

## **The See and Sprout Project**

The See and Sprout Project is a creative collective, international exchange art workshop launched by Stacie Krajchir originally created for youth in Thailand affected by the 2004 Asian tsunami. The original workshops included children who lost their family, friends, homes and schools during the tsunami.

Our goal is to bring the project to an underdeveloped country each year. International children are guided to create visual images about their feelings and perceptions about themselves, their family and their community and to explore ways of translating these feelings to people who live outside their community. Our next stops include Mexico, South Africa and Vietnam.

This project is dedicated to bringing together kids from diverse backgrounds and communities and guide them to shoot photos, write, and connect with new friends. Each child is given a camera and taught the basics of photography, and participate in various workshops, and explorative field trips. As they share their work, stories and writing, they gain encouragement and a sense of purpose.

\*All money raised from the sale of photos taken during this project goes directly back to the child who shot the photo-giving them an understanding of self sufficiency. We continue to explore how their lives are now and how they move forward having lost so much.

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## **At Costa Verde International School, Our mission is to incite learning throughout the community**

As an elementary school with initial grades from preschool through 6th, our aim is to produce healthy, happy and well-adjusted life-long learners. Our target is that each child acquires fluency in a second language and a profound understanding of the necessity for a “green” approach to living. To achieve this, CVIS is dedicated to a small student to teacher ratio and has focused education on the whole child in an environment designed to develop the talents and skills particular to each individual. School curriculum centers on ecology and respect for the environment. Students learn to analyze and solve problems, rather than simply memorizing facts.

Our International School is just the beginning. Our goal is to provide all ages in our community with a location to find knowledge. Through our Sustainable Resource Center, our mission is to get the people of the community to find the changes they feel are important and to make those changes. Through our Cultural Center, our ambition is to provide adult education classes, art showings, theatre, a public library, and other learning opportunities for the community. We want to expose our amalgam of families to art, culture, and knowledge from around the world and to inspire the entire town to become ecological.

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