St. Joseph's Hall is beloved not only by our current students, but by many of our alumni and their families. St. Joseph's Hall, built in 1925, now requires improvements to ensure that it is suitable for current students, and ready for future generations. We're excited by the 'Elevating St. Joseph's Hall' campaign, which will allow CDS to be even more accessible and welcoming to all. When construction is completed this summer, St. Joseph's Hall will be ADA-accessible with a new
elevator and ramps, and it will feature a welcoming school entrance with enhanced security, and a student-centered lobby, improvements will be made to the hallways and exits, and the building will be seismically strengthened. An effort like 'Elevating St. Joseph’s Hall' is only possible with the help of our entire community—parents, alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents and friends! To learn how you can get involved and be part of this exciting work, please visit our website a www.cds-sf.org/support/elevating-st-josephs-hall or contact Jeanna Yoo, Director of Advancement at 415-861-5432 x323 or jeannay@cds-sf.org.

Please save the date for Tuesday, May 29 at 3:30pm to celebrate the groundbreaking of this project. We would love to see many alumni families in attendance to celebrate with our teachers, board members, current parents, faculty and staff. Keep your eyes peeled for a formal invitation in the coming weeks.

Notes of Appreciation for Molly Huffman

The spring PTTA (Parent Teacher Trustee Association) is organizing an appreciation effort for Molly Huffman to celebrate all of the incredible things she has done for Children's Day School in her eight year tenure as Head of School. Multiple groups are organizing additional activities such as social events, student thank yous, and legacy gifts, and the PTTA hopes to get alumni and alumni families involved!

The CDS PTTA invites you to write a personal note in honor of Molly. This could be an appreciation, a thank you, or a story that has special meaning to you about Molly and her many contributions to the school. The notes will then be compiled into a book to present to Molly at a dinner that will be held in her honor. Notes can be written by hand or sent by email.

If you are inclined please take a few minutes to write a personal note BY FRIDAY, APRIL 20. You can drop it off at CDS, mail it, or email to pttta@cds-sf.org. There are envelopes at both front desks labeled "PTTA" for the notes. If you choose to mail them please send them to the PTTA at the following address (and not to Molly directly, as this is intended to be a surprise!).

Children's Day School
Attn: PTTA
333 Dolores St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

Alumni Spotlight
Yvonne Armenta, CDS 2009

Last June, Yvonne Armenta, CDS 2009, presented as a keynote speaker at PBL World, the premier conference for Project Based Learning. Yvonne discussed how project-based learning was meaningful not only in her education, both high school and at college, but also in her personal and professional life.

While attending UC Berkeley, Yvonne was heavily involved on campus where she was president of a non-profit organization called Hermanas Unidas, which serves as a resource on campus for primarily Latina/Chicana women to succeed academically. She formed part of the marketing unit for an on-campus start-up called Kiwi that aims to connect students through the one thing we all have in common: food. She found a passion for helping others through marketing, stemming from internships in the non-profit sectors at companies like, Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (B.O.S.S.) where she helped develop and execute a homeless information and hygiene day for the community.

Recently graduated, Yvonne now works as an experiential marketer at A2Z Media Group, a creative agency in Martinez, CA.

Upcoming CDS Events

Bid & Bash, CDS’ annual auction is right around the corner!

Bid & Bash (formerly Fiesta), CDS’ annual community celebration and auction, will take place on Friday, March 16, at Bimbo’s 365 Club. This year our theme is Duel of the Decades: 80 vs 90s and
we're ready to party for a purpose! The auction proceeds benefit the school's sliding scale tuition program, teacher professional development, technology, and other needs. Visit us at cds­sf.maestroweb.com and create an account to view our online auction items. You'll find gift certificates, event tickets, gourmet foods, wine, and much, much more!

Country Fair 2018

Our annual Country Fair is coming up from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, May 5. Activities will include many old favorites like sheep-shearing, pie-eating, the cupcake walk, a great barbecue, and fun entertainment. We would love to see you, so if you are in the neighborhood, please feel free to drop by!

Want to help out? Every year we hire a few alums to work Country Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please email amandar@cds-sf.org if you are interested!

News from former Head of School, Rick Ackerly

Rick Ackerly was the head of CDS for eight years from 2002 to 2010. He helped build a thriving community at CDS both in and out of the classroom. Rick is now a nationally recognized educator
and speaker, presenting at numerous conferences and contributing articles to many publications. Recently, Rick was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. He is chronicling his journey on his website, The Genius in Children. We are so thankful for all that he did for our school and our thoughts are with him at this time.

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