will be spending a lot of our time in the next several weeks talking with families about their options for the next school year while they ponder sometimes big decisions for their family. Enrollment decisions are something that can be quick, easy choices for some families and more complicated for others. There are developmental needs to consider, family schedules, cost, public, private, charter...the list goes on. As a teacher, administrator and parent, I know how difficult these decisions can be and if you come to me looking for help in making those decisions I take those conversations very seriously. Each family's story is different and important.

However, as many of you know, I chose The Children's School for my children from 2.5 years old to their final year in the Primes as second graders. I can't say that my opinion will be unbiased. It does come from experience and deeply held beliefs about early childhood, not blind faith in TCS.

I had moments of doubt: "If she doesn't get in at Kindergarten, she might not get in ever!" "Won't it be too hard for her to transition at 3rd grade when everyone

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P-TCS News:

By Kat McClaskey

They say that winter is here, but it seems more like mud season at TCS! Along with washing well-loved school attire, PTCS has been planning some wonderful events for the Spring.

Bake Sale Thanks to Jana LaRosa for organizing another successful PTCS bake sale in December. In addition to the tasty goodies, \$660 was raised to fund PTCS activities. Thank you to everyone who baked and shopped at the event!

Community Building Event at Bodies in Motion- Looking for a way to entertain your kids and have a great time with other TCS families? You're in luck! Saturday, January 27th at 10am, TCS families will be meeting at Bodies in Motion for a collaborative playdate. Adults have free entry and kid admission is priced on a sliding scale. More information including directions and admission prices can be found at: <http://bodiesinmotionidaho.com/>

TCS Annual Spring Auction- Mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, March 9th from 6-9pm for one of the most exciting PTCS events of the year; TCS' annual auction! Party planners and worker bees are needed for the committee. Contact Stacy Jensen sldittrich@yahoo.com to join the fun!

Important Details

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

Enrollment Dates

January 26th,
Enrollment
Information
distributed

February 9th,
Intention Forms
due in office by 4:00
PM.

Last day for Tuition
Assistance
applications,
www.sssbynais.force.
com, TCS school code
#4112

March 5th, **Contracts
for the 2018-2019
school year due in
office by 4:00 PM
with deposit**

Other Dates

January 27th, P-TCS
Community Building
Event at Bodies in
Motion

February 19th,
Presidents' Day,
SCHOOL CLOSED

March 1-2, 5-6, 7-8,
Parent-Teacher
Conferences,
Information in the
next issue of TCS
Times

March 9th, P-TCS
Annual Spring Auction

Classroom News

Older Primes

We are back from the holidays and ready to start a new project, Mail and the Post Office! To kick off the project, we have read a book about mailing, Mailing May, a TCS favorite and have started Flat Stanley, a chapter book. Some concepts we have introduced are mailing at school vs. using the postal service and the process of sorting and delivery. We hope to plan an outing soon to our local post office. Look for mail from your Prime in the next few weeks.

Younger Primes

We are already two weeks into the new year and we are feeling good (and a bit muddy)! Some of the activities we have enjoyed since our return to school are making rain clouds with shaving cream and shaving cream art. We are continuing our counting and collecting unit in math and have begun our new projects on Rainforests. We have an upcoming art project that uses paper towel rolls, if you have some to donate, let us know!

Older All Days

It's been great to be back together after the holiday break! Most children have spent time building with Tinker Toys. They have played with new materials in the dramatic play area. Experimenting with gooey slime has been quite fulfilling for the children. When we arrived back, the weather allowed children to shovel snow and ice and to practice traveling on slippery surfaces. By the end of the week, the sunshine was out and the temperature up. Children were able to run, climb and dig in the sand again.

TCS Alumni Updates

By Alumni Parents

Every year, we launch our annual giving campaign. This year we chose to raise funds for continuing teacher development. We appreciate all of you who have contributed so far. In addition to your contribution, a highlight is hearing about alumni and their families. Here's some of what we heard this year:

Our son is now 30. He is a graduate of Stanford University (BA), a DMA Candidate at University of Washington. He is a Financial Analyst in Seattle and Assoc. Music Director for 5th Avenue Theater in Seattle.—Cathy and David

Our son is now in 5th grade at Roosevelt. He loves math and still believes in Santa! He is still good at conflict resolution.—Noreen and Dooley

Our children have all graduated from college. Their educational experiences were shaped by their start at The Children's School. We appreciate the impact you had in our kids' lives.—Steve and Pam

From the Director: Looking Ahead to 2018-2019, continued

else has been there for three years!?" and I hate to admit this one, "Will she be academically ready for 3rd grade?!"

But each year I continued to choose The Children's School because my deeply held beliefs about a young child's experience in school won out over the pressure. I love what this school provided for my two (very different) daughters. The foundation that TCS gave them is a priceless gift that will carry them into adulthood.

I would be happy to share what it was like for my children to move to our neighborhood school in 3rd grade or connect you with families who have made different decisions. Each child and their family is unique and I look forward to supporting you and your child in whatever you choose.