

The Miquon School

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Participation for Education and Change

In her role as director of El Puente's Global Justice Institute, Miquon alumna **Clara Waloff Parker '94** seeks to make a difference in the world. Specifically, Parker trains leaders and youth on addressing social change, instilling principled leadership, and ultimately, transforming communities. In this role and through a side consultancy she founded, she's also developed toolkits and eBooks that impart techniques--such as participatory action and creative justice--for implementing change at the grass roots level.

And a lot of her work is tied to her roots as a Miquon student, where experiential learning was paramount.

A Progressive educator herself, Parker has knows that “young people learn better when they’re interacting with materials rather than just learning rote memorization, and a lot of that is scientifically proven. This all connects to the Miquon experience . . . to do, create, test things out.”

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Unconventionally Conventional

Alumnus **Peter Slutsky '93** recalls his Miquon School experience as “unconventionally conventional.”

By this, Slutsky means that all the milestones of learning are met--but the way he and other students reached those milestones was completely different from what one would find at a more conventional school.

Perhaps unknown to him at the time, Slutsky's memories of hands-on activities like baking apple pie and building dams and collecting crayfish in the Miquon creek imparted important, real-world lessons in weights and measures, physics, and biology--lessons that were carefully supported and reinforced by Miquon teachers with classroom work.

As a result, there was a lot of interest in the projects happening, and students were rarely intimidated. “You never felt the pressure of learning, never felt like you were being judged against other kids,” Slutsky adds--noting that when you look at each graduating class, you will see students who have gone on to the best schools in Philadelphia and the best colleges.

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Scenes from our First Day



We thought you'd enjoy this video showing a few scenes from around campus on the first day of school this fall.

Support Miquon and our students by taking moment to give to our Annual Giving Campaign using the link below -- it's the easiest way to help out with financial aid, classroom materials, and campus upkeep. Thanks so much for your support!

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Alumni Association Forms

In March a group of alumni from five different decades met at Miquon to discuss forming an alumni association. This group will help alumni keep in touch with each other and with Miquon, and hopes to plan events for alumni at Miquon as well as alumni meetups in various cities. Look for more news from the new Alumni Association soon.

And, we need your help! If you'd like to serve as a class agent and help us locate your classmates and collect their news, please contact alumni@miquon.org.



Alumni Reunion: The First Fifty Years at Miquon

Any student or staff member at Miquon during the years 1932–1982 are invited to a party on Friday evening, May 17, 2019! Details forthcoming!

[More Alumni News](#)

See what's newsy from alumni and friends near and far--check out the latest issue of Grapevine, and don't forget to send us your items by emailing alumni@miquon.org!

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