

**Chadwick School  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, California**

☞ Inspire and enlighten in order to open minds and promote stewardship behaviors.



The Acorn Group worked with students in the science and art departments to conduct photo shoots, school archivists to sift through historical images, and faculty members to ensure content accuracy and appeal of the panel text.

Faculty at Chadwick School wanted to orient visitors and members of the school community to the school’s long-standing commitment to sustainability. The Acorn Group created a series of panels to showcase various environmental practices. Many date back to World War II when food shortages and gasoline rationing were harsh realities. Today, Chadwick School remains committed to its early conservation practices. Its victory gardens still thrive. Its compost and vermicompost piles are tended. And its solar panel technology moves the campus closer to “near zero energy.”



Early in the project, The Acorn Group brought together faculty members and students to establish the panels’ purpose:

As a result of this collaborative effort, we produced eight panels, some with spinning wheels, custom shapes, and flip lids, that celebrate “best practices” adopted by students and faculty. The project was highlighted in the school magazine, *The Compass*, in 2012.

☞ Help students and faculty understand the meaning and implications of sustainability;

☞ Help students and faculty connect with Chadwick School’s natural and cultural history, including its long-standing tradition of outdoor and experiential learning;

☞ Advance the idea of a “green mission statement” based on sustainability principles;

