

the Wolf School



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Spotlight on Training

International Expert Michelle Garcia Winner Visits Wolf



Michelle Garcia Winner signs one of her many books for a Wolf fan!

"This is a very healthy school," said Michelle Garcia Winner during a recent visit to The Wolf School. "I love the way you are integrating social and academic lessons, and it is clear that kids feel good in their classrooms."

Social Thinking® was coined by California based Michelle Garcia Winner as a way to teach why, when and how to use social skills. For most of us, this is intuitive, but for individuals with social-cognitive challenges, even simple actions cause confusion.

After a tour of all the classrooms, Ms. Winner met with parents for a Q&A. She was then available for a staff professional day, providing feedback about her observations and answering specific staff questions. She also presented some new materials her clinic is developing and shared other

resources from colleagues in the field.

"This was an amazing opportunity for Wolf," said Amanda Dair, Wolf's Social Emotional Educator. "Michelle Garcia Winner is like a Rock Star to our staff! We implement her work here everyday."

The beauty of Michelle's work is that, similar to our approach, it targets improving social behavior regardless of diagnostic label," said Rosy Granoff, Director of Admissions. "We were thrilled she could take time from her incredibly busy schedule to visit Wolf and facilitate our professional development day."



Michelle Garcia Winner (center) and The Wolf School Staff

Spotlight on Movement

New Research Supports the Wolf Way

Recently there has been increased media attention on research that demonstrates a connection between physical activity and improved cognitive performance in children. We have seen articles and blog posts surface in [The Washington Post](#), [The New York Times](#) and [The Atlantic](#).



East Bay News talked to our Director of Research, Lise Faulise, and our Occupational Therapy Supervisor, Kelly McDonald, to learn what we were doing in this arena. They discovered Move To Learn has been part of the Wolf way since its inception. Read the full story [here](#).

Spotlight on Families

Middle School Lounge Gets Facelift



Above: Chris Schweich (left) and Emily McKenney (right), Class of 2013, return to visit Wolf and check out the new updated lounge in the Middle School.

Right: The beautifully renovated Middle School lounge

Many thanks to the families of our last year's eighth grade graduates and grandparents of graduate Chris Schweich, Marilyn Gordon and Martin Flink, for their generous gifts to remodel the Middle School lounge. This area is a favorite of our students and home to beloved turtle Phil. It is now a bright and cheery place to hangout with friends. We can't thank you enough!



Join Us

Are you...

or someone you know interested in learning more about The Wolf School? Save the date now for our **Open House** on Sunday, December 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

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