

# Summer at Peninsula School



SESSION I JUNE 27 – JULY 15, 2011

SESSION II JULY 18 – AUGUST 5, 2011



Peninsula School was founded in 1925 by a group of parents seeking a more child-centered approach to education. In a warm, relaxed environment we foster independence and a joy of learning. The curriculum is rich in choices and responsive to children's interests.

At Peninsula there is time for play, work, quiet contemplation, and making friends. Play is an essential tool for learning and is an especially valuable part of Summer School. Our wooded six-acre campus is a child's delight with trees to climb, rope swings, and large, unpaired open spaces.

Please contact Terra Miller or Jennifer Dew for more information about the Summer School program. For information concerning enrollment for the school year, please contact Mary Lou Lacinia, our Admissions Director. Terra, Jennifer and Mary Lou can be reached at (650) 325-1584, or by email: [summer@peninsulaschool.org](mailto:summer@peninsulaschool.org), [jennifer@peninsulaschool.org](mailto:jennifer@peninsulaschool.org), [marylou@peninsulaschool.org](mailto:marylou@peninsulaschool.org).

*In summer, the song sings itself.*

William Carlos Williams



Applications may be submitted at any time. Classes fill up quickly and space is limited. We encourage prospective Summer School students to turn applications in as early as possible. An application for each child is required and must include a \$100 per session deposit. Applications are processed in the order received. Enrollment priority is given to currently enrolled Peninsula students (priority ends on March 14), returning Summer School students (priority ends on March 21), and siblings of returning students (priority ends on March 22). We continue to receive applications and enroll students in classes where space is available up to the first day of each session. The deposit and tuition are non-refundable unless a class is cancelled or has been filled. Whenever possible, classes are balanced with children who attend Peninsula during the school year and children new to Peninsula, as well as an equal number of boys and girls. Please use a separate application (or copy) for each child. Return applications to:

Peninsula Summer School  
920 Peninsula Way  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

The fees for all Summer School classes are lower for currently enrolled Peninsula School students than for students coming from other schools. The different fees are designated as Peninsula for currently enrolled students and as General for students from other schools.

Enrollment verification, balance due notification, and emergency forms will be sent out after March 31. Full payment for both Session I and Session II must be received by May 4. The Summer School staff reserves the right to change class groupings and teaching staff when necessary.

With expectations of a wonderful summer,

*Terra*

Terra Miller  
Summer School Director



## SUMMER NURSERY

SESSION I & SESSION II

Faga Misa & Michael Fredrickson

Ages: 3-4\*, M-F 9:00-1:00

Peninsula: \$350 each session

Come play, sing, dance, make, create, hear wonderful stories, and just have fun in a loving, delightful, and peaceful environment while making new friends and continuing friendships from the school year.

*\*Please note: This class is for current Peninsula nursery students and new Peninsula nursery students entering in the fall. Children must be 3 years old by May 31 and toilet-trained – no diapers or pull-ups.*

## SUMMER WONDER

SESSION I & SESSION II

Chyerl Hoshida & Camerina Lozano-Aceves

Ages: 5-6, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$405 each session

Peninsula: \$350 each session

Together we will make new friends and keep the old; we will play, sing songs, and explore artistic interests. We will listen to stories and perhaps write stories of our own. We will experiment with different languages, make potions, play games, build volcanoes in the sandbox, and explore our natural outdoor play area. Each day we'll eat our snacks and lunches together in the shade of the trees.

## SUMMER BREEZE

SESSION I & SESSION II

Norina Miller & Gina Giarmo

Ages: 5-6, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$405 each session

Peninsula: \$350 each session

Join us this summer as we enjoy days full of play and discovery! Come dig in the sand and play with water, weave, build, draw or dance, and explore many more fun activities, indoors and outdoors. You might paint an illustration for a story or help build a class volcano experiment. Each day will include a snack and stories, lunchtime together, sharing, singing, and options for games and projects. There will be plenty of time for making friends and spontaneous play in a relaxed, caring environment.

## PEGASUS

SESSION I & SESSION II

Melanie Carvalho & Patty Moran

Ages: 6-7, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$405 each session

Peninsula: \$350 each session

Summer takes wing as we explore the wide world around us through creative arts, games, and activities. We'll have so much to choose from: we might cook, make beaded animals, or create collages. Or perhaps we'll decide to explore the world of fairy tales through imaginary play, art projects, sculptures, and storytelling. We'll share all the fun and excitement that summer brings while we make new friends, create fun works of art, learn new games, sing and listen to music from all over the world, and play together!

## EXPLORING ANIMALS & NATURE

SESSION I & SESSION II

Nancy Leech & Patrick Moran

Ages: 6-8, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$490 each session

Peninsula: \$435 each session

We'll explore the world of earth's animals and nature through games, crafts, stories, and songs. Old friends and new will enjoy learning about animal tracks, habitats, insects, birds, and farm animals. We might build our own creatures out of wood, or sew them as a pillow, plant some seeds, and meet animals from Nancy's farm. Peninsula's six acres of trees, bushes, and open space will provide us areas in which to study and play. Join us for these fun activities and nature explorations!

## SUMMER FUN

SESSION I

Elizabeth de Rham & Emilly Prado

SESSION II

Elizabeth de Rham & Damien Johanson

Ages: 7-8, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$405 each session

Peninsula: \$350 each session

Get lots of fresh air and enjoy mornings full of fun projects, exploring, and time to choose your own activities. We'll play a game together each day, and we'll settle in together for great projects. We might illustrate stories, paint a mural, work with beads or fabrics, cook up something delicious, or create nature art. Bring extra clothes for water play and sandbox cities, and bring your imagination for your own project ideas. There will be lots of time for day-dreaming, block building, climbing trees, and just relaxing while we eat our lunches and enjoy each other's company.



## MORNING CLASSES

### KALEIDOSCOPE

SESSION I & SESSION II

Martha Cortez & Livy Siegel

Ages: 8-10, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$405 each session

Peninsula: \$350 each session

We will draw upon different cultures for unique craft and art ideas, stories, and yummy cooking projects. We'll enjoy great games together, playing some old favorites and learning fun new ones. We will design and create a cityscape or a gardenscape – the sky's the limit. There will be plenty of time to dig in the sand, cool off in the water, climb a tree, daydream, and relax with old and new friends.

### CREATIVE DELIGHT

SESSION I & SESSION II

Yoseph Thomas & Annika McPeck-Bechtold

Ages: 8 & up, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$490 each session

Peninsula: \$435 each session

This is a class for anyone who loves to use their imagination and creativity. We will discover our artistic souls through a wide variety of activities, including drawing, beading, painting, sculpting, and drama. There will be time each day to work in the clay room. We will brainstorm ideas for cool creative projects we'd like to do as a whole group. A lot depends on your interests. There will also be time for hanging out, listening to music, and playing games. Join us in making this a summer to remember!

### SUMMER SEWING

SESSION I ONLY

Karen Garrison

Ages: 9 & up, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$530 each session

Peninsula: \$455 each session

With lots of one-on-one help, you will learn how to use sewing machines and also how to sew by hand to make all kinds of things. You will learn about fabrics and patterns: how to choose them, buy them, cut out a project, and sew it up. There will also be ample time to share ideas and creations, play games, hang out, and enjoy our lunches together.

### DO IT YOURSELF (DIY)

SESSION II ONLY

Peggy Klein & Kathy Alberts

Ages 8-12

General: \$490 each session

Peninsula: \$435 each session

Do you like building and making things as much as playing and hanging out? While we enjoy the days of summer, we'll make real food, real fun, and use real life skills to do projects that might take more time than we have during the school year. We'll find out how things are made by making them. We will cook, construct, and sew, and make other things from scratch, such as games, toys, or books. Maybe we will exercise our creativity planning meals, inventing new games, or redesigning garments. We can do take-apart, and put-together. What inspires you?

### SUMMER THEATER GROUP

DOUBLE SESSION (ALL SIX WEEKS)

Aaron Zonka & Harriet Humphries

Ages: 9 & up, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$810 for the double session

Peninsula: \$700 for the double session

Join us in the production of a play from the bottom up! We will adapt a play of the group's choice, design scenery, lighting, and costumes, and during the last week of Summer School give performances for other Summer School classes, friends and family. We will begin each day with warm ups and theater games, then practice the play and work on developing characters. There will also be time to relax, do a little improv, play some outdoor games, and enjoy lunch together.

### THE EXPERIMENTAL ANIMATION PROJECT

SESSION I & SESSION II

Travis Lacina

Ages: 10 & up, M-F 9:00-1:00

General: \$490 each session

Peninsula: \$435 each session

Imagine your drawings coming to life and moving on the page, or that the clay creatures made with your own hands are running around on the tabletop! Animation is how this "magic" happens. Each of us will need to bring a lot of concentration and patience to the process, and our reward will be seeing our creations come to life. We will look at many examples for inspiration, and learn a variety of animation techniques involving cartoons, common everyday objects, and even other students. We'll share our ideas and experiment with different techniques before forming into the small groups that will work together on our final animation projects.



**AFTERNOON ADVENTURE MON, WED, FRI**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Norina Miller &amp; Gina Giarmo

Ages: 5-6, M, W &amp; F 1:00-3:00

General: \$140 each session

Peninsula: \$120 each session

We will have lots of time to enjoy making friends, learning, and playing together. You might play dress-up, build with blocks, paint a picture, or play outdoors. You might join a game of red light-green light or enjoy working on a project like animal masks or parachutes. Every day we'll gather together for sharing and stories. There will be plenty of time for relaxed imaginative play and each afternoon we will enjoy a healthy snack together.

**SUMMER FIESTA**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Patty Moran &amp; Romina Arciniega

Ages: 5-7, M, W &amp; F 1:00-3:00

General: \$140 each session

Peninsula: \$120 each session

¡Hola! Bienvenidos a la Fiesta del Verano (Welcome to the Summer Party). We are going to have fun playing games, singing songs, and learning how to count – all in Spanish! You will learn the basic Spanish greetings, phrases, expressions, and vocabulary. We will enjoy making and eating empanadas, tortillas, and arroz con leche. You are invited to the Fiesta!

**TREASURE TIME**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Melanie Carvalho &amp; Harriet Humphries

Ages: 6-7, M, W &amp; F 1:00-3:00

General: \$140 each session

Peninsula: \$120 each session

Do you love dragons and fairies? How about dinosaurs, elves and pirates? Let's make up games, read stories, sing songs, and tell jokes. Let's dress-up and play make-believe. Let's explore and play outside in the warm sunshine and the shade of the big trees. Let's create art and craft projects about our favorite make-believe creatures and prehistoric giants. Perhaps we'll put on a short play or create a treasure hunt. Let's enjoy our summer days together!

**ANIMAL FRIENDS**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Nancy Leech &amp; Patrick Moran

Ages: 6-8, M, W &amp; F 1:00-3:00

General: \$170 each session

Peninsula: \$150 each session

In this class you will learn about all kinds of animals and how they live and grow. We will experience up close what it is like to raise and care for farm animals, visiting with animal "guests" from Nancy's farm. You'll choose your favorites from the animal kingdom to study and explore through art and craft projects, stories, and games. And all the while we'll enjoy the company of one another!

**GAMES GALORE**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Morgan Aitken-Young &amp; Livy Siegel

Ages: 7-10 M, W &amp; F 1:00-3:00

General: \$140 each session

Peninsula: \$120 each session

Do you enjoy math games, puzzles, running and hiding games, drawing games, board games, card games, and more? Do you love both indoor and outdoor games? In this class you may learn a new favorite, or teach us your old favorite that we might not know. Make new friends while sharing your love of games and playing.



**WHAT'S COOKING?**

SESSION I ONLY (SEE TUESDAY, THURSDAY FOR SESSION II)  
Emilly Prado

Ages: 7-10, M, W & F 1:00-3:00  
General: \$170 each session  
Peninsula: \$150 each session

Do you ever wonder how to make the foods you and your family and friends love to eat? Are you an experienced young cook? Or are you new to cooking but love to learn and love food? In this class we will learn how real food is cooked. We'll learn the terms and techniques used by real chefs. We will try a wide variety of delicious recipes from all over the world. We will enjoy working together and tasting our creations every day. Amaze your family and friends with your new culinary skills!

**SEWING BY HAND**

SESSION II ONLY  
Kathy Alberts

Ages: 7 & up, M, W & F 1:00-3:00  
General: \$170 each session  
Peninsula: \$150 each session

Let's do some creative projects using fabric, stuffing, decorations, interesting old things, and our own hands. We'll use hand-sewing techniques to create simple sewing projects. You'll learn to make your own patterns and design your own stuffie. Bring your imagination!

**IT'S ALL ABOUT DRAWING**

SESSION I & II  
Aaron Zonka

Ages: 8 & up, M, W & F 1:00-3:00  
General: \$170 each session  
Peninsula: \$150 each session

Do you love to draw? In this class we will draw from life as well as our imaginations. We will find inspiration by studying examples of other artists' drawings, from realism to comics and cartoons. Students will be encouraged to develop their own styles and to experiment with new ideas and new materials. Each day we'll also take time to kick back and play a game or two.

**THE ART OF GAMES**

SESSION I & SESSION II  
Damien Johanson

Ages: 8 & up, M, W & F 1:00-3:00  
General: \$140 each session  
Peninsula: \$120 each session

You love playing games of all sorts, and you love creating things that might be interesting, beautiful, funny, inventive, detailed and unique. Together we will explore the possibilities of creating our own games, both indoors and out. We'll invent clever treasure hunts and mysteries that will take us all over the school. We'll use our powers of invention and artistry to create card and board games and then have fun playing them together. We'll play some outdoor games and try innovating new versions to spark a sensation throughout summer school. Let's see just how much of our own fun we can create together!

**SUMMER CLAY**

SESSION I & SESSION II  
Yoseph Thomas

Ages: 9 & up, M, W & F 1:00-3:00  
General: \$170 each session  
Peninsula: \$150 each session

We will have a great time using our imaginations to create projects to make just for fun, and end up with amazing things to keep. We will learn and expand on specific ceramic techniques including use of the potter's wheel in an atmosphere that is playful and inspiring. We'll each design and create a final project to take home, using some of the techniques we've learned. Each day we'll take some time to hang out, have a snack or play a game outside together.

**PRETTY NIFTY MINI-MYSTERIES**

SESSION I & SESSION II  
Travis Lacina

Ages: 9 & up, M, W & F 1:00-3:00  
General: \$140 each session  
Peninsula: \$120 each session

A fictional crime has been committed! A master criminal has made away with precious goods! You have only nine days to solve the mystery and bring the culprit to justice! Come help us solve the case, as you are the detective. In this game, which is a cross between mystery solving board games and a scavenger hunt, players will need to solve puzzles, play indoor and outdoor games, work as a team, collect clues, and interact with "suspects" in order to discover who has committed the "crime". Students familiar with the Pretty Nifty Mystery Project from previous summers should know that Pretty Nifty Mini-Mysteries will be a similar, but very scaled down version of the morning class, with both familiar and new elements.





# CLASS REGISTRATION

**SESSION I**  
JUNE 27 - JULY 15

*Classes fill very quickly. Please indicate a second and third choice for each class.*

## SESSION I MORNING CLASSES

	TUITION
CLASS TITLE	
1ST CHOICE	
2ND CHOICE	
3RD CHOICE	

## SESSION I AFTERNOON CLASSES: MON, WED, FRI

	TUITION
CLASS TITLE	
1ST CHOICE	
2ND CHOICE	
3RD CHOICE	

## SESSION I AFTERNOON CLASSES: TUES, THURS

	TUITION
CLASS TITLE	
1ST CHOICE	
2ND CHOICE	
3RD CHOICE	

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_



# CLASS REGISTRATION

**SESSION II**  
**JULY 18 – AUGUST 5**

*Classes fill very quickly. Please indicate a second and third choice for each class.*

## SESSION II MORNING CLASSES

	TUITION
CLASS TITLE	
1ST CHOICE	
2ND CHOICE	
3RD CHOICE	

## SESSION II AFTERNOON CLASSES: MON, WED, FRI

	TUITION
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## SESSION II AFTERNOON CLASSES: TUES, THURS

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# APPLICATION

Please check all boxes that apply to your child:

- Currently enrolled in Peninsula School for Fall 2011 (enrollment priority ends March 14)
- Returning Peninsula Summer School student (enrollment priority ends March 21)
- Sibling of returning Summer School student (enrollment priority ends March 22)
- New to Peninsula Summer School for Summer 2011
- Application submitted to Peninsula for Fall 2011

Previous summer school or camp experience:

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Has your child been tested or referred for academic, social or emotional difficulties or learning differences? If yes, please explain.

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Has your child received special services? If yes, please explain.

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Is your child taking routinely prescribed medications? If yes, please explain.

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Does your child require supplementary aids or services?

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Any additional notes or concerns?

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How did you hear about Peninsula School?

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Will your child be on vacation during a portion of summer school?                      Yes      No

If yes, what dates?

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Will your child be walking or biking to Summer School unaccompanied by an adult?                      Yes                      No                      Occasionally

***Please note that we cannot accommodate 'group with' requests. Parents are advised to make arrangements with the parents of their child/ren's friends to apply for the same classes. Though every attempt is made to place children in their first choices, it is not always possible due to limited space in classes. Friends with the same class requests will not necessarily be placed in classes together.***



**AFTERNOON ADVENTURE TUE, THU**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Gina Giarmo &amp; Melanie Carvalho

Ages: 5-6, T &amp; Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$120 each session

Peninsula: \$105 each session

We will have lots of time to enjoy making friends, learning, and playing together. You might play dress-up, build with blocks, paint a picture, or play outdoors. You might join a game of red light-green light or enjoy working on a project like animal masks or parachutes. Every day we'll gather together for sharing and stories. There will be plenty of time for relaxed imaginative play and each afternoon we will enjoy a healthy snack together.

**HOP, BOP & SLIDE**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Norina Miller &amp; Morgan Aitken-Young

Ages: 5-7, T &amp; Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$120 each session

Peninsula: \$105 each session

In this movement and dance class we will create rhythms and sounds, exciting pathways through space, characters that interact physically, and much, much more. We'll learn some modern dance techniques to keep our bodies safe as we spin, stomp, jump and speed across the floor. We'll also take inspiration from many dance forms (Hip Hop, African forms, Ballet, yoga...). We might experiment by moving through space with scarves, balls and ribbons, or we might move like animals, robots, and creatures of our imaginations. When we're not in the studio, we'll listen to stories while enjoying a snack.

**GAME ON!**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Patty Moran &amp; Romina Arciniega

Ages: 6-8, T &amp; Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$120 each session

Peninsula: \$105 each session

There are so many kinds of games to play while making new friends. There are indoor games and outdoor games. There are math games, puzzles, running and hiding games, drawing games, board games, card games, and more. You might know a great game we've never even heard of! If you love friends and games and playing for-the-fun-of-it, join us – Game On!

**IT'S GROWING**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Nancy Leech &amp; Patrick Moran

Ages: 6-8, T &amp; Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$145 each session

Peninsula: \$130 each session

All plants and animals grow! We'll plant seeds and watch them sprout, then plant them in our class garden or take them home to grow. We'll learn to identify different plants and seeds we find as we hunt around the whole school. Fruits and vegetables come from plants, so we'll prepare and cook some old favorites and try out some new and unusual ones. We'll also visit with the animals from Nancy's farm and use plants and natural materials for fun art and craft projects. Find out how great the green world can be!

**FUN WITH CLAY**

SESSION I &amp; SESSION II

Yoseph Thomas &amp; Annika McPeck-Bechtold

Ages: 7-9, T &amp; Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$145 each session

Peninsula: \$130 each session

Whether making something to refine and keep or just to smash and re-form, working with clay is lots of fun. We'll make animals, faces, fairies, islands, dragons, pinch pots, doll house accessories, spaceships and more - with clay, the possibilities are truly limitless! From drying to firing to glazing, every step is miraculous. We'll also head outside each day to swing on the rope swing or play a game together.





## X MARKS THE SPOT

SESSION I

Elizabeth de Rham

SESSION II

Livy Siegel

Ages: 7-10, T & Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$120 each session

Peninsula: \$105 each session

Discover the world of maps, and explore the world with maps! We will make treasure maps, maps of Peninsula School hot spots, maps of imaginary worlds, and we'll work on an archaeological dig project. We will work indoors and outdoors, in 2-D and 3-D, with our hands, brains and our imaginations. Come find out how far the world of maps can take us!

## WHAT'S COOKING?

SESSION II ONLY (SEE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

FOR SESSION I)

Elizabeth de Rham

Ages: 7-10, T & Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$145 each session

Peninsula: \$130 each session

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## MULTI-MEDIA ARTS

SESSION I & SESSION II

Damien Johanson

Ages: 8 & up, T & Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$145 each session

Peninsula: \$130 each session

Come explore the creative world through the multitude of methods. Draw, paint, sculpt, write, read, listen and even make music. We'll approach the world around us through various expressive projects aiming at introducing new and exciting ways to look and live in the world. Learn to use your eyes, ears, mouth, hands and nose in new and creative ways. Whether it is personal inspiration, guided projects, or play in the excitement of summer, we will strive to celebrate everyday through artful approach and appreciation.

## LET'S MAKE ZINES!

SESSION I ONLY

Emily Prado

Ages: 9 & up, T & Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$120 each session

Peninsula: \$105 each session

Together we will work to construct our own zines – intricate, handmade mini-magazines featuring topics we feel passionate about. Perhaps we'll create collages, poetry, or comic strips. We'll look at already-published zines for inspiration and develop our artistic and creative writing skills. Each day we will also take a break from "zinestering" to go outside and play a game together. In the end, we'll share our zines with each other and celebrate our works of art with a gallery-like party!





## DRAMA-O-RAMA

SESSION I & SESSION II

Harriet Humphries

Ages: 9 & up, T & Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$120 each session

Peninsula: \$105 each session

Spend the afternoon playing drama games and practicing improvisation! We'll create our own characters and use them in funny scenes with other people, making up the stories as we go along. We'll work on different voices, different walks, and different attitudes that will make your characters come to life. We'll also learn a few stage-fighting techniques that we can use in our scenes. We'll put on skits for each other and explore how acting comes naturally.

## SPORTS & GAMES

SESSION I & SESSION II

Travis Lacina

Ages: 9 & up, T & Th 1:00-3:00

General: \$120 each session

Peninsula: \$105 each session

It's summer, let's go outside! Come escape the indoors with us! We'll play loads of games and sports, as well as sharpen our skills and enjoy the talents of others. The quality of our afternoons will be based on how much we sweat and smile, not on whether we win or lose. In addition to the games we already know such as basketball, soccer, volleyball and capture the flag, we will learn and play some new games you all bring to the class. So come play!

**CAMERINA LOZANO-ACEVES** has been at Peninsula as a parent, caretaker, childcare teacher, kindergarten assistant, and Summer School teacher for seventeen years. Besides teaching and working, Camerina enjoys sewing, cooking, gardening, and helping children learn Spanish, her native language.

**MORGAN AITKEN-YOUNG** graduated from Peninsula in 2005 and currently attends UC San Diego where she is majoring in Literature and Writing, with a minor in Ancient Greek. She enjoys working with children, exploring the outdoors, playing any sport, and doing arts and crafts. Morgan has worked at Peninsula and other summer camps with young kids for seven years.

**KATHY ALBERTS** has been part of Peninsula for twenty years as a parent, classroom assistant, and childcare teacher. She has a BA in Anthropology from the University of Maine and studied for several semesters in Stanford University's Education department. Kathy loves traditional crafts, hiking, and cooking with wild foods.

**ROMINA ARCINIEGA** graduated from Peninsula School in 2006, and from Sacred Heart Preparatory High School in 2010. She is currently attending the University of San Francisco, majoring in Chemistry. This past year Romina has volunteered at the UCSF Children's Hospital, and loved her work there. Her other passions include the outdoors, traveling, spending time with children, and Mexican food!

**MELANIE CARVALHO** is Peninsula's Seventh Grade teacher and always enjoys the opportunity to work with younger students during summer school. She enjoys reading and storytelling, puzzles and games, learning about other cultures and languages, art in its many forms, and being active outdoors.



## TEACHING STAFF

**MARTHA CORTEZ** has been active in a teaching capacity either during the regular school year as an assistant teacher and/or head teacher in Summer School for about twenty years. She has two daughters and a granddaughter who are all Peninsula alumni. Martha earned her degree at San Francisco State with a focus on Ethnic Studies. Her interests include a diverse passion for cooking with kids, gardening, sports, nature, dance, learning new crafts, and American Indian studies.

**ELIZABETH DE RHAM** currently teaches a fabulous bunch of 9th and 10th graders at a public school in San Francisco. She has worked with young people of all ages, as a nanny, tutor, non-profit educator, and teacher; she recently completed her Masters and Teaching Credential at Stanford's Teacher Education Program. Elizabeth taught Summer School here last year and loved being part of the Peninsula community! When she's not hanging out with kids, Elizabeth likes to cook, develop her canning skills, watch movies, play soccer, knit, and do craft projects.

**MICHAEL FREDRICKSON** has an Associate of Arts degree in Child Development. He grew up on a Mid-western farm and then traveled abroad as an au pair for several European families. For the past three years he has been working at Peninsula School where he teaches in the Childcare program and regularly substitutes in the Nurseries.

**KAREN GARRISON** started sewing with her mom while in elementary school. Since then she's seldom been without a needle (for sewing, knitting, or embroidery). Karen has been a Peninsula parent, classroom assistant and substitute for twelve years.

**GINA GIARMO** has been in love with Peninsula School for years! She attended Summer School every year since the age of four, and has worked here every year since graduating eighth grade. Her experiences here have inspired her to pursue a career in child psychology. This Fall Gina will transfer from Cabrillo College to UC Santa Cruz as a Psychology major. She looks forward to another great summer at Peninsula where she will delight in seeing children enjoy the fun-loving spirit here.

**CHYERL HOSHIDA** enjoys the universal playfulness and sense of wonder in children. She has taught children in diverse settings for about 30 years, the last eighteen here at Peninsula School. Chyerl has traveled from Paris to Istanbul and worked as an au pair in France. She enjoys French, art, yoga, knitting, sewing, and reading.



**HARRIET HUMPHRIES** is a Psychology major, Sociology minor at Southern Oregon University. She has worked at Peninsula in the summer for many years and enjoys it very much. Harriet's hobbies include theater, drawing, hula hooping, and many other joyful activities.

**DAMIEN JOHANSON** is a graduate of UC Berkeley with degrees in Art and Philosophy. He has recently returned from travels in Europe and the Americas to pursue a Masters of Fine Art. Damien is looking forward to his fifth year working at Peninsula Summer School.

**PEGGY KLEIN** is the parent of three Peninsula School alumni, and has been a classroom assistant in several classes here for the past thirteen years. She is a credentialed teacher and has taught math in Peninsula's primaries and 5th grade. Summer school is a chance to bring out her favorite craft projects and try new ones that have caught her eye during the school year. Peggy enjoys doing science projects, crafts, and especially cooking with all ages.

**TRAVIS LACINA** is a Peninsula graduate, Class of 1993. He assisted in the 4th grade here for many years, and has taught in Summer School for the past eighteen. Travis is currently attending the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. He is very interested in art and loves drawing, particularly cartooning and animation. Travis enjoys interacting with kids on an artistic level, as well as in sports and games.



NANCY LEECH has been involved in Peninsula as a parent and staff member for about twenty years. She has assisted in the nursery and primary classrooms and taught Summer School. Besides teaching and working with children, she enjoys nature and animals, gardening, travel, cooking, arts and crafts. Nancy runs a small but lively working/educational farm in East Palo Alto.

ANNIKA MCPEEK-BECHTOLD graduated from Peninsula School in 2003. She currently attends Cañada College and will transfer this fall to the University of California to major in American Studies with emphases on Education, Sociology, and Psychology. When not in classes, or creating art projects for children at her job in an after-school childcare program, Annika likes to create pottery, hike, travel, study anthropology, and make art. She looks forward to coming back for her second year in Summer School.

NORINA MILLER graduated from Peninsula School in 1997. In the past nine years she has taught a variety of summer classes at Peninsula, as well as worked both as a primary grade reading and math assistant, and as part of the childcare team. Outside of Peninsula, she's taught performing arts to children in a variety of programs. Norina is currently at the midpoint of completing her teaching credential at Mills College in Oakland, and is very excited to dedicate her summer to Peninsula.

FAGA MISA is a current Peninsula parent, and has been our Childcare Coordinator for the past three years. Summer nursery is an opportunity for her to bring her favorite activities to this age group and to foster new relationships among children and staff. Faga enjoys music, art, sports and volunteering, as she is a leader within the Samoan community of the SF Bay Area.

PATRICK MORAN is a Peninsula alumnus, class of 2005. He graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory in 2009 and is currently a sophomore at the University of Arizona majoring in Marketing with a minor in Spanish. Patrick enjoys playing sports and all other kinds of outdoor activities. He has worked here in Summer School for several years and is excited to come back for another great summer!

PATTY MORAN is the mother of two Peninsula alumni, Jonathan and Patrick. For several years Patty has worked at Peninsula as a nursery and kindergarten assistant, and in the childcare program. She has a deep understanding and appreciation of Peninsula's philosophy and values. Patty enjoys cooking – especially food from her native Bolivia – and teaching children.

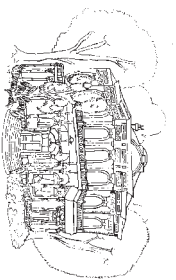
EMILLY PRADO currently attends Portland State University where she studies child development and elementary education. She has worked with children for six years in a variety of settings and this will be her third summer at Peninsula. Emily's passions include traveling, making art, cooking, baking, literature, and her first language, Spanish.

LIVY SIEGEL is a 2001 graduate of Peninsula School and is so excited to be back for her first year of Summer School! She attended UC Davis, where she studied English and Spanish. During the school year, she assists in the 6th grade and pursues her other interests: horseback riding, traveling, and cooking gourmet meals with her siblings.

YOSEPH THOMAS graduated from Peninsula School in 2002. For four years he has worked year-round in Peninsula's Childcare program, as well as in Summer School. Besides working with kids, Yoseph enjoys playing sports, drawing, working with clay, and solving puzzles.

AARON ZONKA is a Peninsula graduate who has taught in the Summer Theater class for the past ten years. He attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts where he studied art history, painting, drawing, and illustration. He is now a freelance portrait artist and illustrator in San Francisco. Aaron is a fun-loving person; his interests include music, environmental activism, drama, and drawing, drawing, drawing!





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