

The Contra Costa Jewish DAY SCHOOL



5 Legacy Questions in 5 Minutes

CCJDS Parent Michael Yoder

What is your connection to Contra Costa Jewish Day School?

Our daughter is in 4th grade at the school, and our son is in 1st grade.

What are your favorite CCJDS moments?

My favorite moment was actually before we enrolled our children at the school. We had just toured another school that undoubtedly offered great academics, but to us the children at the school felt almost robotic. We toured CCJDS later that week, and as we walked down the hall, the third grade class was boisterously singing along to someone playing a guitar. CCJDS obviously has great academics, but we instantly realized we were in a place of warmth where the soul would be as nourished as the mind. We instantly fell in love with the school, and choosing CCJDS was an easy decision at that point.

What do you want your legacy to be?

I would like to see the school continue to grow and flourish.

Why are you making a legacy gift to CCJDS?

Although I'm not Jewish, as my children have grown through the school and I have learned more about the journey of Israel and the Jewish people, I have come to appreciate the amazing history and accomplishments of such a small group. I see the threats from all sides, and recognize the collective effort required to persevere. Sending our children to CCJDS is a part of our contribution, but we can do more, and that's where giving comes in.

What does CCJDS mean to you?

CCJDS is more than a school to us. It's our community, and it's the most important influence on our children's values outside of our home. Words can't express how grateful we are for accidentally finding this school four years ago.

Michael Yoder
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