

Diana Escárcega
Principal
El Árbol Green School



Diana has been immersed in international education since her Middle School days in Ontario, Canada. After returning to her native Mexico City and obtaining a degree in Education, she embarked in a 16-year career as a teacher, working at a Montessori School in Mexico City and becoming a Casa de los Niños Guide.

Her passion for education under the Montessori philosophy led to the opening of an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Montessori School in León, Guanajuato, where she served as school director and principal.

After moving to Playa del Carmen 15 years ago, she became the principal of an AMI Montessori School and later had the opportunity to co-found what is now known as El Árbol Green School – an educational community that balances different philosophies of education into an outstanding way of helping each child meet his/her own needs.

Diana’s educational philosophy goes beyond academics. Her focus is on spreading good values and creating responsible, independent thinkers who care about their community and the environment, and who grow to be the kind of human beings that can have a positive impact in the world.

Diana’s strong belief in respecting children’s essence and personality, in letting them express themselves and be creative, and in listening to and learning from them is reflected in El Árbol’s educational philosophy and community.

“For me, teaching is not about an educational system, but rather about an education for life. Respect for life and for all living things, and making children aware of their spirituality,” she said.