



### What's New at CDS?



#### St. Joseph's Hall is on the Up and Up!

Just before Thanksgiving break, the elevator was approved by the inspector, and this week a group of kindergartners took their first elevator ride in St. Joseph's Hall! The elevator is now fully operational, making all CDS classrooms fully ADA-accessible and welcoming to all. We are extremely grateful to our entire community of parents, grandparents, board members, faculty, staff, and friends who made this important renovation possible!

To commemorate the 'Elevating St. Joseph's Hall' project and show our appreciation to our generous community, CDS will create a special gratitude plaque as a way to thank each and every donor who made this possible. We hope you will have a chance to ride the elevator soon.



### CDS Celebrates Alumni Giving on #GivingTuesday

Recently Miranda Phaal, CDS 2010, stepped up to be our Alumni Fund chair for this year. As some of you read in her Alumni Appeal, she recognizes the tremendous impact CDS has on her life.

"I learned how to engage in political debate, discovered a passion for creative writing, cultivated an ever-inquisitive mindset and explored my love of nature in the heart of the city, thanks to the farm and garden. Small class sizes meant my teachers became mentors, and my friends became family. I can say with certainty and pride that my experiences then shaped who I am, how I look at the world, and how I continue to learn, today."

What are Alumni Annual Fund contributions used for? Alumni and Parent of Alumni contributions will go towards the 2018-2019 CDS Annual Fund, which is a crucial part of fostering diversity and helping CDS thrive.

Collectively, Annual Fund gifts are of tremendous importance to daily operations. Gifts go directly towards supporting a strong faculty and staff, updating classroom technology, and planning engaging field trips and community service opportunities.

Join us today! The easiest way to give is online [here](#). If you have any question do not hesitate to contact the Advancement Office at [advancement@cds-sf.org](mailto:advancement@cds-sf.org) or (415) 861-5432 x357.

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## Share Your Stories!



### Submit your class notes!

As many of you know, we have a tradition of publishing alumni spotlights in our Bulldog Bulletin. We want to know what is going on with you so we can share your successes with the entire CDS community. **We encourage you to send in an update on yourself or on one of your peers.**

Here are a few suggestions for the kind of information we're looking for:

- Do you have a job/internship?
- What classes are you taking?
- Have you been involved in a sport? What position do you play and how did your team do?
- Have you been involved in anything musical or theatrical? Any performances, productions, or events?
- Have you done any service learning projects?
- Have you received an award, been recognized, or had any special experience you would like to share?
- Have you done any traveling?

-Would you like to share something important to you that is not listed above?

Send a short 3-5 sentence paragraph to [simoneo@cds-sf.org](mailto:simoneo@cds-sf.org) with some current highlights and a photo. We look forward to hearing from you.



### **Remembering Joe Cooper**

We were deeply saddened to hear the news recently that Josef Cooper, one of the founders and principal benefactors of Children's Day School, passed away on November 25 after a brief illness. Joe was the husband of Trustee Emeritus Tracy Kirkham. Joe and Tracy are the parents of three CDS alumni: Gillian, Class of 2007; and Greer and Sydney, both Class of 2012. Joe and Tracy were the leaders of a group of parents, trustees, and educators who founded Children's Day School as a non-profit to nourish and celebrate diversity and promote justice and respect for all people.

For so many years, Joe and Tracy have been loyal supporters of the school, and all of us here would like to express our condolences to Tracy and the entire family. Children's Day School would not be what it is today without the profound leadership, vision, and generosity of Joe Cooper. The entire community wishes to express our gratitude for Joe's support and for the mark he left at CDS. We have established a Joe Cooper Memorial Fund to continue the spirit of Joe's generosity to the school, to find out more visit our [website](#).

A celebration of Joe's life will be held on January 17, 2019, at 1pm at San Francisco's Temple Emanu-El. For more information, please email [joecoopermemorial@gmail.com](mailto:joecoopermemorial@gmail.com). Joe's obituary can be viewed [here](#).

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### **Stay Connected!**

Stay in touch, we want to hear from you! Please email Simone Octigan, our Annual Fund and Events Manager, at [simoneo@cds-sf.org](mailto:simoneo@cds-sf.org), to give us feedback, update your contact information, sign up to volunteer, or just say hello! And now you can tweet, post and message your updates on our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#) pages!