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Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

It was a pleasure to connect with so many families yesterday at our second “Coffee with Angela”! Thank you for making the time to prioritize community connections and conversations. We had a great group of both new Park Day parents as well as those who have been here for many years. Please sign up for [next month’s coffee here](#). We’d love to see you!

Parent Education: “How to Talk to Your Children About Race and Racism”

As many of you know, we were able complete our school’s [first strategic plan](#) at the end of last school year. “Belonging” was one of the four strategic pillars our community identified as crucial to our organizational growth. Our charge for the next five years is to “deepen our commitment to inclusion so that everyone in our community feels a sense of belonging.” As we begin to embark upon this important work, we are excited to welcome Dr. Allison Briscoe-Smith, Ph.D on next Tuesday, November 16, to facilitate a Park Day community discussion about [“How to Talk to Your Children About Race and Racism”](#). Dr. Smith will facilitate this community space over Zoom anchored in the following three questions:

1. Why should I talk to my children about race? Doesn’t this create divisions?
2. When is the right developmental time/age to discuss race with my child?
3. How should I approach this topic that is fraught with trauma and emotion?

We ask you to [submit any additional questions ahead of time](#) so that Dr. Smith can shape and refine her time with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/13

- [Admissions Open House](#)

11/16

- [Parent Ed Event](#) with Allison Briscoe-Smith: How to Talk to Your Children About Race

11/22 - 11/26

- [Fall-iday Break](#) - No School
- No Camp

12/6

- [Coffee with Angela](#)

12/13

- [No School - Camp](#)

[Available](#) -Teacher

Professional Development Day

12/17

- [Mid-Day Release](#) - Winter Break Begins

12/18 - 1/2

- [Winter Break](#)

1/3

- [No School - Camp](#)



Dr. Briscoe-Smith earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard University. She then received her clinical psychology Ph.D. from University of California Berkeley. She then went on to continue her specialization in trauma and ethnic minority mental health through internship and postdoctoral work at University of California San Francisco/San Francisco General Hospital.

She has combined her love of teaching and advocacy by serving as a professor and by directing mental health programs for children experiencing trauma, homelessness or foster care. Much of her work has been with schools, as a clinician, consultant and trainer.

Currently she is the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the Wright Institute where she is a professor. She is also the co-author of the new book, **Generation Mixed Goes to School**.

Be well.
Angela

COVID TESTING RESULTS UPDATE

We are continually grateful for the good health of our community. **All the test results from staff and student testing this past Tuesday were negative.** Many young students have shared the exciting news about getting their first vaccine dose this past week. Appointments are now even more available; see below for location information.

Many thanks to Park Day parents Jocelyn Sze and Rachel Kreps-Falk who shared important information about the COVID Vaccine at Tuesday's Vaccine Information Session. **We are happy to share these slides containing information and resources as well as a recording of the event. This flyer also answers questions and provides helpful information about the pediatric vaccine.**

As a reminder, **all students, regardless of vaccination status, need to be tested 1-3 days before returning to school following the holiday break.** To ensure the health and safety of our school community, this COVID testing is required of all students and staff regardless of any travel in or out of state. We will return to our twice-weekly onsite testing on Tuesday after break.

Be well,

Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator

Available -Teacher
Professional Development Day

1/4
- School Resumes



REMINDERS

2021-2022 School Day

Before-school program:

- 7:30 am – 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:

Vaccine Locations

- **Your student's pediatrician**
- **Kaiser** - Kaiser Richmond also has walk-in vaccine clinics 7 days/wk from 9a-4p, do not have to be a Kaiser patient
- Local Pharmacies: **CVS, Walgreens, Safeway, Costco** (starting next week)
- **MyTurn**
- **La Clinica**
- **Children's Hospital**
- **Alameda County**
- **OUSD** (starting mid-November)



ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN LAUNCH



Our students are so bright and full of promise. Park Day School was founded in 1976 with a **clear mission to empower young people to make positive change in the world.** And as you look around, you see Park Day students doing just that.

You know first hand how powerful our students are. From lower school classes organizing a book drive to support local children to middle schoolers taking action against the school-to-prison pipeline with Critical Resistance, ours is a progressive school deeply engaged with a public purpose. **Park Day remains committed to empowering our students as critical**

- 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 Parent-to-Parent & Community Groups** on ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!



thinkers, strong allies who use their voices to advocate for others, and innovators who make change for justice.

This week we launch our Annual Fund campaign. Together with tuition, your support of the Annual Fund helps fulfill our mission. Last year, gifts to the Annual Fund ranged from \$25 to \$20,000, reflecting a richly diverse community and a commitment by each family to contribute at the best of their ability. Each gift matters and is given because Park Day's mission is a priority to our families.

Can we count on your support this year? When you make a gift or pledge to the Annual Fund you say YES to...

- making Park Day School affordable for all students, regardless of their family's means
- meaningful professional development opportunities so teachers can continue to support and inspire our students with rigorous, evidence-based curricula
- campus upgrades that add to the safety and joy of our learning environment
- putting our new Strategic Plan to work for Park Day's long term-growth and sustainability

At Park Day School, we believe we make progress when we educate children to the highest standard and **give students the foundation they need to direct their boundless energy and optimism to create a better tomorrow.** We value equity and belonging for every member of the Park Day community. Achieving full participation in the Annual Fund campaign is an important way we can all show up for each other and demonstrate our commitment to one another in this work.

Your partnership and generosity are deeply appreciated!



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Leadership Spotlight

Angela Taylor was recently interviewed in Golestan Magazine about transitioning into our community as a first year Head of School and gaining trust during a global pandemic. [Click here for her feature!](#)

Admissions Open House

Our first [admissions open house](#) will place Saturday, November 13. Many thanks to all our parent volunteers who are helping with this important event. If you have a friend or acquaintance who's thinking about schools for next year, we hope you'll encourage them to consider Park Day School! The best place to start is on our [website](#), and Josie is always happy to connect.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Morning Drop-Off

It takes a lot of us to get students safely through drive through drop-off 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!

