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<p>Dear Park Day Families,</p> <p><i>"If you see someone without a smile, give them yours."</i>-Dolly Parton</p> <p>I love that hokey quote by Dolly Parton. (I actually did not know it was attributed to the "9-to-5" songstress until I looked it up for this post.) My mother said that I was a smiley baby. I feel connected to my father because he and I have the exact same crooked grin. Smiles communicate so much without ever having to say a word. They say, "I am happy to see you." They say, "We are on the same page." They say, "Ooh, that is a great idea!"</p> <p>Well, I miss seeing smiles. I miss seeing wiggly teeth. I miss seeing new braces. And, I really miss seeing the SUPER wide smiles after the braces come off! While we have had a very successful start to our school year, COVID protocols like universal masking, are still with us. Masking is a key safety weapon in our arsenal and we <u>need</u> them, but masks do obscure and hinder our full interactions with one another.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>9/23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - K-4 Picture Day with Roots & Shoots - Back to School Night - 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades <p>9/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5-8 Picture Day with Roots & Shoots <p>9/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community COVID-19 Testing <p>9/30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Back to School Night - Kindergarten

On Monday, we all received the [GREAT news](#) that we are one step closer to our 5-11 year olds being able to be vaccinated. This news has been talked about for a while but to finally get confirmation that Pfizer is about to file for Emergency Use Authorization for this age group in the coming weeks was enough to make educators around the country absolutely gleeful. Concretely, this means that in the coming months all of our kiddos may have another layer of protection against this crazy virus.

Smiles are making a comeback, ya'll!

Be well.
Angela



COVID TESTING RESULTS

We are pleased to share that once again we have had **all negative test results** from last Friday's and this Tuesday's testing. We'll continue to share updates here each week, as well as inform the community whenever a student or staff member on campus tests positive.

Please refer to the [COVID Testing, Quarantine, and Sickness FAQs](#) if you have questions about testing or to our [COVID Safety Plan](#) for our protocols.

Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator

10/11

- No School, No Camp
- [Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

10/13

- [Coffee Time with Angela](#)

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- [Family Garden Work Party](#)



REMINDERS

2021-2022 School Day

Before-school program:

- 7:30am – school start (no charge)

Grades K – 3:

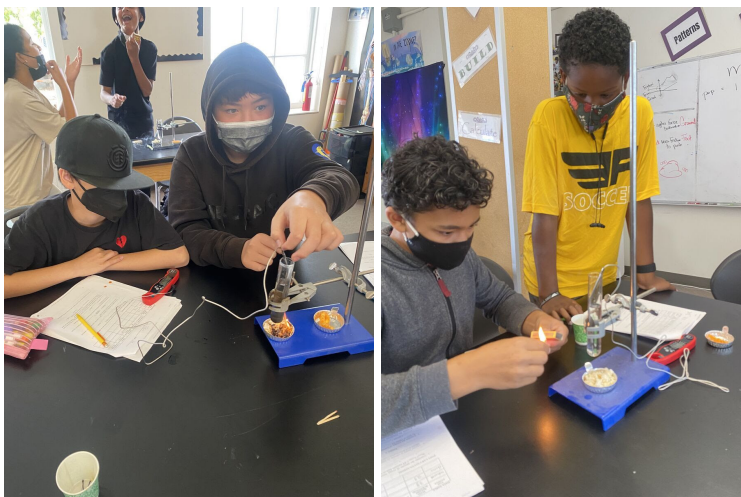
- 8:45 am– 3:15 pm

Grades 4 & 5:

- 8:30 am–3:15 pm

Grades 6 – 8:

- 8:30 am–3:30 pm



PARKING UPDATE

44th Street Parking Lot

Our neighbor, Studio One, is coming back into session with daytime programming beginning October 4. That means we'll be sharing the parking lot on 44th Street again. We ask that parents please **refrain from parking on the Pool and Studio One side of the 44th Street parking lot after 9:30am.**

Thank you for helping us be good neighbors!



Wednesday early dismissal

- Grades K-5: 2:15 pm
- Grades 6-8: 2:35 pm

After School Activities Program:

- From school dismissal-6:00 p.m.

Gate Codes

- 42nd Street Gate:
 - #SMILE (#76453)
- 43rd/44th Street Gates:
 - SMILE* (76453*)

Customize your [ParentSquare notification settings](#) so you get information the way that suits you best!

Check out all the [Opt-In Community Groups](#) on ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

Navigate school-related tech issues on the school's [Technology & Tips](#) section of the website.



DROP-OFF & START OF SCHOOL

Here are some friendly reminders and requests to keep in mind in the mornings:

- Please help your child arrive to class on time
- If you walk your child in, please say your good-byes and transition at either the 42nd Street gate or if you enter on 43rd Street, as far as the Yurt. We are continuing to reduce the density of adults on campus
- Only service animals are allowed on campus. Please leave your pets at home
- K-3 morning drop off is 8:25-8:40am. Children line up and go in with teachers at 8:40 to be ready for the start of class at 8:45am
- 4-5 morning drop off is 8:10-8:25am so they can start class at 8:30am
- 6-8 morning drop-off is 8:10-8:25am so they can start class at 8:30am

If your lower or middle school student arrives past the normal drop-off time, please have them sign-in at the Front Office at the Palm Building so they are not marked absent for the day. Thank you!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes a lot of us to get students safely through drive through drop-off and pick-up efficiently, so we are asking those who are able and willing to please lend a hand.

Please [click here to volunteer!](#)

Thank you for sharing your time with us! We greatly appreciate your teamwork!





COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

East Bay Mini Maker Faire Update

It's fall and for more than a decade that has meant that it's East Bay Mini Maker Faire season. The staff and families of Park Day School have joyfully put on the EBMMF as a true labor of love for our community.

This year, between the dangers of the pandemic and fire season, and the corresponding economic impact on so many of our local Makers, the EBMMF is on hold for the time being. Watch for more information to follow as we plan for our next event, perhaps in the Spring of 2022.



Thank you for your tremendous support over the years. We can't wait to welcome our Makers, families, and all our guests back to the Park Day School Campus for the next East Bay Mini Maker Faire!

Gender Spectrum Holds Family Conference

Gender Spectrum works to create gender sensitive and inclusive environments for all children and teens. They host the hosted nation's oldest gathering dedicated to caregivers with transgender, non-binary and otherwise gender-expansive children and youth with their Family Conference.

This year's event will be held virtually this weekend on Sept. 25 & 26. [Click here for more information!](#)



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