

Lexis Preparatory offers new local education option

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When traditional schools and teaching methods frustrate parents and children alike, the new owners of Lexis Preparatory School want them to know there is another option.

Paradise Valley residents Dr. Raun Melmed, a developmental pediatrician, and Anita Werner, a speech-language pathologist, were previously involved with the school, but this is the first year they are sole owners.

Lexis, which has 50 students but has room for 80, is a private K-8 school designed for children who have ADHD, anxiety, dyslexia and other learning challenges.

"We recognize that not every child learns the same way, and we are tailoring our approach to their different learning styles, creating an environment in which each child can achieve success and self-esteem," said Ms. Werner.

In July, Lexis moved to a new campus

-- a much larger space that will allow considerable room for growth.

One plan the new owners have is to increase its programming for the community using a "village" concept.

To date, the programs include The Lexis Social Village (a variety of after school clubs including chess, Legos, cup stacking and Minecraft), the Lexis Tutoring Café, a Therapy Center and The Brain Fitness Center, which uses computer-based personalized software programs to train memory, attention, reading and language skills.

The school also plans to offer parenting education programs, Werner said, including roundtable discussions on topics such as anxiety and ADHD.

"Our dream for having a school for children in which they can have their weaknesses addressed while their strengths are nurtured has arrived," Werner said.

The school will hold an open house for educators and professionals from



Raun Melmed



Anita Werner

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5 to 7:30 on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Parents can also call 480-391-3901 to schedule a tour. Go to www.LexisPrep.com.