



School Faculty 2019-2020

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From the Director: Giving to TCS

By Sarah O'Dell, Executive Director

During this time of giving, we know that you are asked by multiple organizations, probably multiple times a day, to consider them for your year-end giving. Of course, we have asked you too! But, we would like to take a moment to ask you to give to TCS in a different way. There are many small things that you can do one time or more often that will help TCS now and in the future.

*Review us on Google.

*Like and follow us on Facebook and our newest social media adventure, Instagram! @tcsboise

*Collect Box Tops. There is a handy-dandy app that you can use. Here's the link to download the app and start scanning your receipts.

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

*Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose TCS as your organization to support. TCS is listed as, Childrens School of Boise ID.

*Bring in your used ink and toner printer cartridges for recycling. TCS earns rewards for purchasing at Staples.

Thank you for giving to TCS this holiday season and throughout the year!

P-TCS News: 2020 TCS Auction Sponsors

By Lily Marshall, Auction Chair

WE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING 2020 TCS AUCTION SPONSORS!

The annual TCS Benefit for Tuition Assistance is coming up early next year! This event is dedicated to raising money for the schools' tuition assistance program, which helps kids attend TCS regardless of financial need. The final date and location will be announced shortly, but in the meantime WE NEED YOUR HELP securing sponsors for our event. Sponsorship can come in the form of cash donations or direct donations (like food, rentals, etc.).

Please consider asking your friends, family, employer or community partners if they would be interested in sponsoring our auction, and in return they'll receive entrance to the event, drink tickets and more!

Email Lily Marshall, lilyamarshall@gmail.com, for more information or if you or someone you know would like to become an event sponsor. Thank you in advance for your help!

Important Details

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

Wednesday, December 4th-12th, TCS Annual Charitable Drive benefitting The Idaho Foodbank.

Monday, December 16th, Younger Part Time Holiday Party at 10:30 AM. Family members invited.

Friday, December 20th, Classroom Holiday Parties for the Older Part Time, Younger All Days, Older All Days, Younger Primes and Older Primes are at 11:00 AM. Family members invited.

Friday, December 20th, SCHOOL CLOSED AT NOON for Winter Holidays

Monday-Tuesday, December 23rd-January 1st, SCHOOL CLOSED

All Days and Pre-arranged Primary Child OPEN on December 23rd, January 2nd and 3rd.

Monday, January 6th, All classes resume regular schedules

Holiday Happenings at TCS

By Nicole Shadduck, Education Director

The holidays can be a busy time for everyone. TCS strives to provide a balance of festive holiday celebrations while keeping the routines, schedules and sameness of everyday classroom life. An important part of early childhood development tells us that children's feelings of comfort, independence and power come from being able to predict what will happen next. Children's interests that are supported in play help to build social connections and promote healthy self-concepts. Part of our underlying philosophy states, "Good, intense play gives children success; complete absorption and intense effort, long attention span, follow-through, excitement, feeling of being in control and able to cope - all qualities we want them to bring with them into their eventual grownups world of effective group living and self-realization."—Mary Clagett Smith, Founding Director

TCS teachers keep children's experiences in the forefront of their planning. During the holiday season, a primary goal is to provide a typical, predictable schedule while introducing opportunities for children to share in some holiday excitement. I often say "Too much fun can lead to chaos," and it's true! This is merely an updated version of "It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt." Classroom teachers are planning and thinking about your child's daily experiences. They are making decisions about which songs to sing, how many holiday props to include in classroom areas and which favorites will stay in the classroom in order to provide just enough choices. Teachers decide about what or which books to read, how many special snacks to eat, and how many special art materials and projects to offer so that there are enough same routines to be predictable and enough excitement to provide children opportunities to share their experiences about family and culture traditions around the holidays.

We have attached a classic Holiday article, written over 30 years ago that rings true today. We hope you find it helpful as you think about holiday celebrations and your young child.



Four of our Older Primes helping to load the food donation for delivery to the Idaho Foodbank! We collected 168 lbs.