

Kite and Leaf...



The good news
email from TCS!

Big Changes This Fall at The Children's School!

Next month, The Children's School will have much to be grateful for on Thanksgiving. If everything goes as planned, we will be fully moved into our new location at **820 Ontario Street in Oak Park**. We'll be in the beautiful and spacious building of the First Baptist Church of Oak Park - **just 3 blocks away**. We've scheduled the actual move for November 17-19, and teacher unpacking days for November 20-21. To accommodate these plans, students will have the entire week of Thanksgiving off.

Moving to our new location: The Week of Thanksgiving!



As you read this, contractors are putting the final touches on classrooms. Meanwhile, we're working through our logistics to be sure that loading and unloading all of our boxes and furniture goes smoothly.



Our contractors are finishing classroom floors in the beautiful and historic [E. E. Roberts](#) building.

Our teachers, with the help of our social worker, Ms. Shaina Helm, are talking with and preparing all students for the move, planning ways to involve them so that it is a fun and positive experience and so that they can feel a sense of ownership of and belonging in their new school home.

You, our community, have made this transition possible by supporting us through an eventful year. Here at TCS we've felt so much care from parents/guardians bringing coffee and snacks weekly for our staff and faculty, volunteering to take on many tasks so that our administrators and teachers can stay focused on the students and making major decisions surrounding the move.



Our 2nd Grade Blizzard Wizards took a walking field trip to visit what will be their new classroom.

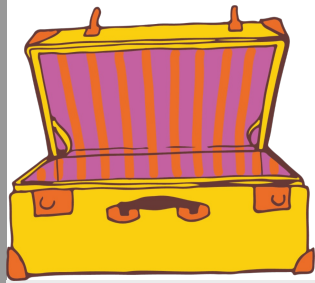
Meanwhile, Autumn reminds us so colorfully that one thing we can always count on is change. Thank you for being part of all of our changes as we enter our 20th year and launch a new chapter for The Children's School.

**Packing Great Memories and Hopes for the Future:
Kids Anticipate Our Move!**

Last year, our librarian, Ms. Polly Smith, organized a poetry collaboration with a group of 2nd graders. She asked them to list all the things they'd like to bring with them from our current building to our new building.



Then, with Ms. Smith's help, the group arranged their list into a poem. The project was not only fun, but helped students process the news of our upcoming move in a positive way.



Here is their poem and all the special things we will never forget to bring with us when we move — even if some things on the list are only brought in our memories of our wonderful years at 200 South Oak Park Avenue:

We are moving!

What should we bring with us?

Basically, Roz the Robot
and all the third graders
and my 8th grade Buddy and all my stuff
and all of you guys
and everything that's cozy
and all those stuffy Pigeons
and our trampoline
and all the wood in the courtyard
and the bean bag chairs
and the recyclables area
and the rug—and the green rug and all the rugs!
and everything that's fancy
and the medical equipment
and the white tiger, so I can sleep on it
and the alarms: smoke alarm, fire alarm, tornado alarm
ALL the sinks
and the running track
and the bathrooms, so we can go to the bathroom
and the calculators, and combine them into one giant
calculator and we have to jump on the buttons!
and the basketball hoop
AIR!

and clay
and the fancy guitar in the music room
and the attendance sheets, so we know who's there
and the job sheets
and the dry erase board
and all the snacks in the Office
and the dodgeballs
and the music room popcorn
and a microwave
and Ms. Naomi from the art room
and the security cameras
and...

I need to bring MYSELF!

—a poem by Group B of the Phoenixes (2022-23)

Help Celebrate Our Move to Our New School Home

The Children's School Ribbon Cutting Event - *Tu.11/28/23, 9:30am*



You're invited to our official Ribbon Cutting event at our new location, We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28th at the western-most door facing Ontario Street. After a brief ceremony, we'll offer tours for those who haven't seen the building.

Our Teachers Have an Amazon Wishlist for our Move

As they pack their classrooms and notice what's worn out, broken, or see what they need in their new classrooms, our teachers are adding items to an Amazon wishlist for our move.

Much like our library wishlist, if you purchase/donate an item on the list, Amazon will ship it right to us, and each purchased item will then come off the list.

Teachers will be adding more to this list as time goes on and they are able to see their new classrooms and visualize what they need. So check back often if you'd like to give our teachers a special moving/housewarming gift!

[Teachers' Amazon Wish List for the Move](#)



Visit Our "We're Moving!" Webpage:

An Updated Bulletin Board for All Our Move Information

We've created an online webpage that we will continue to update now and through our move. You can find **volunteer** information, **maps**, **drop-off location** and **parking tips**. We'll links to our **Teachers' Amazon Wishlist** for our move as they notice the things they'll need for their new classrooms. There's also a wishlist of other non-Amazon items for people to donate. Click the link below to visit the page. If you need to find it in the future, it will be linked from our home page and can be found in the drop-down menu under "News & Events."



The "We're Moving" webpage also lists items we have for sale that we no longer need, like our rowboat, our stage curtain, and more.

[Our "We're Moving" Webpage](#)

In Our Next Issue: A Report From Our New School Home!



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