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## Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

Today, a **very promising announcement** came out from the health officers of all nine Bay Area counties. Succinctly, because the Bay Area COVID-19 rates are steadily declining, the health officers put out a statement outlining the criteria for the eventual lifting of indoor COVID-19 masking requirements.

Wow. News travels fast because I did receive a few emails and calls today from families with hopeful questions about sending their kids to school without masks!

L.K. Monroe, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, also issued a **press release** today to provide crystal clarity:

*It is important to note that this criteria currently **does not apply to our school settings**. Current masking mandates for TK-12 schools fall under the order of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and were put in place in an effort to keep schools open for in-person instruction as our youngest students have yet to qualify for vaccines. **The state is set to review its masking orders for schools and provide any potential updates by November 1.** The guidance and protocols provided to our schools by Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) continues to be aligned with the guidance set forth by the state.*

While we are all heartened by the positive momentum, we are still practicing vigilance and patience for the time being. Hold on!

Be well.

Angela

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**10/11**

- No School, No Camp - **Indigenous Peoples Day**

**10/13**

- **Coffee Time with Angela**

**10/16**

- **Family Garden Work Party**

**10/19**

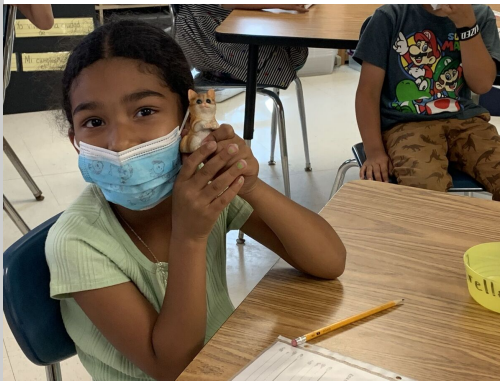
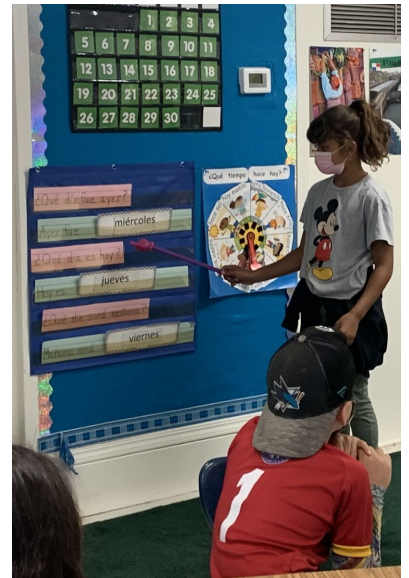
- Parent Ed for grades 5-8: **Discussion about Anxiety with Annie Egan**

**10/25**

- No School - **Professional Development Day**

**11/4 - 11/5**

- No School - Camp Available  
- **Family-Teacher Conferences**



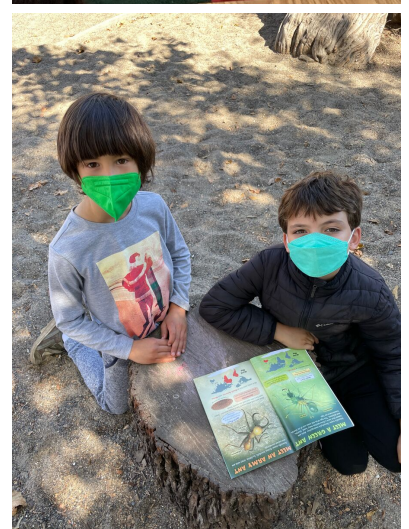
### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### 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!

#### Fall Family Garden Work Party

Happy Autumn! Join us on campus next Saturday, 10am-3pm, for a family-friendly Garden Work Party. Make new friends or work alongside old ones to help keep our campus beautiful. We will be weeding and mulching, re-organizing the garden shed, doing some chicken coop upkeep, and creating a Peace Garden! **[Click here to RSVP!](#)**

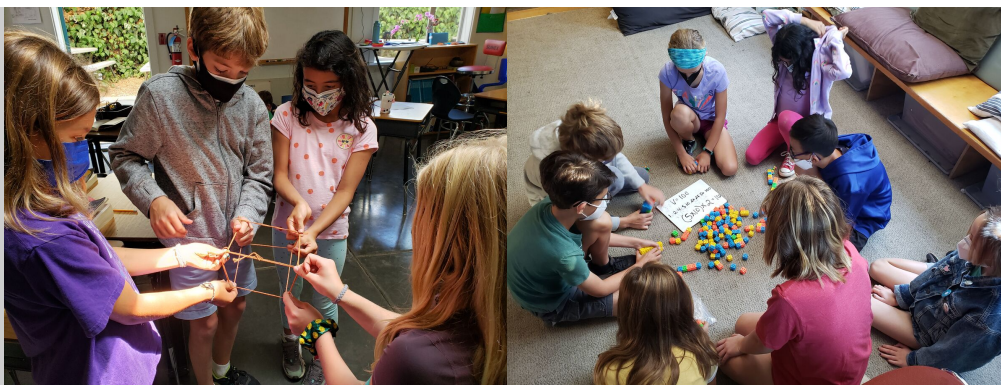


### REMINDERS

**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:

- 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!



## LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found collection will be displayed and available daily at the end of the driveway. Please park off campus and walk in to claim any missing items as we do not want to hold up the drive-thru process in the morning or afternoon. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the month. Thanks for helping these items find their way home!





## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Life is Living Festival

This Saturday, October 9th, the People's Kitchen Collective will host a virtual family event honoring the Black Panther Party for Self Defense and their radical Survival Programs with very special guests Ericka Huggins in conversation with 10 year old activist Mila Terry-Koon. Our own Director of Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging, Arjuna Sayyed, will be providing music, so be sure to tune in! **[More information can be found here.](#)**

### Park Day Family Featured in New Mural!

There's an upcoming community gathering on Saturday, October 16, 2:00 - 4:00 pm celebrating a new addition to Oakland's landscape. Community Rejuvenation Project has just completed an epic 8-story mural that highlights our city's legacy of freedom fighters and changemakers. It's truly amazing and if you look closely, you'll see one of our own beloved Park Day families featured in it! **[Click here for more info!](#)**

### Book Drive

Our second graders have 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. Thank you for helping us share our love of books and reading with the wider community!





