

Dear Parents,

For almost 39 years, The Towne Creek School has been a staple in the Fort Bend community as a private, independently owned program of the highest quality. We continually strive to enhance ongoing programs as well as create new experiences for the children. With the devotion and commitment of our staff, we have been able to keep our program strong amidst the great challenges of COVID and its variants.

I believe that our program is comparable to any high-quality program that offers a balanced, enriched curriculum, experienced teachers, excellent child/staff ratios, extracurricular activities, a focus on social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills, a family environment, a team approach between staff and parents, and an environment of creativity, curiosity, and joy of learning. Our staff longevity, family longevity, flexibility of programs offered, low staff-child ratios, and our 39 years of experience set us apart from many programs in the area.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING STAFF

As you know, the staff is the key to a great school. We have many staff who have been here over 15 years, 10 years, a few over 20, with impressive teaching backgrounds and experience. Like so many other businesses, it is very difficult to find applicants that are a good fit for the positions here. In our pursuit of attracting and retaining excellent staff, we offer a positive atmosphere in which to work, as well as medical insurance, dental, vision, life insurance, paid time off, and a new retirement plan. Salaries in our industry have got to increase if we are to retain excellent teachers, assistants, and administrative staff.

COMPARING TUITION

I highly encourage you to take a look at the spreadsheet attached showing tuition rates in Fort Bend County as well as Houston. On this spreadsheet, two of the programs in Fort Bend County are corporate franchises, and the other programs listed are not. In addition to tuition, many of these schools are subsidized by a religious institution or an annual giving campaign. Many charge extra for the morning extracurricular activities, which are included in our tuition. And many charge extra for payment plans vs. a one-time annual payment.

TUITION INCREASE

As long as we continue to offer the program on which we've always prided ourselves, we can't ignore the rise in the cost of living and inflation rate. Typically, our tuition has increased 2 to 4 percent, while the inflation rate was 7 to 8 percent the past several years, excluding 2020. Although our increase is higher for the 2022-2023 school year, you will see that our tuition is still much lower than many high-quality schools.

You can be assured that we will continue to provide a program of the highest quality, and the most optimal learning environment for our children. I thank you for your support, encouragement, and loyalty throughout these wondrous years.

Sincerely,

Judy Feinstein

Owner / Executive Director