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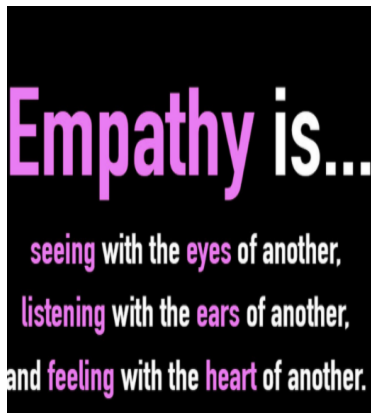


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Dear Park Day Families,



Empathy is a foundational human principle. It allows us to understand, connect, and be moved by the condition of another. Maya Angelou once said, "I think we all have empathy. We may not have enough courage to display it." At Park Day School, [our espoused social justice practice](#) is:

In order to grow as changemakers in our communities we practice empathy and compassion. We understand that we all have different experiences and different ways of feeling and contributing to our environment and our collective learning. As school leaders, we believe that if this is the aspiration we have for our students then we have to model it and live it as well.

Next Wednesday, October 6, Jules Greene, our Middle

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/30

- Back to School Night
- [Kindergarten](#)

10/11

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

10/13

- [Coffee Time with Angela](#)

10/16

- [Family Garden Work Party](#)

10/19

School Head, will be participating in the Stanford d. School, [Shadow a Student Challenge](#). "The Shadow a Student Challenge is a crash course in empathy that starts with seeing school through a student's eyes. It helps school leaders find meaningful opportunities to improve the experience for students, and take insight-driven action to create change at their schools."

Jules will become a 7th grade student for the entire day. She will follow the 7th grade schedule from drop-off until dismissal. And, she will be subject to all of the rules and expectations of a student including homework. Karen Colaric, our Lower School Head, and I will also choose a day later this month to walk in the shoes of students in other grade levels. Our goal, as academic leaders, is to get an authentic sense of the student experience with a commitment to refine and improve as needed. Each of us will share a reflection of our learnings with the community after our shadow days.

In community,
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

- Parent Ed for grades 5-8: [Discussion about Anxiety with Annie Egan](#)

10/25

- No School - [Professional Development Day](#)

11/4 - 11/5

- No School - Camp Available - [Family-Teacher Conferences](#)



REMINDERS

2021-2022 School Day

Before-school program:



PARKING REMINDER

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!



LUNCH SIGN-UPS

If you wish to make changes to your students hot lunch sign-up, please contact [Victoria Joes](#) in the Main Office. All changes take effect at the first of the month

- 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)
- 43rd/44th Street Gates:
 - SMILE^{*} (76453^{*})

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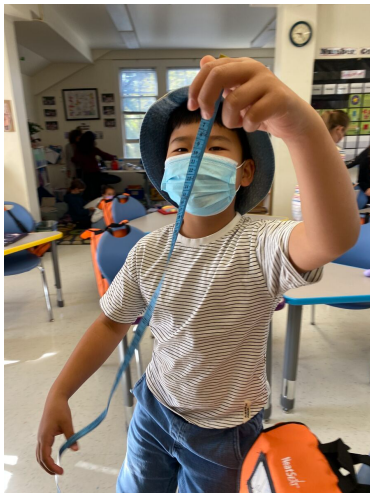
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

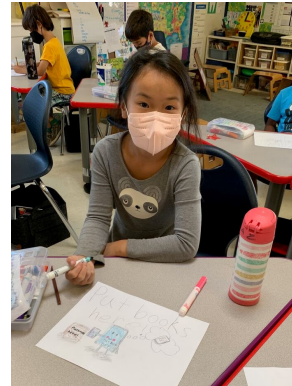
It takes a lot of us to get students safely through drive through drop-off and pick-up efficiently, so we are asking those who are able and willing to please lend a hand.

Please [click here to volunteer!](#) Thank you for sharing your time with us! We greatly appreciate your teamwork!



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Community Groups on ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

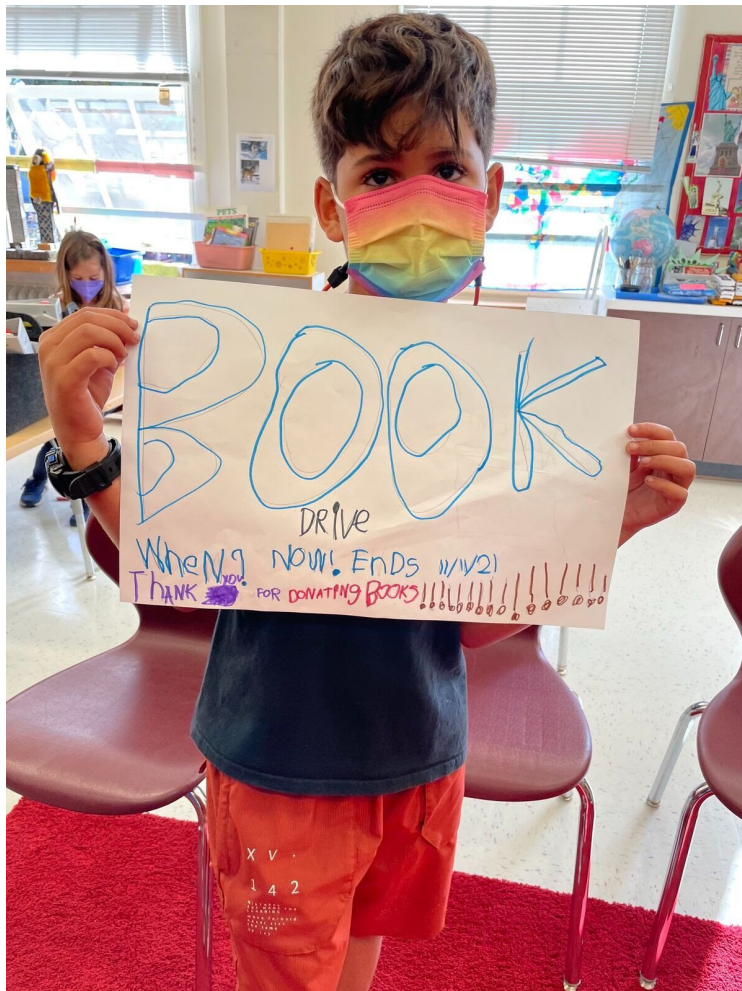


Book Drive

Our second graders have officially launched our annual PDS Book Drive! From now until November 11, we are collecting gently used children's books (PreK-MS) to share with students in the wider community. Donation boxes will be out in the driveway during drop-off/pick-up starting next week.

Boxes are also located in the entry of Palm and Magnolia, as well as in every K-6 classroom. This year our books will be donated to two places: [Carl B. Munck Elementary School](#), a K-5 school in OUSD, and [The Oakland Reach](#), a parent-run, parent-led organization that supports OUSD parents and their families. Carl B. Munck Elementary will use their books to help build their school's library. Our friends at The Oakland Reach will share their books with the many families they work with.

Thank you for helping us share the love of books and reading with the wider community!



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