

Welcome to Park Children's Day School, a non-sectarian early childhood school for children 2.1 – 5 years old. For over five decades, our school has prepared children for the world, teaching them foundational skills, guiding their social and emotional development and introducing them to the delight of learning and the power of knowledge.

The children at our school have gone on not just to have successful educational careers, but to lead extraordinary personal lives marked by excellence and achievement, filled with creativity and ingenuity, and graced by kindness and devotion to their chosen pursuits. Though the many thousands of children who have walked our halls have poured their own hard work into building their lives, they've had a lot of support along the way—directions from parents, teachers, mentors, and friends, and the guidance of truly excellent places of learning.

At PCDS, we are looking ahead as we prepare children for a rigorous and demanding educational career. Although it is hard to imagine how the world will change in the next fifteen years when they will enter college, around 2035, we do know that in order to succeed they will need many more different skills and abilities than children have needed in previous generations. Educational predictors advise that some of those particular skills for the future are: problem solving, flexibility, critical thinking, resilience, adaptability, the ability to work collaboratively, imagination and, most important, creativity. All of these are at the heart of our philosophy and curriculum. Though dozens of opportunities at school each day, we organize the children's cognitive and social development through experiences that open children's minds and encourage creative problem solving.

But this is exactly what makes the Park Children's Day School the kind of institution that, at 57, is younger and more full of life than ever. It's the relationship between child and teacher that lies at the heart of our school's philosophy. Each day, we learn from the children, from the process of teaching, from play, and from the close and integral involvement of the parents in the extended family. And each day, a part of our school is born anew.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

**Betsy Newell**  
Director