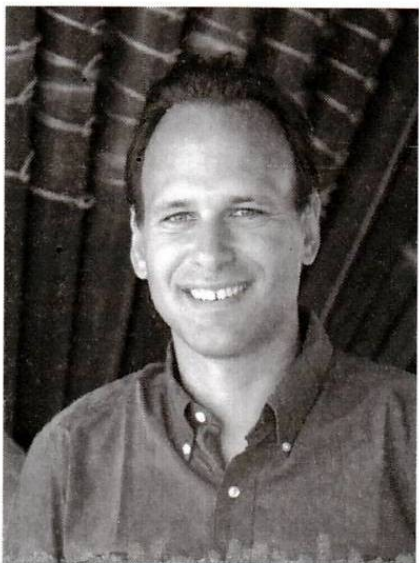


## INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CHOYT

### School Director



#### WHEN/WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Brad was born in Manchester, New Hampshire in 1965; it is a city north of Boston, on the East Coast of the United States, but he has lived, studied and worked all over Asia, with particular experience in India, Nepal, and Tibet.

#### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN STAY IN BALI?

He arrived in Bali about eight months ago with his wife, Charlotte Bacon, and their two children, Toby, 8, and Thea, 1.

#### WHY HAS YOU CHOSEN BALI AS YOUR SECOND HOME?

The move offered him the chance to be involved with an amazing and inspiring project--the founding of a school with high educational standards within a holistic curriculum that emphasizes sustainability. But Bali itself was an enormous lure: he had long known about this beautiful island and wanted very much to introduce his children to its wonderful people and rich culture.

#### WHAT IS YOUR JOB HERE? COULD YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR WORK?

His job, as the Green School's first director, requires hands-on involvement with every aspect of readying the school for its September 2008 opening. He meets and talks with and recruits students, parents, teachers and board members. He helps to plan and implement the curriculum and supervises every aspect of the development of the campus buildings. He works with community leaders to ensure the safest and most productive environment possible for students and their families. A single day might involve meeting with several families; testing a new idea for classroom design; developing a collaboration with Outward Bound to build a ropes course on the campus. The work is exciting, challenging, and always evolving.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENT BETWEEN THE GREEN SCHOOL AND OTHERS?

The Green School aims to be a school that helps students achieve as thinkers, artists, athletes, and entrepreneurs within the grounding framework of environmental responsibility. Several issues distinguish our school from other options in Bali. First, we are working holistically to achieve our goals on a campus that is notable for its beauty, the elegance and utility of its classrooms and facilities built almost entirely of sustainable materials such as bamboo and rammed earth. Second, we are drawing directly on the idea of Multiple Intelligences to ensure that our students are challenged to tap into as many of their potential talents as possible with as much confidence as possible. The School will also feature two other components that distinguish it from other institutions in Bali. First, we will operate, with the help of distinguished professionals and artisans, actual, hands-on opportunities for students to learn entrepreneurial skills within our Learning Village. These endeavors might include running one of Bali's first chocolate factories, organizing a publishing house on the school grounds, and other exciting opportunities that allow students to integrate academic lessons with experiential learning. Finally, we will be, within the next two years, Bali's first boarding school, with boarding options available for children and their families from Grade 7 and older.

## WHAT IS THE MAIN GOAL OF YOUR SCHOOL?

The main goal of our school is simply this: to link learning to life in as joyful, challenging, and inspiring an environment as possible. Our students will be the leaders of the next generation and they will leave with not just practical and academic knowledge but with joy and confidence to help their world solve its most complex problems. We also expect our students to become more curious, more engaged, and more passionate about their education and the planet. Dedicated teachers, a rigorous curriculum, and an inspirational learning environment will enable every child to succeed.