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Dear Park Day Families,

This has been a heartwarming and joyful start to the new school year! Seeing how much everyone has grown and hearing about summer adventures has been delightful. It was also great to see so many of our parents on the first day of school and to be able to reinstate our Park Day tradition of "The Welcome Song." What our staff may lack in singing ability we hope we make up for in enthusiasm and love!

One parent said to me, *"I have to say that I am really going to miss that little human now that school is back in session, but I know they are in great hands when they're here."*

As a progressive school, we believe in teaching to the whole child. This means we focus on the social, emotional, cognitive, cultural, and physical development of our

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/5**
- [Community COVID-19 Testing](#)
- 9/6**
- [No School - Labor Day](#)
- 9/12**
- [Community COVID-19 Testing](#)
- 9/19**
- [Community COVID-19](#)

students. To this end, during these first couple of days, our teachers have been working with great intention to get to know each and every student, to build classroom community, and to begin to create safe and collaborative learning environments. We know this is the solid foundation upon which to build deep intellectual development and healthy identity formation. We are looking forward to a remarkable year and thank you for sharing your kiddos with us. We value and appreciate our partnership with you.

Update to our Testing Protocol

Given the challenges the Delta variant presents, we are in the final stages of shifting our testing protocols. Upon completion of our intake process with the testing agency, we will be testing all students and staff twice/weekly on campus regardless of vaccine status. We are anticipating starting this new cadence in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more information.

In the interim, we are still requiring weekly testing of unvaccinated students and are strongly encouraging testing for all students regardless of vaccination status. The Curative van will continue to offer community testing every Sunday in the Park Day School 44th Street parking lot. Registration for testing can take place through [Curative's website](#). Registration typically opens two days prior to the testing date. Another great option is [Test the People](#) which offers no cost testing daily in North Oakland.

Update to our Masking Protocol

In order to maintain readiness and safety during the rapidly changing AQI conditions this fall and to provide an additional layer of protection for COVID transmission, we are asking that all students and staff wear either KN94 or N95 masks or to double mask with a surgical mask with a cloth mask on top starting next Tuesday, September 7. We have masks available in our school office, as needed.

In community,
Angela

Testing

9/22

- [Back to School Night-K, 1st, & 2nd Grades](#)
- [Back to School Night Grades 6-8](#)

9/23

- [K-4 Picture Day with Roots & Shoots](#)
- [Back to School Night-3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades](#)

9/24

- [5-8 Picture Day w/Roots & Shoots](#)

9/26

- [Community COVID-19 Testing](#)





COVID TESTING & DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS

COVID Testing

See Angela's note above regarding updates to our testing protocols. For now, please continue to test at the [Sunday COVID van](#) or your preferred testing site. We strongly encourage all students who are eligible for vaccination to get vaccinated. If your child has received their COVID-19 vaccination, please upload their vaccination card [here](#).

Titan HST Daily Health Screenings

We are continuing our practice of completing the Titan HST daily health screening. Returning families, please make sure your app is installed on your phone and you can access your account. Families new to Park Day, [please refer to this post](#) for information on downloading, logging in, and navigating the Titan HST app.



DROP-OFF / PICK-UP

Thank you for your good cheer as we navigate the first week of school pick-up/drop-off flow. Please review our [school protocols](#), and thank you for adhering to your drive-through timing windows by grade.

PICK-UP

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

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)

- **If driving through at pick-up time, please display your laminated placard in the passenger side window** so that we can gather your child in a timely fashion and also know that you are an approved driver. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!
- **If walking in to pick-up during peak times, thank you for staying near the 42nd street gate and the bike racks while waiting.** There are a lot of people on campus during the height of pick up and we want to be sure we have eyes on our students and are matching them with their grown-ups. It helps if you have your placard in hand during these first weeks as we get to know your masked faces.

DROP-OFF

- **If walking up to drop-off during the morning peak drop-off time, please say goodbye to your child at the bike racks.** For our youngest students or our new students, you may walk them to the Yurt during these first weeks while they get their footing. If your child needs extra support you may want to come to school early and check them into Morning Care through the 44th street pedestrian gate. This will enable you to say a longer goodbye.
- **Morning Care drop-offs and ASAP pedestrian pick-ups may use the 44th street pedestrian gate (gate code SMILE*)**

Friendly Reminder

- Unless you are signing a child in or out at the front office, have an appointment with a teacher, or are volunteering, we ask that adults not enter the school buildings. We are working to keep density down on campus and are especially mindful of our indoor footprint, and the health and safety of our whole community.

- 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.





GATE CODES

Gate codes are for current families and staff only. Please do not share gate codes. For your safety and ours, the campus is closed when school-related activities are not in session. Other uses may be pre-arranged through the Business Office and require school staffing; requests will be accommodated when possible.

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

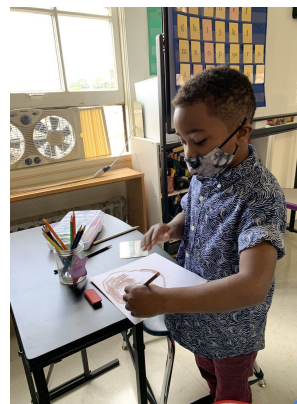


STUDENT MEDICATION

If you submitted the Dispensing of Temporary Medication form through [SFO](#) because you have medicine your student needs during the school day, please bring that medication directly to Cassandra or Victoria in the Font Office. The medicine should be in its original container from the pharmacy with the name of your child and the name of the medicine clearly printed on it.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

If your 6-8th grade student is interested in participating in Cross Country or Flag Football this fall, [please see this post](#) from Athletic Director Marisa Hatcher. The deadline to register is September 17 by 5:00 pm. Go Mighty Apples!





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering at Park Day School is a fun and rewarding experience. Here are a few upcoming opportunities to signup for:

- **Drive-Through Drop-Off & Pick-Up**

We're counting on you! Help us move our drive-through drop-off line quickly during the first two weeks of school. We are especially in need of [volunteers](#) for the afternoon (3:15pm-3:45pm) shift. Thank you for lending a hand!

- **Admissions**

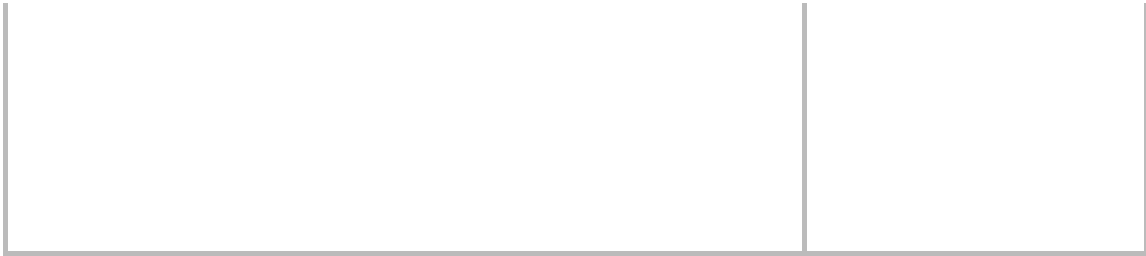
If you are looking for more volunteer opportunities, join the Park Day [Admissions Volunteer Group](#). We have some fun projects coming up and need some helping hands.

- **Other Opportunities to Come**

Soon you can expect to hear from Room Parents about other class community and possibly classroom volunteer opportunities.

Thank you so much to all our friends who helped get our campus ready for school this past weekend! You weeded, cleaned, carried, constructed, and helped us look and feel our best. We invite everyone to our next Garden Work Party on October 16!





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