



School Faculty 2020-2021

Allison Ady—Older Primary

Sydney Cosso—Older All
Days

Trasey Graybill—Older All
Days

Lexi Hundley—Part Time
Programs

Tasha Lyon—Older Primary

Tonya Palsulich—Younger
Primary

Maite Petersen—Part Time
Programs

Alyson Peterson—Younger
All Days

Andy Shadduck—Younger
All Days

Olivia Smith—Part Time
Programs

Rebecca Stalder—Part Time
Programs

Alex Thornton—Primary
Programs

Darcie Wickard—Younger
All Days

Sarah O'Dell—Executive
Director

Nicole Shadduck—
Education Director

From the Director: 2020 State of the School

By Sarah O'Dell, Executive Director

During this year's Annual Board Meeting, I began the annual State of the School report with the following, "It's so fitting to this year that we are meeting via Zoom and are in the midst of school wide shut down. As everyone knows last spring was a unique challenge that TCS (the world) had never faced. The school building was without children for almost 100 days! Rather than focus on all that was accomplished, all that was lost and all that was learned, I want to take this time to talk to you about where we are now."

Faculty: We have 13 teachers on staff. 11 teachers are continuing with us from previous school years. We are happy to be welcoming Sydney Cosso and Darcie Wickard to our faculty this year. They both come to us with a lot of expertise in the early childhood field. Welcome and welcome back to our TCS Teachers!

Enrollment: Today there are 77 children enrolled at TCS. 42 children are new this year and 20 of those families chose TCS without having a family connection. Our upcoming challenge this year will be to continue to welcome and recruit new and continuing families as enrollment in schools and early childhood programs continues to fluctuate as parents make the best decision for their families and their children. Welcome and welcome back to our TCS Families!

Parents: P-TCS has a lot of new faces and leadership this year. They are working hard to connect with you to help build relationships and achieve our fundraising goals. Thank you, P-TCS!

Building and Grounds: We expected to start an extensive playyard remodel, but it was delayed. TCS is once again gaining momentum to start our last phases of improvements, the PLAYYARD! We hope to break ground this year. Look for more information in an upcoming Annual Giving letter.

Community: We have strengthened our connections and partnerships with the Education Department at BSU and also with the leadership at IAEYC, our local affiliate of NAEYC, our accrediting program. There are a lot of people working behind the scenes that support us in our work during this unprecedented time.

Operations: TCS is celebrating its 40th year! We are so happy to be celebrating our 40th year strong. While we wish we could welcome alumni and current families together in a big celebration, it is not the year for big face-to-face gatherings. Please join us in our creative endeavors to celebrate the big 4-0! 40th Anniversary t-shirts coming in 2021!

Important Details

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK. All classes resume their regular schedule on Monday, November 30, 2020.**

Wednesday, December 2nd, TCS Annual Charitable Drive begins. Donations taken until Thursday, December 10th

Tuesday, December 22nd, SCHOOL CLOSSES AT NOON for the Winter Holiday Break

Wednesday, December 23rd-Friday, January 8th, SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK

Monday, January 4th-Friday, January 8th, All Days Classes and Pre-arranged Primary Child Care Open, (Email and Sign up available in December)

Monday, January 11th, All classes resume regular schedule

I Am Thankful That...

By Nicole Shadduck, Education Director and The Older Primes Class

*Every year TCS celebrates Thanksgiving. This year, all of the classes will have their own feast on the day before Thanksgiving break. Food will be eaten and songs will be sung. Each class will let families know about their feast. A common activity this time of year is reflecting on giving thanks. Here at TCS, we talk about being thankful **that**, instead of the more common 'being thankful **for**'...It is a subtle change of words, here's why...When the phrasing is shifted to, "I Am Thankful **That**...children are encouraged to think about feelings, actions and ideas rather than objects, possessions and other tangibles.*

Here is what our Older Primes Class is Thankful **That**...

My dad makes good pizza.—JT
My daddy can go on a bike ride with me.—QE
For my family.—WW
For everything.—PC
My dad got a deer. —JV
Dad caught pheasant and brought feathers home. —MG
My cousin's living with me. —MR
I'm done with [my] speech. —HC
All 16 kids are my students. --AA
For Uncle Micah and [I] play Just Dance at his house. —KK
For being a helper today. —NC
I can sleep with my doggie. —CW
My dad's face is really funny. —WW
My dad lets me play video games. —BP
We have trees, pumpkins, leaves and bees. —JK
We have Thanksgiving and turkeys. —LW
I get to see my cousins and get to go on a trip. —AT
For The Children's School. —AT

On Friday, our classes will celebrate the holiday with an in-class feast and sing-along. Be sure to ask your child about the songs they sung at their feast. We have developed quite an extensive list of turkey songs over the years. Here are two of our classics!

*I Heard Mr. Turkey Say...
I heard Mr. Turkey say
Gobble, gobble, gobble,
Soon t'will be Thanksgiving day,
Gobble, gobble, gobble,
I guess I better run away!
(Make lots and lots of turkey sounds (while flapping your turkey wings)) ☺*

*Five Fat Turkeys Are We
Five fat turkeys are we.
We slept all night in a tree.
When the hunters came around,
We couldn't be found,
And that's why we're here you see.*