



Five Acre School

# ROOM TO GROW

Securing the Future of Five Acre School

*A capital campaign to ensure and grow the spaces where wonder leads to learning*

# WHERE CHILDREN FLOURISH

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## AT FIVE ACRE SCHOOL, LEARNING BEGINS WITH WONDER.

For more than 30 years, Five Acre School has quietly shaped the lives of children in our region through a simple but powerful belief: childhood should be cherished, learning should be meaningful, and connection to nature, to community, and to one another matters.

Founded by Bill Jevne and Juanita Ramsey-Jevne, Five Acre School began as a bold idea: that school is more than curriculum alone. It is a place where art, science, music, and outdoor exploration are integrated; where students learn by doing; and where joy and discovery build confident, compassionate, capable young people.

Five Acre School serves preschool through sixth grade as a thriving, nonprofit independent school. Generations of families have entrusted us with their children's earliest and most formative years. The impact is visible not only in our graduates, but in the strength and character of our broader community. Now, we are at a pivotal moment.

To ensure that Five Acre School's child-centered approach endures for decades to come, we are seeking to purchase our current school grounds and buildings. This capital investment will protect what makes Five Acre School distinctive: small class sizes, integrated arts and sciences, and daily connection to the natural world while strengthening our long-term financial stability.

Learning begins with curiosity and grows through experience.



# WHO WE ARE

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## OUR MISSION

Five Acre School provides a child-centered learning environment that fosters the growth of the whole child in relationship to each other, our community, and the natural world.

## OUR VISION

All students in our community are empowered in every aspect of their development and have ownership over their education.

## OUR VALUES

**Responsiveness:** We respond to each other with nurturing kindness and flexibility, giving each other the chance to succeed and take ownership of our learning and experience.

**Curiosity:** We encourage inquiry, allowing the learning process to remain open to the discovery of new ideas and techniques.

**Compassion:** We support each other's unique perspectives, viewing differences as an opportunity to develop emotional intelligence.

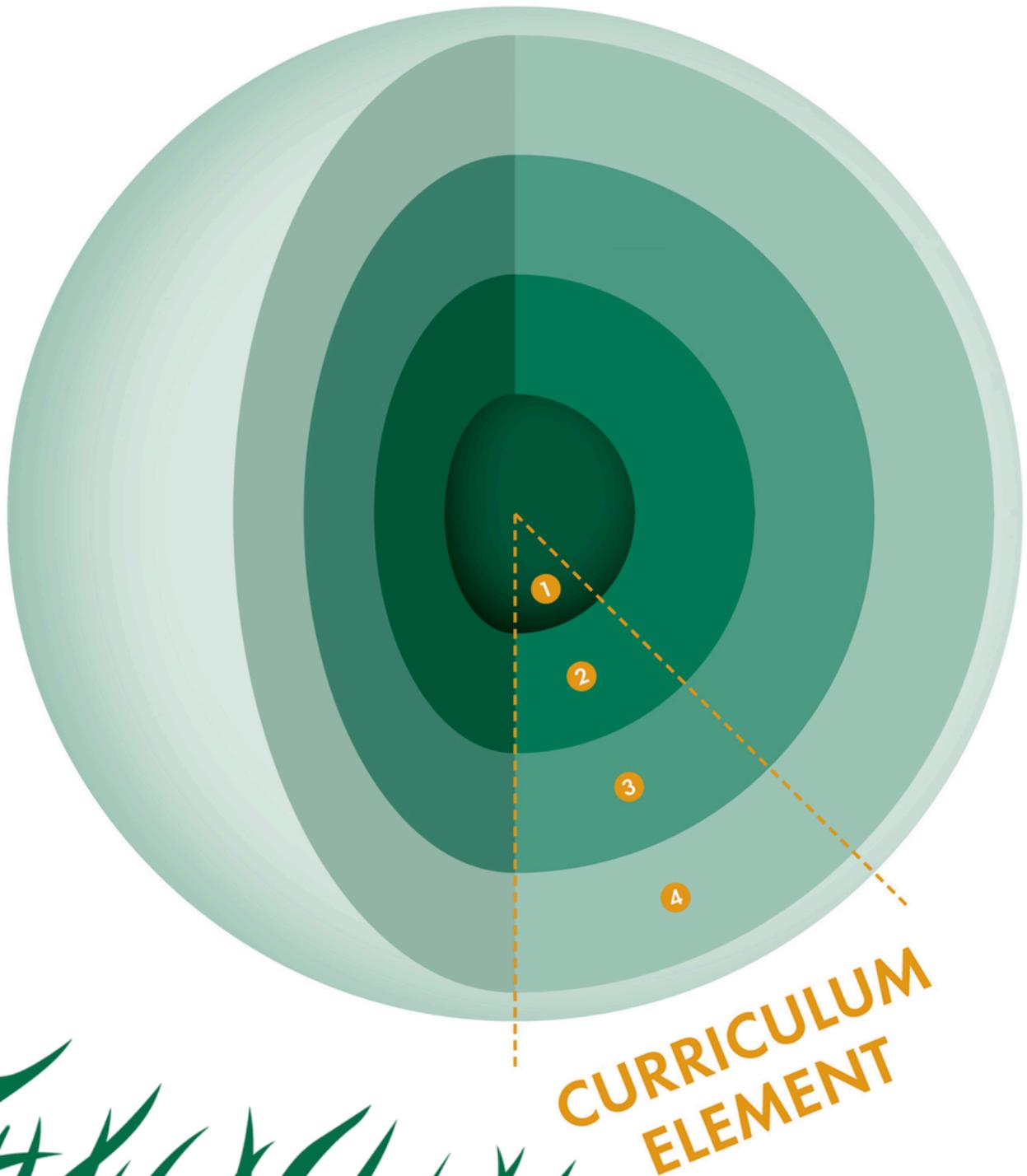
**Stewardship:** We educate the whole person, connecting to the broader community, nature and our environment. We emphasize the importance of interconnectedness.

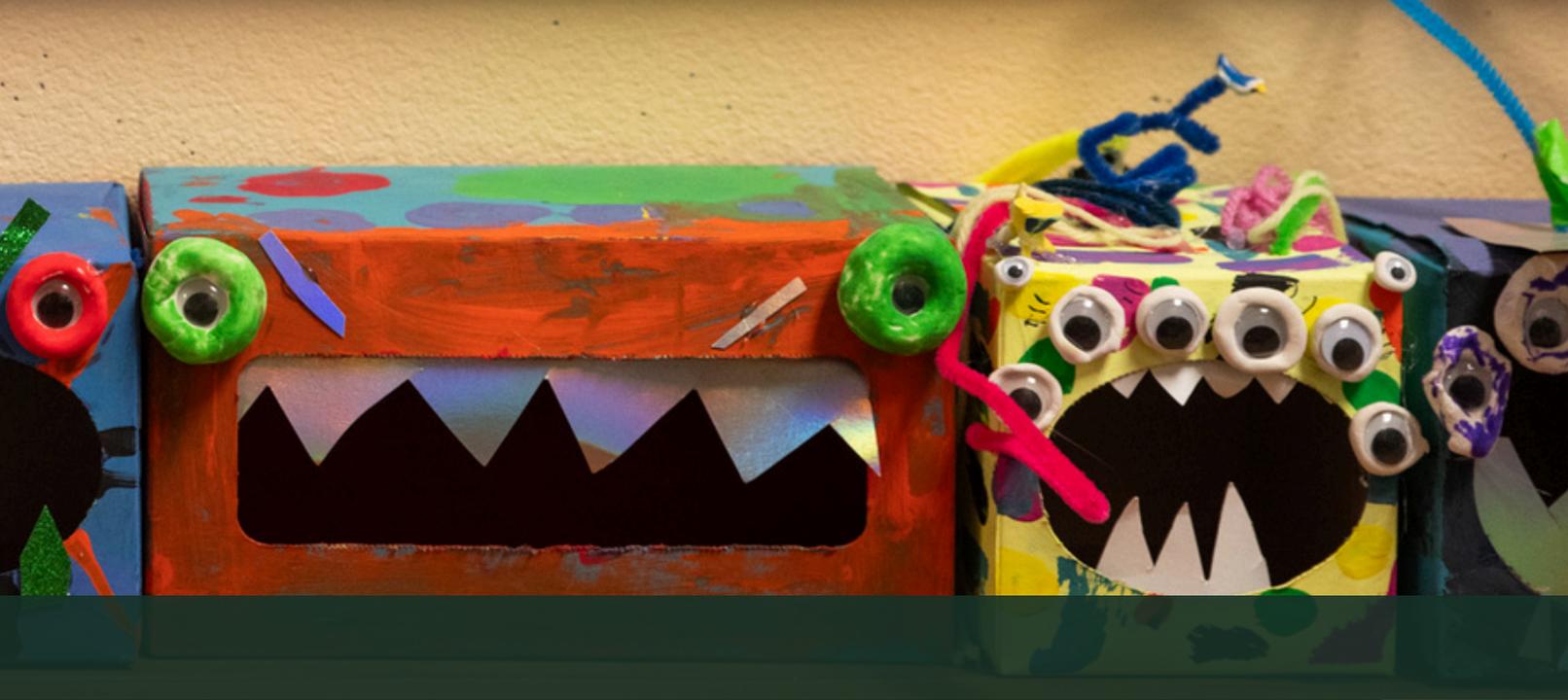
**Community:** We foster connection, embracing diversity to create a welcoming family environment.



# CHILD CENTERED LEARNING

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## **1. THE CHILD AS AN INDIVIDUAL**

Creativity, Accountability, Individuality, Individual Responsibility, Self-reflection, Critical Thinking, Independence, Problem-solving, Curiosity, Self-expression, Voice, Know the Rules and Expectations, Finding and Using Strategies

## **2. THE CHILD WITH OTHERS**

Family, Community Building, Collaboration, Social Skills, Friendships, Group Decisions, Classroom Regulation, Student Has a Stake in Running Classroom, Helping Others

## **3. THE CHILD AS STUDENT**

Student Generated Work, Student as Worker, Academics, Fine Arts, Classroom Jobs and responsibilities, Time Management, Self Assessment

## **4. THE CHILD IN THE WORLD**

Family, The Natural World, Playground, Civic Connections, Healthy Living, Culture, Culture Diversity, Sense of Wonder in The World, Who's Represented and Who's Not, Inclusion, Equity

# THE POWER OF ART, NATURE AND CONNECTION

Five Acre School's location beside the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge gives students daily access to a vibrant, natural ecosystem. This proximity supports the school's mission by allowing learning to extend beyond the classroom through observation, stewardship, and hands-on experiences in the natural world. As students regularly explore the refuge's forests, shoreline, and wildlife habitats, they develop a deep personal connection to nature and a lasting sense of environmental responsibility.

## WHAT WE SEE EVERY DAY

When children learn in nature-centered, relationship-rich environments, we see:



### Stronger Learning

- Students sustain focus through hands-on, outdoor exploration
- Creative expression deepens understanding
- Problem-solving grows through real-world experience



### Healthier, Happier Students

- Time outdoors supports emotional regulation and confidence
- Movement and fresh air are part of daily learning
- Students develop healthy relationships with peers and teachers



### Foundations for Lifelong Success

- Trusted relationships nurture resilience
- Multi-age classrooms foster leadership and empathy
- Children leave Five Acre School confident in who they are as learners

# OUR IMPACT

## 31 YEARS OF CHILD-CENTERED LEARNING

3,000+ students served  
across preschool and  
elementary

22,000+ hours learning  
outdoors each year

500+ miles hiked  
annually

\$750,000+ given in  
Tuition Assistance over  
15 years



## ACCESSIBILITY THROUGH TUITION ASSISTANCE

As a nonprofit, independent school, we are committed to making a child-centered education accessible to families across a range of financial circumstances. Tuition assistance is awarded confidentially based on demonstrated need.

- Supports 25% of our student population
- Expands access for families
- Strengthens socio-economic diversity in our classrooms
- Ensures that our community reflects the broader needs of the region

Because we are a nonprofit organization and are not publicly funded, tuition assistance is made possible through donations and a portion of our annual operating budget.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

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## TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE THAT FIVE ACRE SCHOOL REMAINS A HOME FOR CHILDHOOD.

Our development staff is available to support you in making a meaningful impact in whatever way feels right for you. Whether you are considering a legacy gift through estate planning, a donation of any size, or would like more information about our capital campaign, we are here to guide you through the process with care and confidentiality. We are grateful for every expression of support and would be honored to help you explore the many ways you can invest in the future of Five Acre School.

Make a gift (one-time or multi-year)

- <https://www.fiveacreschool.org/donations>
- Reach out to [fundraising@fiveacreschool.org](mailto:fundraising@fiveacreschool.org)

Leave a legacy through estate giving

Share our story

- Follow us on social media
- Send information to friends and family

Volunteer your time and skills

- Reach out to our Development Director, [fundraising@fiveacreschool.org](mailto:fundraising@fiveacreschool.org)

## INDIVIDUAL DONOR LEVELS

### **\$250-\$500: Garden Pathway Patron**

Donors at this level will be honored with a custom tile set into a walkway near one of the school's gardens.

### **\$501-\$1,000: Fiber Arts Guild**

Donors at this level will enjoy recognition on our family quilt which will be proudly displayed in the school entrance.

### **\$1,001-\$5,000: Marimbas Circle Contributors**

Donors at this level will be proudly featured on the school banner that travels with our troupe to community events and performances.

### **\$5,001 +: Strawbale Stewards**

Donors at this level will have all of the donor benefits of the above levels, as well as their name painted into a mural for all to see.



# BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

## **\$250-\$500: Business Spotlight**

Businesses at this level will be spotlighted on the Five Acre School website and social media, highlighting your story and commitment to the community.

## **\$501-\$1,000: Event Signage**

Businesses at this level will have the sponsor benefits of the “Business Spotlight” level plus have their logos displayed at community events such as concerts, performances and fundraisers. This visible recognition connects your brand with families and supporters while celebrating your investment in the school’s future.

## **\$1,001-\$5,000: Gratitude in Print**

Businesses at this level will receive all the above sponsor benefits plus their logos printed in select materials, including brochures, campaign flyers, and other printed communications. This ongoing visibility ensures your commitment to the school is recognized by families, visitors, and community members.

## **\$5,001+: Featured Sponsor**

Featured Sponsors receive all the above sponsor benefits plus prominent logo placement on signage, at major events and on the school website, with the opportunity to be highlighted as the sponsor of a specific event. Sponsors are also recognized as “Sponsor of the Month” in the school’s newsletter, including a featured story that spotlights their business and community impact. In addition, each Featured Sponsor will be honored with a recognition plaque displayed at the school as a lasting tribute to their support.

**EACH DONATION STRENGTHENS OUR LONG-TERM  
STABILITY AND PROTECTS A PLACE WHERE  
CHILDREN HAVE ROOM TO GROW.**



# OUR FUTURE

For over 30 years, Five Acre School has honored child-centered learning and development. Today, the school's future is uncertain. We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to secure permanent ownership of our campus. Continuing to rent puts the school's long-term success on an uncertain trajectory. Owning our school grounds and buildings will allow us to plan boldly for the future, ensuring that Five Acre School can continue to support thriving students and families for generations to come.

## CAMPAIGN GOALS

### **1. Secure Our Campus Home**

Permanent access to the land that defines our identity.

### **2. Sustainability in Action**

Preserve and update our straw bale building; expand current programming

### **3. Expand Possibilities.**

Create new spaces for music, art, and collaborative learning.

With ownership we can ensure stability, sustainability, and continued access to a child-centered education that prepares students not only for school, but for life.

# LEADERSHIP

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## NONPROFIT BOARD MEMBERS



**Susan Craig**

*Co-Chair*

Five Acre alumni parent and former teacher, with deep institutional knowledge and long-term stewardship of the school's mission.



**Talia Landau**

*Co-Chair*

Business owner, Five Acre parent and Sequim community member committed to child-centered, nature-connected education and strategic leadership.



**Julie Novak**

*Treasurer*

Retired biologist and grandparent of current Five Acre students, with skills in project and budget management.



**Lindsay Hood**

*Secretary*

Mental health therapist and Five Acre parent with expertise in social-emotional development and fundraising support.



**Serena Williams**

Five Acre parent, nonprofit and community engagement professional supporting mission-aligned fundraising.

## CONTACT US

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