

The staff at Ho-Ho-Kus School is a dedicated team of outstanding educators who understand the needs of children. We work together to create a warm and nurturing environment while we challenge students to learn, grow, and mature into caring young adults. The key to successful teaching is collaboration which is one of the reasons we believe in the team philosophy. Our school is a family and we support each other every day.

The parents of Ho-Ho-Kus are also important members of the school family. Our success is reliant upon the unwavering support of the community, led by the volunteers in our Home School Association and Education Foundation. Our parents are dedicated to enriching the lives of our children. Together we embrace student learning that prepares all of our children for the future.

Our focus is that all students achieve educational excellence through a rich curriculum and respectful atmosphere. With the help of the community, inspiring teachers and a commitment to character and excellence, we are devoted to preparing our students to be contributors and leaders in the world. I encourage you to explore the individual teacher web pages to read more about course offerings, academic programs, and extra-curricular activities. This year we look forward to implementing new initiatives such as Zensational Kids- giving our students the tools to deal with stress and conflict, and Peaceful Playground- intended to maximize the number of students involved in physical activity in a positive and productive way. Our one-to-one Chromebook initiative for 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders provides the opportunity to work where time and distance no longer create barriers, and students can access the world around them in an instant.

I am honored to be a part of the Ho-Ho-Kus School family and look forward to working with all members of this wonderful community.

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