

Edna Maguire Vision Statement

2010-2011

As a garden community, we are dedicated to the nurturing of children; planting values which respect our earth and each other; promoting high expectations for curiosity, risk taking and intellectual growth, celebrating the unique qualities of every living thing.

We will guide our students down the path of responsibility and stewardship towards sustaining our community and balance within our natural world.

Edna Maguire – Mission Statements

- Encourage the enjoyment of learning through the use of a variety of educational styles and celebrate the uniqueness of all children and their families.
- Committed to fostering mutual respect among students by encouragement of conflict resolution skills and cooperative learning opportunities.
- Prepare students for performance in the world by emphasizing critical thinking skills and familiarity with ever-changing technology.
 - Value awareness of life connections through education in environmental issues and direct involvement in the Mill Valley Children’s Garden.
 - Create a balance of teacher led activities and student centered activities.
 - Social, emotional development is just as important as academics.
- Encourage students to learn not only the standards and skills but to learn how to “learn and think.”
 - Provide many opportunities for success as one of the most powerful motivators for children.
 - Consider prior knowledge before planning a lesson.
- Deliver curriculum in various ways to meet the different learning styles of the students.

PTA's Connection to the Vision/Mission of the School

Goal:

The mobilization of people to adopt a school's practices and beliefs so that every child's learning and growth are optimized.

Action Steps:

1. Each PTA Committee must work within the financial constraints allocated within the PTA budget.
2. All PTA members should work together with mutual respect, openness and trust.
3. The PTA combines individual commitments and organizational purpose so that PTA is productive and successful in their initiatives.
4. Maintain effective communication and shared decision making within the PTA so that we act in common for the success of all students of Edna Maguire Elementary School.