



San Diego Cooperative Charter School  
we never seen public schools like these ones! 2001->BEYOND

 Happily

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Newton-Middle School teacher at  
S for 12 years.

Chiba-SDCCS Alumni. Graduated  
2012.

Villanueva-SDCCS Alumni.  
Graduated June 2012

ish-SDCCS Alumni. Graduated  
2013.

Hawley-set to graduate from  
S June 2014.



**SAN DIEGO COOPERATIVE CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Keeping Kids at the Center:**

**What does it really mean to be Child Centered?**

# Our Mission Statement

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supports a progressive,  
mentally based, child centered  
community for active and collaborative  
learning where shared values of family,  
friendship, relationship, creativity, and  
academic excellence flourish.



What does it look and sound like?

What does it feel like?

Progressive

Developmentally  
Based

and Collaborative  
Learning

Shared Values of  
Diversity, Relationship &  
Creativity

Academic Excellence



# Features of a Child Centered Program Include:

Starting where kids are starting from and what they are interested in.

Flexible Grouping

Student Led Conferences

Student input and choices

Responsive and Proactive

Collaborative Teaming and Planning-all members involved

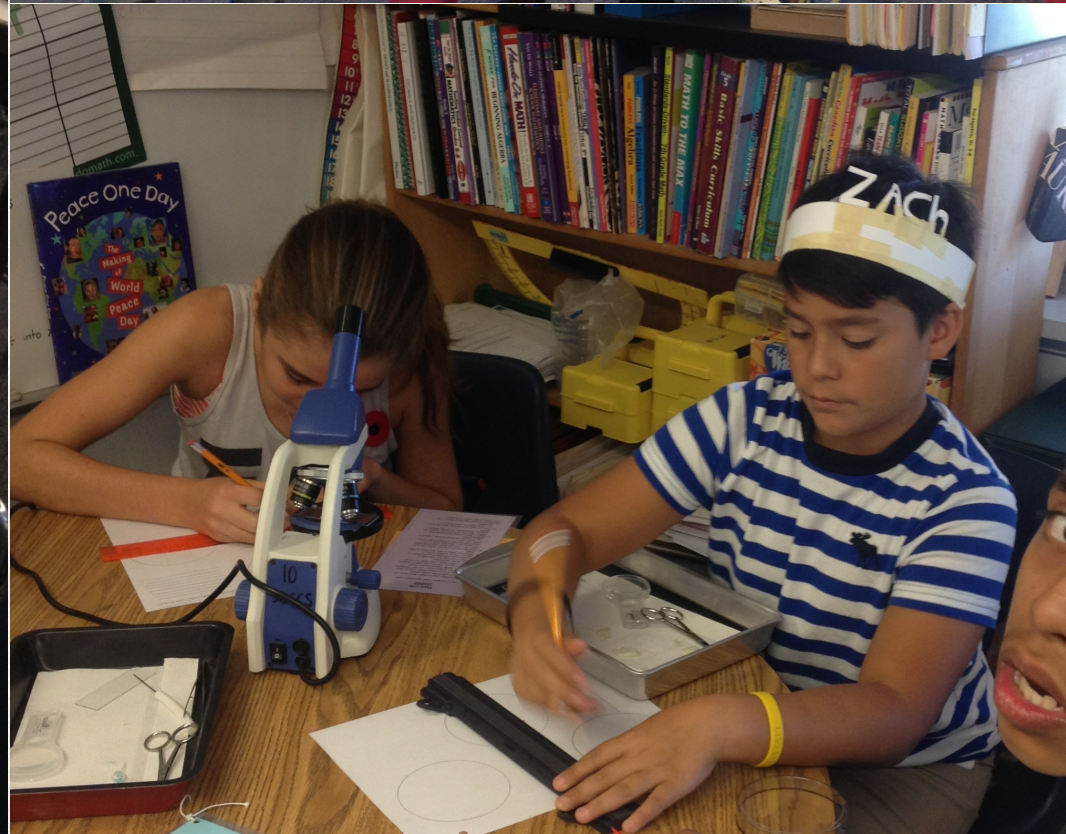
Focus on Emotional Learning

Restorative approach to “discipline”. Avoid cookie cutter responses.

Meaningful and timely feedback

Open connections to the community and family

**COMMUNITY & RELATIONSHIPS**





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# Our Values

...ect that which makes each child **unique** and promote the cognitive, imaginative, creative, emotional, and physical development of **all** students. In order to provide high quality education, we have built a supportive, **cooperative** community - a **true collaboration** of children and school staff, where we embrace diversity and honor the unique contributions of each learner. This environment is intended to enhance the **joy** of learning for all and to inspire discovery and a commitment to lifelong learning.

...n is to employ differentiated methods to meet each child's needs and to enable the learning connections between the curriculum and the outside world. Knowledge of brain development, multiple intelligences, learning styles, and strategies for **differentiation** inform instruction in all areas. Learning and environmental stewardship are integrated into the curriculum in order to promote a **social ethic** in our student population. At San Diego Cooperative Charter all members of the community work **together** to promote the success of each learner.

...is highly skilled and supported in their endeavors to refine their craft. We continuously assess toward achieving our goals in order to ensure that we are effectively utilizing available financial and human resources to maximize student performance and exceed district and state standards.





EDUCATION IS NOT THE FILLING OF A P  
BUT THE LIGHTING OF A FIRE.

*~William Butler Yeats*

How can YOU create this?

Reject the idea that everyone has something marvelous to contribute. Find a place for everyone to be successful. Celebrate all victories.

Community nights...invite your community in to highlight accomplishments! Bring in some food trucks. Let the kids play in the crowds. Collaboration is key, experience will follow.

Portfolios! Accountability and Responsibility.

Working with ALL members.

Promote and model the understanding that everyone will work together to make it work. The village will be there to support you. If you ask for support, it will be given to you!

**All 3 parts must be engaged and present:  
Willingness to work together is key!**



Teacher

Parent/Home Teacher

# School at SDCCS, what do the kids

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Age Groupings

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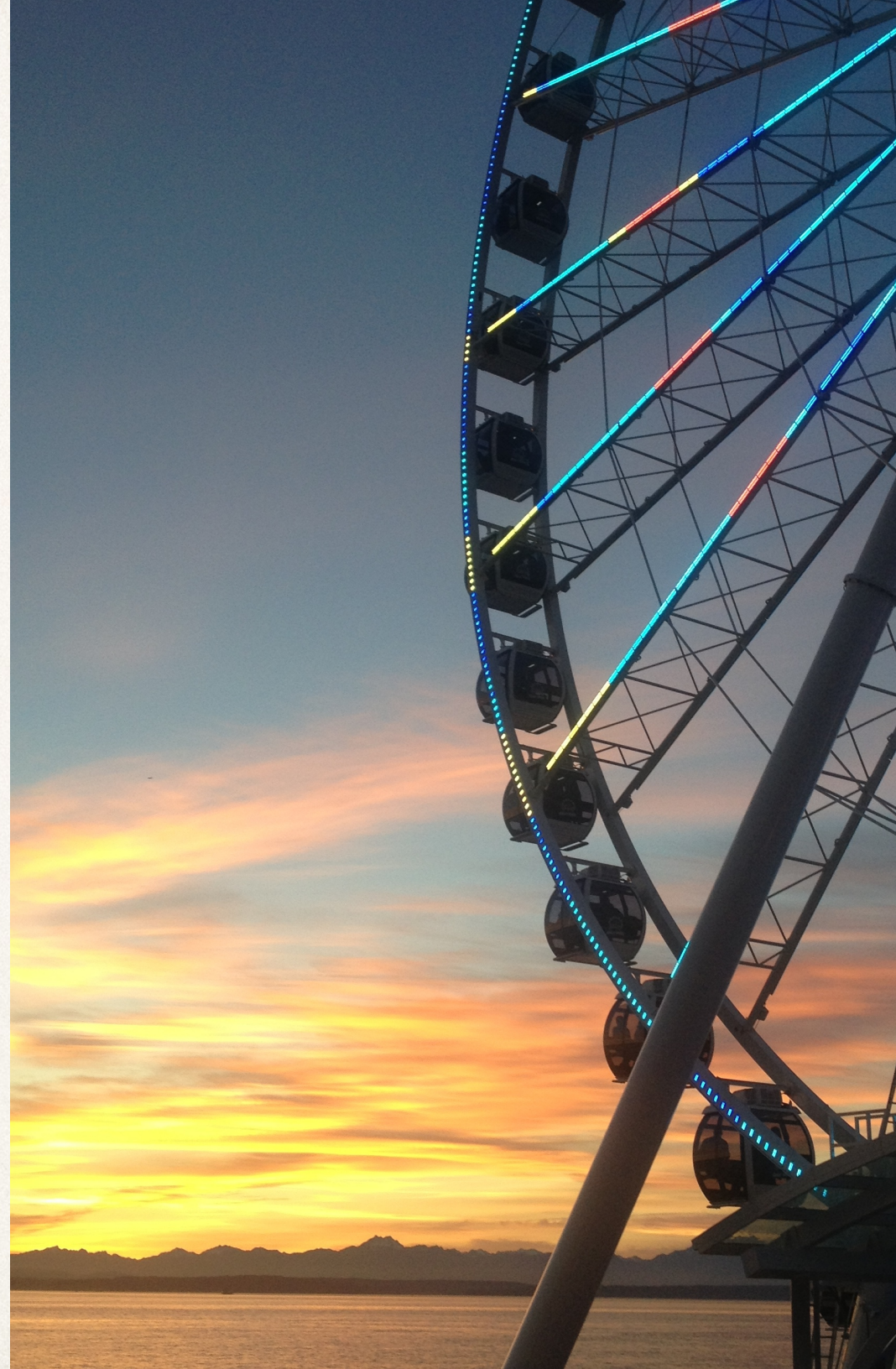
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...l trips and excursions=REAL  
... experiences. Some of places  
... have visited include:

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...munity. Bring in an expert!

...ice learning! Leave a legacy!

...he student do the planning.



What do parents need in order to  
become active participants?

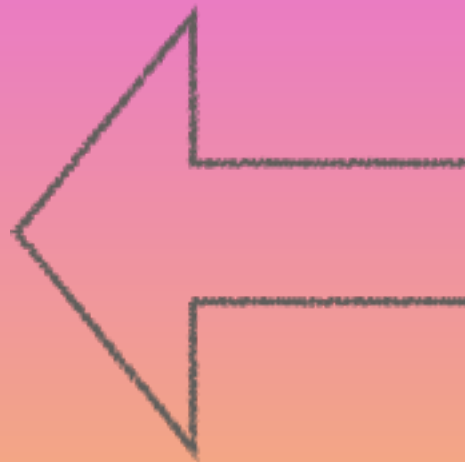
Survey them!

Childcare

Time

Relevance

Fun factor



THANK YOU for coming to this presentation! We hope you enjoyed it and please feel free to email me with any questions and take a copy of the presentation if you wish. [tera@sdccs.org](mailto:tera@sdccs.org)

Warmly,  
Tera, Maddy, Anthony, Eliot, and Lauren