



Cultivating a curiosity for education in a small school environment

Pacific Academy Encinitas 6-8 **We're Small by Design** *Middle School Community Service*

Pacific Academy holds the belief for communities to grow and thrive, people must step up and take leadership roles. We think children have a huge capacity to inspire and mobilize others in a big way and we embrace and promote this throughout all of our academic programming.

When children learn to improve their communities, they develop the capacity to organize others. They acquire problem-solving, planning, time management, and marketing skills. They learn about community agencies and how local governments work. Experiences that involve teamwork, collaboration, and interaction are training grounds for future organized citizens, people who set goals, work within established systems, and motivate others to help. These kinds of citizens coordinate food drives, develop recycling programs, or take part in community-action committees. In the middle years, children can learn the organizational and leadership skills that enable them to take more active roles in their communities as young adults.

Community. Collaboration. Happiness.

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