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The good news
email from TCS!

Special Giving Tuesday Issue

What We Know, What We Love, Is What Sets Us Apart

Some families have a tradition of "counting their blessings" or naming what they are grateful for during the Thanksgiving and winter holiday season. In a way, this is what we're doing this year on Giving Tuesday — a global day of generosity. We're sharing some of the many reasons we love TCS, why we're grateful for our school community, and what positive things we feel set us apart.

Giving generously to a private school like The Children's School is a powerful action driven by deep values. It's casting a vote for the future of our kids, it's a move toward a stronger community, it supports big-picture changes in education and our society at large.

But many times, people give because of their own small special reason, one particular aspect they love about TCS, one special memory, or one special teacher that changed their child's life.

That's why the theme of this year's [**2022 Annual Appeal**](#) is what we love



about TCS. We hope you'll be inspired by what we love, then think about and share what you love and appreciate as well.

Show YOUR Love! Give NOW to our 2022 Annual Appeal

What our Faculty Loves!

TCS is not only a great place to go to school, it's also a great, supportive place to work. Here's what some of our faculty and staff have to say on what they love about TCS:



"One thing that I love about TCS is that it is a space for both students and staff to show up as their most authentic selves as well as explore who they are freely!"
- *Mr. Louie Kertgen, Teacher*



"I love the community building events we celebrate with parents and students along with other people in our community. For example our celebration of the day of the dead."
- *Ms. Lizbeth Marquez, Associate Teacher*



"I love the opportunities for kids to be creative whether it's anything from project work, to story writing, to solving a math problem."
- *Mrs. Lori Nitzsche, Teacher*



"I love working in an environment where I experience my coworkers



"I love our commitment to honoring the expertise



"I love the relaxed and supportive atmosphere for both faculty and students"

as amongst the brightest, most authentic, adventurous, fun, and inspiring educators that I've encountered!"

- Ms. Dana Nasralla,
Teacher



"What I love about TCS is that I work therapeutically according to my training and ethics. TCS allows me to work creatively through evidence-based techniques."

- Ms. Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, School Social Worker



"I love our school-wide Town Hall Meetings!"

- Ms. Lisa Friedman,
Teacher

and needs of teachers as professionals who know and love their craft."

- Ms. Pamela Freese,
Dir. of Administration



"The respect that we have for our students!"

- Ms. Kendra Roberts,
Teacher



"I love that TCS offers weekly outdoor education as part of the science curriculum. What a wonderful way for students to become better stewards of the environment as they learn about nature with their peers through collaborative play and exploration."

- Steve Krzak, Office Clerk

- Mr. Ricky Halle-Podell,
Physical Wellness Teacher



"I love that we get to do right by children."

- Ms. Mika Yamamoto,
Teacher



"I love the way TCS students and teachers communicate-with kindness and respect for one another. The teachers treat students with compassion and we get it in return. When the school day is over, I leave my workday feeling GOOD because of the thoughtful, insightful, fun, and most of all kind interactions that I've had with my students that day."

What do YOU Love?

Tell us what you love about TCS! We may share it in a testimonial on our website or in a post on our social media pages! Email us at the link below:



Here's What I Love About TCS!

More of What We Love About TCS

On social media this season, we're showcasing some of the aspects of a TCS education that we love. We know not everyone follows Facebook, LinkedIn, or Instagram, so we're sharing some of those posts below for you to enjoy:



We honor each child's voice while teaching democracy in action.



Social Justice focus & curriculum goals for every grade level.





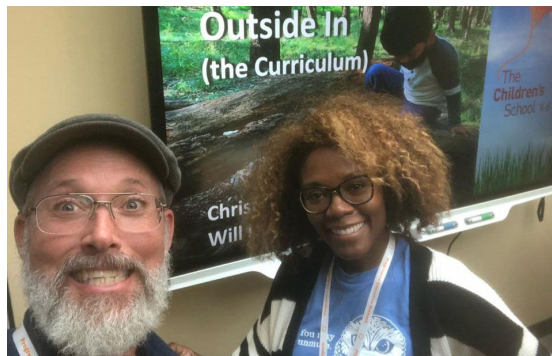
Field trips that make metro-Chicago our biggest classroom.



Small close-knit class groups with a culture of kindness.



Project-based learning weaves in multiple academic objectives.



Dynamic, fun faculty who are leaders in progressive education.



Watch for more posts between now and the end of our 2022 Annual Appeal!

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