

# KASEP

## Kensington After School Enrichment Program

### Fall 2021 Session

#### A WORD OR TWO ABOUT OUR KASEP TEACHERS

**BINDY BAKER [Gymnastics]** is the daughter of our long-time gymnastics teacher, Judy Baker. Bindy is a highly experienced and well trained former gymnast. She has been a gymnastics instructor and a pre-school teacher for over 20 years. Bindy is patient and loves teaching children. Her mom and auntie will join her—both are former gymnasts and have been teaching KASEP gymnastics for nearly 20 years.

**VICKY BRODT [Cooking, Crafting, Gardening, Sewing and Math Fundamentals]** has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and has taught preschool for over 15 years. She also received a certificate in Landscape Horticulture and does small-scale landscape projects. She owns a small business called the "Whimsical Rooster" where she sells handmade fabric items. Vicky loves to cook and to share her enthusiasm for cooking and crafting with kids of all ages.

**JEAN ELLISEN [Storytelling]** has been telling stories all her life, but telling stories *on purpose* for over 25 years. As Co-Producer of the Bay Area Storytelling Festival, she has met and been influenced by the nations' best. She has told stories locally, nationally and internationally, in classrooms, libraries throughout the Bay Area, storytelling festivals, and the Asian Art Museum, where she would introduce children to the art with stories in the oral tradition. Using folktales and personal narratives, Jean encourages her students to find their own voice through storytelling.

**DOUG MCNEELY [Circus Arts].** Slim the Clown (Doug McNeely) has been performing and teaching Circus Arts for the last 15 years. He has toured the US and Europe, and has taught at many schools and parks and recreation centers.

**VERONICA MEDINA-ROSS [Eco Kids, Fun Environmental Science]** has been working to protect the environment for 20+ years. She has been a researcher, government official, consultant and teacher. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from University of East Anglia, Norwich (U.K.). Veronica loves to teach students about the environment around them and guide and motivate them to help take care of our Planet.

**VICTOR MORTON/SKYHAWK SPORTS [Kindergarten Sports; Basketball; Sports Medley]** provides a fun, safe and positive environment where future athletes can take their first step toward an active lifestyle! Skyhawk believes every child should experience the joy and benefits of sports. One of its goals is "Teaching life skills through sports."

**CAREY PIECH [Critter Adventures]** is a Kensington Hilltop parent and museum educator. She has a Bachelors degree in Art History and a Masters degree in Elementary

**Education and Museum Education. She has taught art, natural science and history programs in a variety of museums including the de Young Museum, the Oakland Museum of California and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.**

**KIM ROOTS [Sports and Games; Tennis], has a degree in Mathematics and Philosophy from the University of California at Santa Cruz. He has been teaching and coaching sports and tennis in our program and in the community for many years. Kim's major interest is to make sports accessible and fun for all kids.**

**KARMA SMART [Dance and Fitness] has a passion to share her experience of personal healing and liberation through music and dance. Karma currently teaches adults, teens and children of all ages dance at various community organizations, dance studios, wellness centers, fitness centers and schools. More specifically she teaches at BrasArte, also known as the World Dance Center in Berkeley. She has recently performed as a company member with Omi Tutu Dance Collective, as well as Damasceno Dance Collective.**

**SANDY THACKER [Carpentry] has taught carpentry to kids for more than 30 years. Sandy, who has a Master's Degree in Education from Stanford University, taught high school and middle school, and then worked for several years as a carpenter. She has developed a wonderful and very successful program for teaching woodworking skills to children.**