

## Family Spotlight: Constants Across 7 Years

Hello! We are the Goldberg Family. After ONLY 7 consecutive years of enrollment at the Children's School, we have finally been honored with a family spotlight. Either the Children's School was waiting for our last check to clear or they wanted to build a seven-year suspense to unveil the fabulous Goldberg family.

Our perfect family consists of Eric, the handsome Dad, the Stepford wife, Beth, and three brilliant children Neve (age 9), Asher (age 7) and Maren (age 5). We live in Squirrel Hill and love to dine at the finest that the area has to offer. You will usually find us at Mineo's Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Cold Stone Creamery, Eat 'N Park and the CMU food trucks. As a family, we love to travel, watch sporting events and cook together. Beth is an Audiologist. She previously worked at the VA hospital. Beth loves when people say to her "What? I can't hear you". Eric runs a sports incentive travel company and a commercial real estate development company. Both Eric and Beth were born and raised in Pittsburgh. Eric also has roots in Toronto, Canada. Eric is an avid canoer and spent two weeks last summer paddling down the Snake River in the Yukon Territories. Beth is an avid sun tanner. She spent last summer at the Edgewood pool.



We first heard about the Children's School from a friend while Neve was in utero. Being the neurotic first time parents that many of us are, we submitted the application for an unnamed child for admission into the school! With a name picked, in 2010 the Children's School offered our three-year-old daughter, Neve, admission. Neve joined Mrs. Flynn and Mr. Salinetto in the Blue Room, starting our 7 year run. From that moment, we were a part of the loving, thoughtful and dedicated Children's School family. That same family also allowed Eric to walk into their break room and share their lunches, which he did each and every time he walked into the school. During that first year, the Children's School was probably hopeful that we were just going to be "one year wonders", but Eric loved the staff's lunches so much that Neve moved on to the Green Room with Mrs. Bird. Neve followed the Green Room with Kindergarten with Mrs. Perovich and Mrs. Blizman. After a wonderful kindergarten experience, Neve matriculated from the Children's School to Falk School. Neve is doing great at school and is also a student in Pittsburgh Musical Theater. In fact, she has an upcoming role in "The Lion King Jr."

The following year, after a very tough negotiation with Ms. Drash, we decided to enroll our son, Asher, into the Blue Room in exchange for a better selection of cookies for Eric during staff lunch. Asher was guided by the team of Ms. Stevens and Mr. Salinetto. Asher loved the experience and, to this day, still remains great friends with some of his Blue Room classmates. To our delight, Asher followed the footsteps of Neve and joined the Green Room with Mrs. Bird. Asher loved to regale us about Mrs. Bird's versions of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" and "Going to California" by Led Zeppelin. The following year, Asher moved on to join his sister at Falk. Asher loves Falk and is often seen at the cafeteria eating double lunches. He also loves playing basketball and baseball.

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Last year, following Asher's matriculation and keeping the consecutive payments rolling, it was Maren's turn to join the Children's School community! Having literally grown up with the Children's School (she was born while Neve was in the Green Room and made it into the daily email), she was eager to start in the Blue Room. Maren would finally get to witness firsthand the magic of Mr. "Sal" along with Mrs. Marshall. This would be the third Goldberg child with Mr. Salinetro. While some in the Goldberg family have gone grey, grown taller, and lost teeth, one thing remains a constant - Mr. Salinetro hasn't aged! Maren believes that he is actually a CMU robotic teacher. She may have a point. After leaving the Blue Room, like her siblings, Maren joined Mrs. Bird in the Green Room. Maren loves school and is truly disappointed when she is not there. Maren loves to get dressed up and will do so even if we are going to Jimmy John's.

While each of our children has had a unique experience at the Children's School, including favorite themes, activities, and daily jobs, the constant among them all is their love of the wonders and excitement that the school brings each day. The fantastic staff and educators at the Children's School have provided our children with the framework for intellectual growth and discovery. Asher and Neve, on their days off, are thrilled and proud to walk into the school as alumni to pick up their sister and say "Hi!" to their former teachers. Years later, they are still always greeted warmly by all of the teachers and administrators. Eric, on the other hand, is greeted with a groan as they know that their snacks will be raided again. It is hard to believe that our time at the Children's School is coming to an end. While we will miss the Children's School facilities and educational platform, we will really miss the people that have turned a school into a home for us. We would like to thank Dr. Carver and the entire team for embracing us. We firmly believe that our children have been given a foundation that will create educational, artistic, and social successes for a lifetime. We will all come back to visit and, of course, eat the staff's lunches.

With great love, appreciation and admiration,

The Goldbergs



## Box Tops for Education Update



Thank you to everyone who collected and submitted Box Tops for Education. In this collection period (October - March), we received 644 Box Tops for a total of \$64.40. Our next Box Top Submission Deadline is in the fall of 2017.

## Lost and Found

We have accumulated quite a collection of jackets, mittens, and other items of unlabeled children's clothing. If your child is missing anything, please look in our lost and found area in the hallway or send a note to your child's teacher with a description, and we will see if we have it!