

As an educational leader in your community I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Debbie MacDonald and I am the new principal at the Phoenix Elementary and Middle school. I have spent over 20 years as an educator and leader in the California public school system and I am very excited about the unique educational experience children are receiving at Phoenix School.

I know from experience that many families are becoming frustrated with the increasing class sizes, budget cuts and layoffs of quality teachers in our public school system. I joined Phoenix Schools because I am passionate about providing a strong educational foundation during a child's formative years. We need to prepare our children for the future and I am excited that an innovative educational experience is affordable and available outside of our public schools.

Quite simply, the Phoenix School provides the education your child deserves. Many parents of potential students may ask about the difference between a public and a private elementary school. With our class sizes ranging from only 17-21 students, we are able to go beyond the base curriculum and provide individualized attention to help each student learn based on his or her strengths and needs. Our defined educational philosophy, curriculum and life skills program produces students who have the skills to become leaders who excel academically. The elementary and middle school years are the most critical years in a child's education. By helping a child develop a sense of integrity, a strong work ethic, and by infusing confidence, our students learn that through personal responsibility, they will have the skills necessary for continued success in their own learning.

While we can show you how our standardized test scores and total instructional hours exceed that of the public schools, probably the best way to understand the true difference of private education is to visit our school and allow me to introduce myself and our teachers. Between now and the start of the fall semester in August we are hosting weekly open houses so you can truly see what your child can experience each day. Our weekly open houses are from 4:00-6:00 every Thursday afternoon. You can also schedule a time to visit that works best with your schedule. Please call 916.226.9966 to schedule your visit.

I look forward to meeting your family. As always, if there are any questions you have as you consider your child's academic future, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

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