

Second Guessing Your Choice of Schools? Please Donâ€™t

Description

Now that youâ€™ve had a few months to resume life as you knew it before LA private elementary school applications, a little nagging voice inside you may be whispering, â€œwe made the wrong school choiceâ€•. After all the applications, interviews, nightmarish testing days? Yes! Itâ€™s possible to have doubts, second thoughts or worse, moments of total panic where you decide that itâ€™s all wrong and your child really should be with her best friend at school x and why didnâ€™t you, as her parent, make this decision that could impact her for life? You decide in a moment of complete delusion, to call the school on Monday and see if you can undo your admissions offer and get her into her best friends school even though you declined their offer. Then, you come to your senses and realize thatâ€™s a terrible idea.

Youâ€™ll keep hearing things that may make you pause and get that little voice inside you stirred up againâ€¦a friend whose daughter already has two best friends and school hasnâ€™t started yet. Someone else you know who met a bunch of moms from the new school who invited her to Cabo for the week. And so on and on and onâ€¦That little voice only needs a tiny nudge to get its wheels spinning in your head, convincing you that you picked the WRONG SCHOOL. And school hasnâ€™t even started yet. There are many years left for that voice to work its magic.

Itâ€™s totally normal to *hope* youâ€™ve selected the right school for your child. And, once you start attending eventsâ€”even before school startsâ€”you may have more moments of panic. I did. What if another child is unfriendly to your child? That happened to me. A child at a welcome event scared the you-know-what out of my daughter and she screamed in terror. What if parents you meet from your new school have interests you donâ€™t share? What if your host family isnâ€™t a great â€œhostâ€•.

Any and all of this stuff can happen. Sometimes events are â€œparent- runâ€• and the school has no knowledge about what is going on. Speaking from experience, it took me a long time to meet parents I really clicked with. My daughter had a rocky transition to kindergarten. It was really tempting to have thoughts of another school at those moments when things werenâ€™t going so well. The first few months of school are not a great way to judge the school experience, either your childâ€™s or your own. Give it more time. Lots more!

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