



# Palms Day School

A SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEARNERS

Welcome to  
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## Our Vision

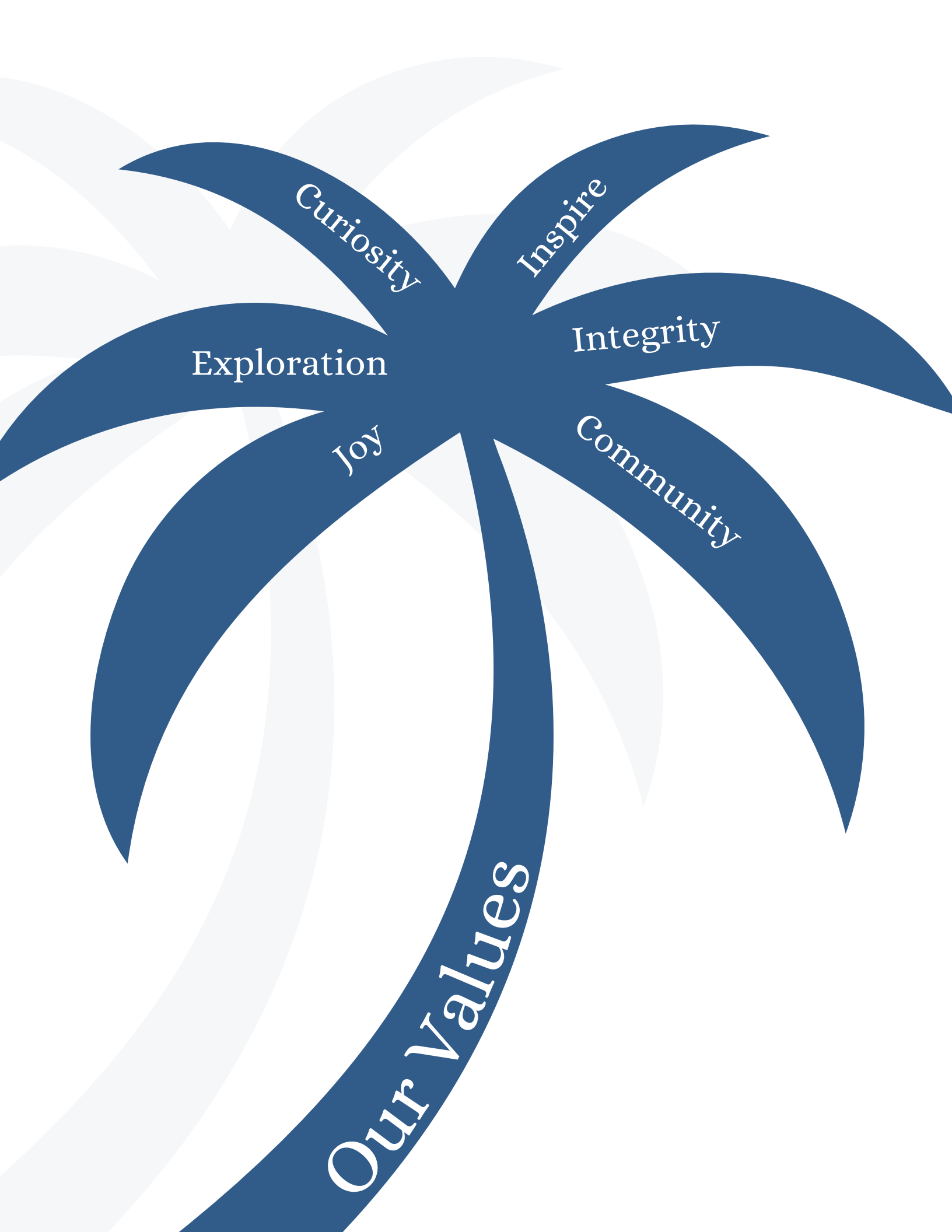
*Igniting curiosity, exploration, and joy in children*

At Palms Day School we aspire to instill a lifelong love of learning while igniting curiosity, exploration, and joy in children. We believe all children are filled with wonder. We pledge to create a safe bespoke learning environment that encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity to empower young learners to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Our day school is a place where curiosity is celebrated, and where students are inspired to explore and embrace the joy of the journey of learning.

“Our educational approaches are tailored to meet every child’s individual needs and interests. Our goal is to instill a love of learning and provide a strong foundation for their future.”

-Founders Dr.Emma Duffy and Dr.Derek Burkholder





Curiosity

Inspire

Exploration

Integrity

Joy

Community

Our Values

P

**Passion for Children:** We are passionate about children and believe that each child is competent, curious, and filled with wonder.

A

**Academic Excellence:** We strive for academic excellence, maintaining high educational standards and encouraging a love for intellectual pursuits.

L

**Lifelong Learning:** Emphasizes the primary mission of the school, which is to foster a love for learning and provide quality education.

M

**Mindful Citizenship:** We instill values of responsibility, respect, and empathy, preparing our students socially to be mindful and responsible citizens of the world.

S

**Strong Partnerships:** We seek to build strong partnerships with those within and outside our school community that enhance the educational experience and support the growth and development of our young learners.

# Celebrate the *magic* of play...

At Palms Day School, we are committed to providing a high-quality educational experience for children from birth through ten years of age. Our educational approach is rooted in a deep understanding of how children learn and develop best. Here are the key principles that guide our curriculum and teaching philosophy.

**PlayBased  
Learning**

**Reggio  
Inspired  
Studios**

**Holistic  
Development**

**Qualified  
Supervisors  
and  
Educators**

**Best  
Practices**



**Philosophy**

# ...and develop a love of learning.

## **PlayBased Learning**

We believe that children learn best through carefully supervised play with developmentally appropriate educational materials. Play is the foundation of childhood learning, fostering creativity, problem-solving skills, and social development.

## **Reggio Inspired Studios**

Our learning studios are designed with the child in mind and inspired to reflect the Reggio Emilia Philosophy, which encourages child-led project-based learning. This approach values the child as capable, resourceful, and rich in potential, and it guides our teaching pedagogy.

## **Holistic Development**

Our curriculum and activities are structured to promote the holistic development of each child. This includes emotional, social, intellectual, creative, and physical growth. We recognize that these aspects are interconnected and essential for a child's overall well-being.

## **Qualified Supervisors and Educators**

Palms Day School is staffed with a team of qualified and dedicated supervisors, facilitators, and educators. They play a crucial role in creating a nurturing and stimulating learning environment.

## **Best Practices**

We continually stay up to date with the best practices in the field of early childhood education. Our educators are trained to incorporate the latest research and methodologies to ensure that every child reaches their full potential.

# Curriculum

***Child Led Learning is the epitome of our curriculum.***

Palms Day School goes beyond conventional child care. We are committed to partnering with you on your child's learning journey, aiming to make it not only educational but also joyful and fruitful. We understand that when children feel secure and happy, they are in the optimal state to learn and flourish to their full potential. Our focus is on creating an environment that supports both the well-being and educational growth of your child.

Palms Day School takes pride in offering a blended curriculum that is carefully crafted to guide and challenge every type of learner. Our approach is designed to cater to diverse learning styles, ensuring that each student receives the support and stimulation they need to thrive academically and personally. Through this inclusive curriculum, we strive to create an educational environment that fosters both individual growth and collective excellence.

Our curriculum for Palms Day School children is thoughtfully crafted to provide a rich and holistic learning experience.

***By embracing play-based learning, we inspire every child to unleash their imaginations and transform into anything they aspire to be.***



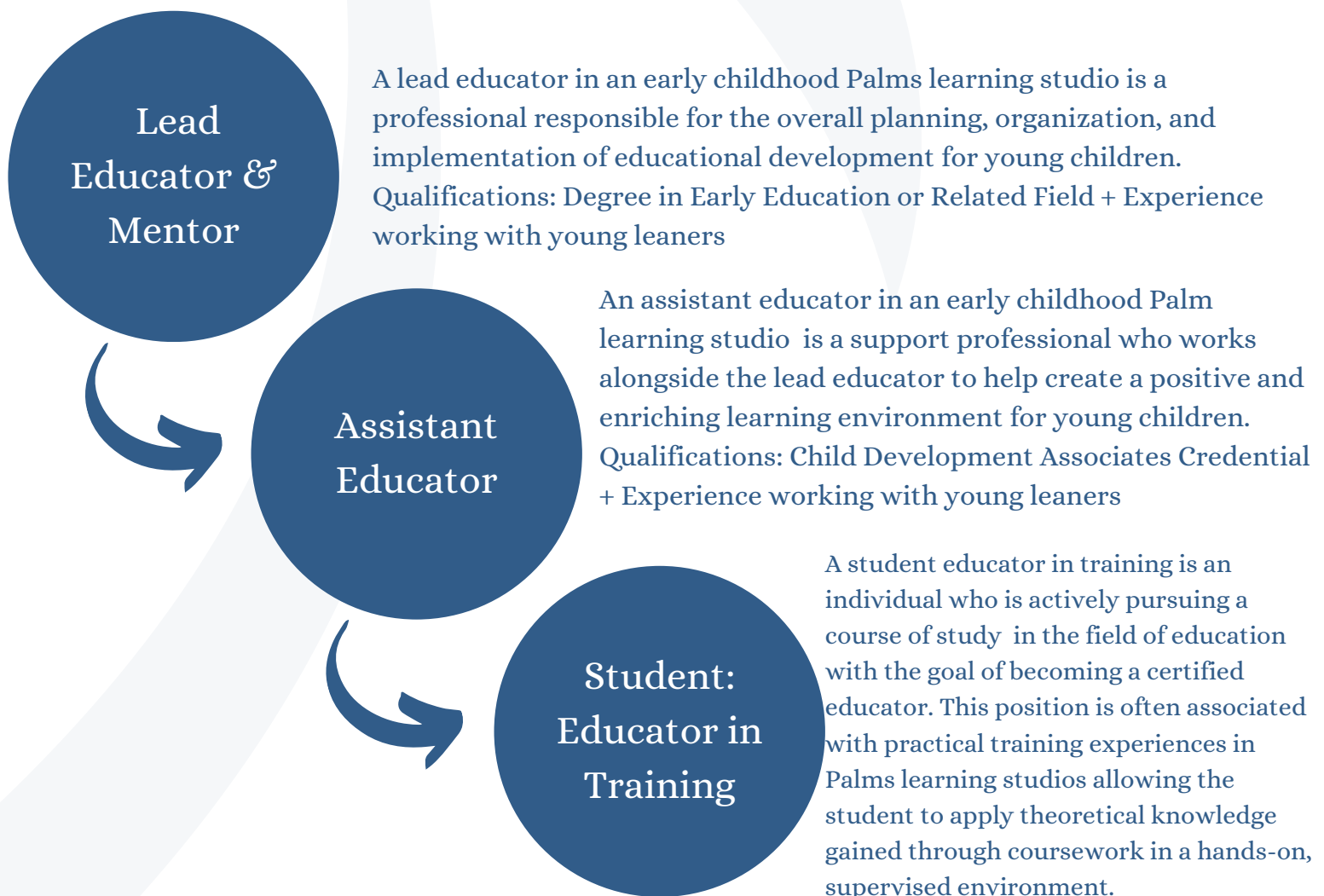
**A curriculum with wonder in mind.**

# Our Educators

At Palms Day School, we believe that the quality of education is directly linked to the expertise and passion of our teaching staff. We have committed to assemble a team of educators who are not only well-qualified but also deeply committed to providing a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for every student.

Our educators will bring a wealth of experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to the classrooms, ensuring that each student receives a well-rounded education. They are not just teachers; they are mentors, facilitators, and lifelong learners themselves. Their dedication to continuous professional development ensures that they stay abreast of the latest educational trends and employ innovative teaching methodologies.

Our Education team consists of:







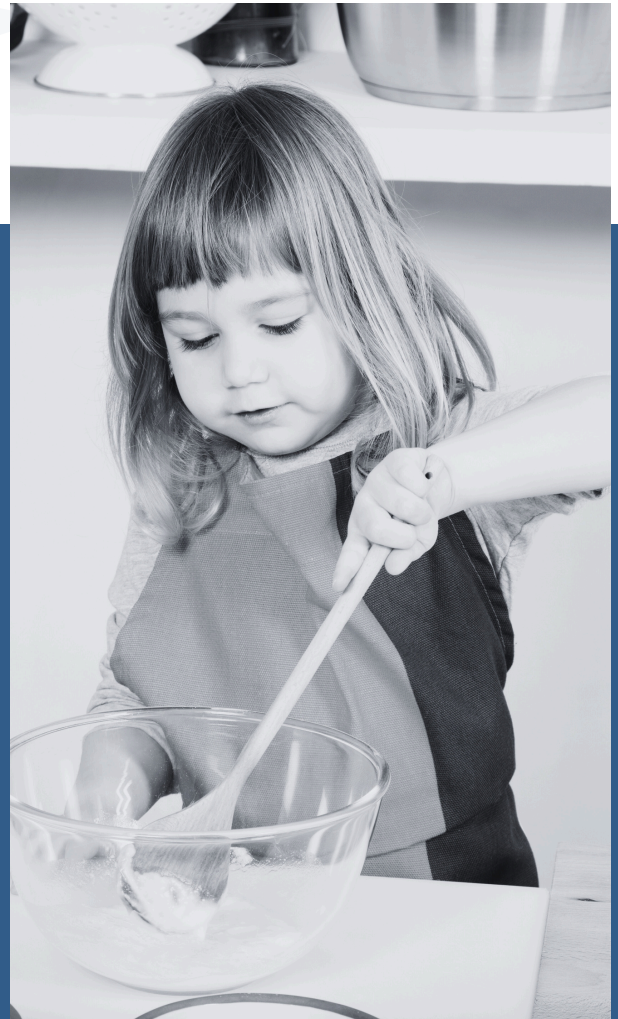
The heart of Palms Day School lies in its kitchen.

# Nutrition

Reflecting on our deep commitment to the significance of food and nutrition, we recognize the profound impact we wield in instilling healthy eating habits in your child. Understanding that quality food and a satisfied appetite are integral to growth, development, and contentment, we prioritize these aspects in our approach.

Our skilled Palms chefs, with their wealth of experience, craft delightful and nutritious snacks and meals that bring joy to the faces of our students.

Here at Palms Day School, a continuous commitment to health is evident as fresh fruit is readily available throughout the day in our classrooms. This ensures that children have convenient access to wholesome options, catering to their hunger on the go and promoting a well-rounded and healthy lifestyle.



## Our environments are the third teacher.

Our schools and learning studio environments are meticulously crafted with the child at the forefront of the design process. From furniture to equipment and learning tools, every element is intentionally arranged to maximize learning potential and inspire curiosity.

Children, with their innate curiosity, imagination, and sense of wonder, find their ideal setting reflected in our studios. We believe that children flourish in environments tailored to their interests and developmental stages. Following the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach, we perceive the environment as a third teacher. It is more than just a physical space; it's a welcoming, authentic, aesthetically pleasing, culturally representative extension of the community. Our studios embrace nature and are filled with purposeful materials, creating an environment that supports and enhances the learning journey of every child.



"The wider the range of possibilities we offer children, the *more intense* will be their motivations, and *the richer* their experiences."

-Loris Malaguzzi





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