



School Faculty 2018-2019

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Primary

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Primary

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Part-Time AM

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Lexi Hundley—Older All
Days

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From the Directors: Family Survey Results

By Sarah O'Dell and Nicole Shadduck

Every year, part of our self-assessment is to establish goals for continuous improvement and innovation using information from the annual program evaluation. The program uses this information to plan professional development and program quality improvement activities as well as to improve operations and policies. In January, families were asked to provide feedback by completing an annual survey. Thank you for contributing to our process. The complete survey results are posted in the front hall. Through this survey, we confirmed that families are feeling quite positive about their experience at TCS. Based on your survey results, we will continue to focus on improving our communication to families about their child's individual experience. Please view administration comments about the survey in the front hall. If you would like to give specific feedback about how you would like to receive information about your child, please email Nicole at info@tcsboise.org. Your comments are appreciated.

A thank you from Sarah and Nicole—Thank you so much for your feedback and suggestions. We set a goal of improving our practice in five areas this year: 1) Safety and emergency preparedness, 2) Communicating individual experiences and classroom news to families and the greater TCS community, 3) Supporting children's development through small group and classroom experiences, 4) Providing creative expression activities and projects in our classrooms, and 5) Care for the school and grounds. We are happy to know that our efforts in communicating classroom news and experiences through documentation boards and website blogging have been effective. We will continue to look at ways to improve our communication with families about their individual child. There will be more information about how we are working on our other goals soon.

Classroom News

Welcome back to school and Happy Spring to all! On the first afternoon back from Spring Break, it was very exciting for children (and teachers) to enjoy outside time without winter coats. While there will be periods of rain and wind in the coming months, we enjoy moving 'coat-free' and know that soon the mornings will be as pleasant. A common theme in all of the classrooms this time of year is mud...and more mud 😊. Please make sure your child's extra clothes are well stocked and a pair of rain boots can help your child join in the fun AND protect their shoes.

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Important Details

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

Monday, March 25th, All classes resume.

Friday, April 6th, Summer Programs contracts are due.

Thursday, April 18th, Spring Sing for Children and Teachers

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. Children and adults work together to spring clean the school and playyards.

Friday-Sunday, May 17th-19th, All School Campout. TCS community, current and alumni families invited. Information in this newsletter and more details coming soon!

End of School Year and Summer Schedules in the next issues of the TCS Times.

Keep reading to catch a glimpse of Spring through the eyes of a child.—Nicole (Answered by the Older Primes and Older Part-Times classes.)

Teacher: "How do we know when spring is coming?"

Children: "When the dirt is frozen, it's winter."

"The buds of tulips start to come up."

"When you see dark clouds it means snow and when its spring you see more blue."

"The birds start chirping more."

"Flowers grow."

"We see bugs."

"The sun feels warmer and there is no more snow."

"Sun lets the plants know it's time to grow food."

"When the plants are growing and trees get buds."

"Plants start growing back and the grass turns green."

"Because people start getting out of school."

"When it's spring time, it's half medium cold outside. The trees are growing leaves, too!"

"I know its spring because the sun is rising. And flowers are growing and I can see it with my eyes."

P-TCS News: Save the Date for a Camping Trip!

By Angie Fuller, P-TCS President

At the end of every school year, P-TCS organizes a camping trip for TCS families. This is a wonderful tradition and something we hope your family can experience this year for yourselves!

When - May 17th - May 19th (stay Friday and/or Saturday night!)

Where - Silver Creek Plunge - Lodgepole Springs Group Campsite (located north of Crouch about a 2.5 hour drive from Boise)

Who - All TCS families

Activities - Hot Springs! On the property is a commercial style hot springs where geothermal water is filtered in a pool and kept at a comfortable temperature (it costs a couple dollars to use the hot springs). Beyond the hot springs there is mtn. biking, hiking, fishing in the small and beautiful Silver Creek, beach volleyball court, small playground, sand pit, large grass area, multiple paved areas for kids biking, etc. The fun is endless! As we get closer to May, Jen and Clayton Chaney (P-TCS Camping Leads) will send out more information and a link to RSVP. Until then, Save the Date and we look forward to seeing you at Silver Creek Plunge!