

Pacific Primary

A Nurturing and Creative School for Children

Pacific Primary has provided a dynamic learning environment for children, ages 2 ½ through 6, since 1974. With a second campus opening in 2008, just across the street, more children will thrive in Pacific Primary's loving, child centered setting with an emphasis on the creative arts and learning experiences that nurture self-confidence and self-expression. Pacific Primary celebrates diversity: ethnic, racial, cultural, economic, and all types of families including, but not limited to adoptive, gay, lesbian and one or more parent families.

A Place for Families

Pacific Primary was designed to meet the needs of working parents. The school operates year round from 7:30 A.M. to 6:15 P.M. The tuition allows for flexibility of hours and is not prorated. Parents are expected to choose a more limited schedule within this time frame.

Parents are a vital and valued part of the Pacific Primary community. Pacific Primary relies on parent involvement and requires as a minimum:

- Attendance at one Maintenance Day
- Active participation in all fundraising events
- Joining a parent committee

Parents may visit at any time and we welcome families to contribute their talents and skills. We support open communication between parents and staff. Parent-teacher conferences are offered twice a year. Teachers and the Director encourage parents to partner together whenever they have concerns or problems.

Parent Education Workshops are offered throughout the year.

Pacific Primary's Program

Pacific Primary has a team of experienced and skilled teachers who are dedicated to the spirit and philosophy of the school. Pacific Primary provides competitive staff salaries and full benefits.

Pacific Primary offers a curriculum that supports the whole child. Our curriculum is developmentally appropriate and strives to help children develop the dispositions of curiosity and love of learning. Emerging literacy is supported in activities throughout the day. We place strong emphasis on the creative arts – music, movement, dramatic play and expressive arts. Specialists in these fields enhance the program by providing creative expression for all the children in small group settings.

Projects and activities in each class change from year to year based on the evolving interests of a particular group of children, and their teachers, as they work together and explore topics in depth. Teachers pay particular attention to helping children develop problem-solving skills and the ability to cooperate with each other. Graduates of Pacific Primary are well prepared for the challenges of academic education and are successful in both public and independent schools.

Meals: A nutritious breakfast, hot lunch, and snacks are served. Our family-style meals include organic fruits, vegetables and grains.

Field Trips: San Francisco's unique community is an important resource for our school. Classes explore the city through field trips that enhance classroom curriculum and provide depth to project work.



Admissions

We seek a diverse population of children and parents for the Pacific Primary community.

Children must be at least 2½ and toilet-ready by the time they start school.

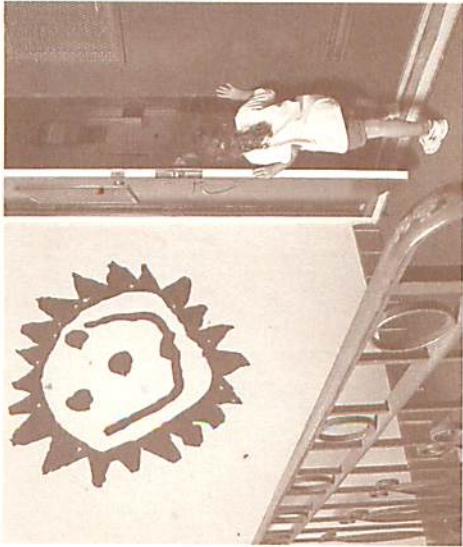
Applications must be submitted prior to visiting the school. Due to limited space, applications submitted after November 1 may not be considered for the school year that begins the following September. Applications are accepted throughout the year and children may be accepted at any time there is an opening. However, openings generally occur only in September. We are committed to tuition assistance and tuition assistance applications are available upon request.

School tours are designed to provide information about the school's philosophy, curriculum and program. Tours are scheduled in December, January and early February in the morning and are for adult family members only.

Tuition assistance applications are due by mid-February. A fact sheet with additional information regarding our tuition assistance program is also available.

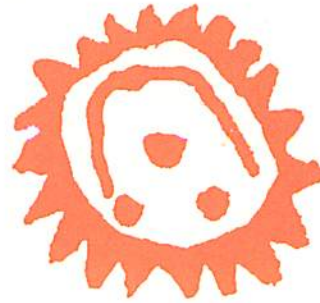
Letters of acceptance are sent at the end of February for the new school year that begins in September.





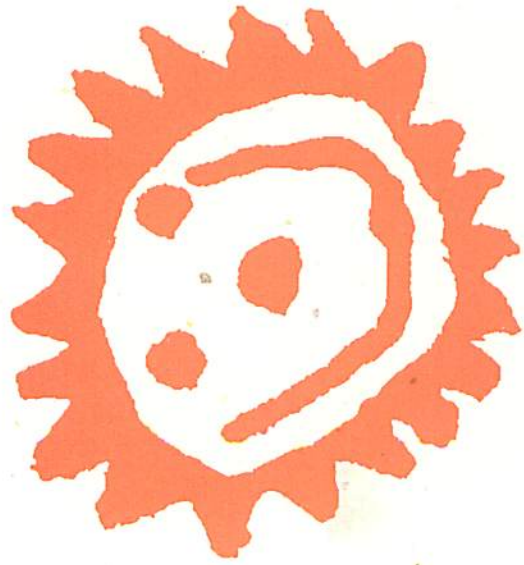
A School with a History of Commitment and Community Involvement

Pacific Primary, located in the culturally diverse Western Addition neighborhood, celebrates its 30th year in the fall of 2004. The school was founded by Mary Bodo, our first Director, and a group of parents who saw the need for a school with a strong creative arts curriculum and a full day program. Today, that commitment to children, creativity and diversity remains a cornerstone of Pacific Primary's philosophy.



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