



Dear Prospective Family,

Located in a magical setting in the woods of Bainbridge Island, The Island School has provided an excellent educational foundation for hundreds of children since its opening in 1977. Our mission is to educate each of our children; we nourish their innate curiosity, inspire a lifelong enthusiasm for learning, and foster respect and appreciation for themselves and others.

Our extraordinary teachers motivate our students' natural curiosity while also supporting their development into competent, confident adults, prepared for participation in their local and world communities. Kindness and compassion, flexibility and adaptability, knowledge and curiosity, questioning and creativity are all important components of The Island School's education of the mind and heart. Developing good people is as important to us as developing bright, capable, well-educated children.

At The Island School, we value our parents as much as we value our students. We enthusiastically welcome families into our diverse and eclectic community, and we celebrate the extensive volunteer support of our parents who work closely with children and teachers in various academic arenas, as well as school events. This close partnership weaves a web of support for both children and families that many identify as one of the most unique and valued characteristics of our school.

The Island School's graduates have a long record of smoothly and successfully transitioning into middle schools, both public and private, on and off the island, and they continue successfully into high school, college, career and life.

Financial aid and an extended day program are also available. To learn more about The Island School, please contact Joan Henderson, Advancement Director, or me at 206-842-0400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Ward". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Amanda Ward
Head of School



The Island School Experience

Here's a brief list of factors that distinguish us from many other elementary school options.

Research shows the Kindergarten through fifth grade years are critically important in childhood development. This is the age when kids learn to love school (or not). We believe that our **kids are worth the investment in an Island School education.**

What are the hallmarks of an Island School education?

- **Small class sizes** - Student teacher ratio of 10:1
- **Hands-on learning** - field trips, full month of Cultural Study, Market Day, time outside, innovative curriculum focused on project-based learning
- **Love of learning** - kids are excited to come to school every day.
- **Research-based curriculum** - fosters creativity, problem-solving and love of learning ● **Emphasis on social-emotional learning** - research shows these skills are most predictive of long-term individual success
- **Child-centered** - decisions based on what is best for kids
- **Parents as partners** - we welcome parents as volunteers and resources in classrooms and school projects
- **Students learn in mixed-age activities** - learning and reading buddies, calendar project, Cultural Study.
- **Recess** - two 30 minute recesses every day outside on our **forested campus**
- **Kindergarten options** - Full day and half day

What are the results of an Island School education? Island School graduates:

- become young **leaders** in high school, including in sports teams, clubs, community service, student government and social justice efforts
- **excel academically** in high school, college and beyond
- **know who they are** and pursue their career dreams. Our graduates work as Peace Corps volunteers, small business owners, teachers, doctors, authors, dancers, scientists, actors, photographers, lawyers, nurses, marketing specialists, carpenters, veterinarians, realtors, musicians, designers and more.

How can I learn more?

- Attend one of our admissions events and/or view our webinars.
- Visit our website - www.theislandschool.org
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