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Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

The holiday season is upon us and the joy of the children on campus is palpable. We have a lot of things to celebrate as a school in the coming week. **This Friday we are welcoming parents and special guests to campus for our second Community Assembly of the year.** Families of students in grades 3-5 are invited to bring up to four attendees per student. Please [RSVP here](#) if you and guests plan to come. All adults will be asked to show proof of vaccination before entering this outdoor, masked event. Check out the fun photos below of our K-2 Community Assembly from last month!

Also coming up this weekend--**our second in-person Admissions Open House of the season takes place on Saturday.** Registration is so full we had to start a waiting list. Thank you to the hard working faculty and staff who will be attending this event, as well as the 35(!) parent volunteers and 15 Student Ambassadors who signed up to help chat with visiting families. [Josie](#) is always looking for Admissions Ambassadors to help answer questions on the phone, in-person, or online. Let her know if you would like to help in the months ahead!

As we look to the week ahead, we hope you'll join us for at least one (and maybe both!) Parent Ed opportunities over Zoom. On Dec 14 at 6:45pm, the **DJA will be welcoming acclaimed Peace Activist Azim Khamisa** who has committed his life to halting the cycle of violence among youth. Please [RSVP here](#) to indicate your attendance. On Dec 15 at 6:00pm, **Allison Briscoe-Smith is hosting an important seminar about how to talk with your children about race.** This event represents the reschedule from last month and we ask that you [RSVP here](#).

Park Day School sure knows how to fill the last week before Winter Break with engagement and opportunity! Hope to see you online or in-person in the week ahead.

In community,
Angela

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/10

- [3rd-5th Grade Community Assembly](#).

12/13

- [No School - Camp Available](#) -Teacher Professional Development Day

12/14

- Holiday Toy Drive Ends

12/16

- [Hygiene Kit Supply Drive](#) Ends

12/17

- [Staggered Mid-Day Release](#) for Winter Break:
12:00 - 12:15 - K-5th grade
12:15 - 12:30 - 6-8th grades
ASAP 12:00 - 2:30

12/18 - 1/2

- [Winter Break](#)

12/31

- New Year's Eve! *Be sure to make your year-end [gift to the](#)*



Annual Fund campaign by midnight!

1/1/2022
- Happy New Year!

1/3
- **No School - Camp Available** -Teacher Professional Development Day

1/4
- School Resumes

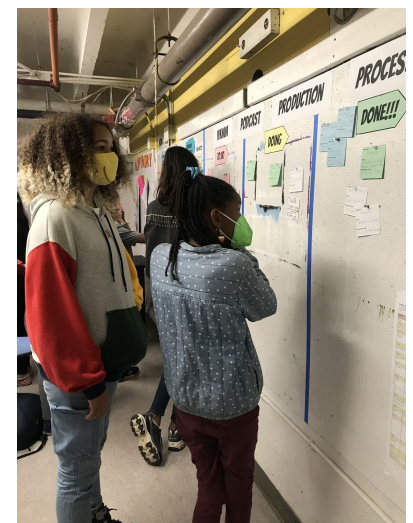


COVID TESTING RESULTS & TRAVEL GUIDANCE

We are grateful for the good health of our community, and that so many of our students are now fully vaccinated. **All the test results from staff and student testing last Friday and this Tuesday were negative**, except for one which was inconclusive. It was then retested with a negative result.

Alameda County and Bay Area COVID case rates and hospitalization rates remain fairly low, though they are increasing slightly. **We are continuing to practice the prevention measures that have kept our students and staff safe**, given the holidays and the Omicron variant, and ask all families to take precautions when gathering indoors.

Some community members have asked about our policy regarding travel over Winter Break. We ask all families to follow the **state travel guidance** that recommends that only fully-vaccinated individuals travel outside the area. Please see the State's **Holiday Gathering Fact Sheet** for further guidance. Any family that is choosing to travel internationally over the break should follow the latest Restrictions for **International Travel**, requiring travelers to test for COVID-19 within 1 day of their departure and recommending that unvaccinated individuals self-quarantine for seven (7) days after returning from a foreign country.



REMINDERS

Parking for Drop-Off & Pick-Up
Please use the drive through

We will again be requiring all families to upload a negative COVID test

result for their student dated between Dec 31 and January 3 before returning to campus on January 3 or 4th. If you have two or more students at Park Day, please upload an image of all their test results combined. Reminders will be sent out through the TitanHST app at the end of the break.

Be well,
Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator



TIMELY REMINDERS

There is **no school on Monday, Dec. 13**, due to a teacher professional development day. Camp is offered this day. See the [Camp Day Registration Reminder](#) post for more information.

We will have a staggered mid-day release on Friday, Dec. 17. Pick-up times are as follows:

12:00 - 12:15 - K-5th grade

12:15 - 12:30 - 6-8th grades

ASAP is offering limited hours on Friday, Dec. 17, so please make

lane when possible. If you choose to walk into campus, be sure to park legally and courteously for the sake of our neighbors.

Dismissal Pick-Up Windows

Please respect the pick-up window times. If you arrive early or your student isn't ready when you pull through, please drive back out and circle the block to keep the carpool lane moving.

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

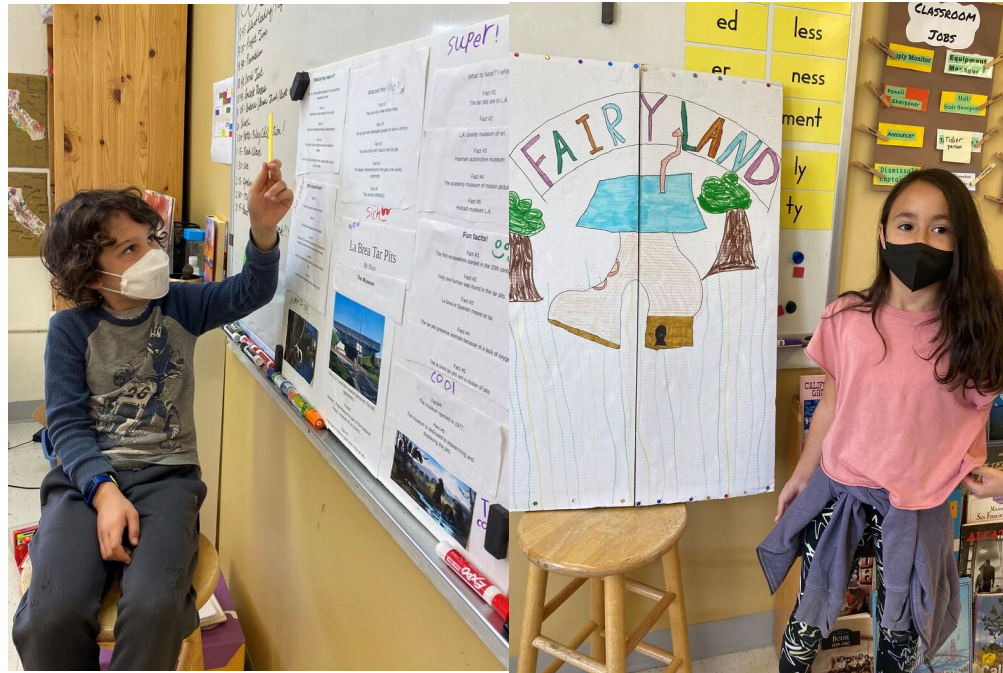
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arrangements to gather your child(ren) by 2:30 pm.

There is **no school on Monday, Jan. 3**, due to a teacher professional development day. Camp is offered this day. See the **Camp Day Registration Reminder** post for more information.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 4, and a negative COVID test dated within 3 days is required to return to campus. Reminders to upload will be sent through the TitanHST app over the Winter Break.

Check out all the **Opt-In Parent-to-Parent & Community Groups** on ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!



ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN



We are deeply heartened by the tremendous generosity the **Annual Fund** campaign has inspired this fall. Gifts to the Annual Fund have totaled over \$215,000 so far and continues to climb. **We deeply appreciate the leaders in our community who have answered the call to contribute to the campaign!** Thank you!

Gifts have ranged from \$25 to \$25,000, 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. **If you haven't contributed yet, now is the perfect time!** By **making a gift to the Annual Fund** today, you support our school and earn a charitable donation deduction on your taxes.



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. **Thank you for your partnership and generosity!**



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

DJA Presents MLK Human Dignity Award Recipient, Azim Khamisa, on 12/14/21

Mark your calendars now for this very special night with acclaimed Speaker and Peace Activist, Azim Khamisa. Invite your family and prepare yourself for this remarkable story, which not only inspires but educates and empowers all who hear it. You won't want to miss it! **[Click here for more information, videos, and to RSVP.](#)**

Toy Drive

Our 5th graders are leading a campaign to collect new, unwrapped toys for the **[4Cs of Alameda County](#)**, a family resource agency that provides support and access to a variety of services such as affordable child care, financial services, parenting classes, food distribution, and much more. The drive ends **Tuesday, December 14**, and donations may be dropped off in the carpool lane.

[Hygiene Kit Supply Drive](#)

Our Middle School students are launching a hygiene kit supply drive for **[LavaMaex](#)** and will be collecting supplies through **Thursday, December 16**. LavaMaex provides mobile showers and other care services to our houseless neighbors in Oakland and San Francisco. These hygiene kits will be distributed to guests when they come to use the mobile shower stations. **[Click here for a list of the items most needed.](#)** Thank you for supporting the drive!



Open Call for Student & Staff Submissions to the IYKMM Podcast Mixtape!

The *If You Knew Me Mondays* Podcast Club is working on their 1st mixtape episode! This special episode will be a compilation of student and staff musical compositions, and we'd love to include your student's submission! If they're interested in participating, **please use this form to share their content** by Friday, January 21st. We can't wait to hear from our talented and creative students and staff!



PARK DAY SCHOOL WEATHER STATION UPDATE

Recently we shared news of newly donated and installed Weather Station at Park Day. We are actively monitoring the weather on campus, including temperature, wind, and air quality, as well as checking the weather forecast for the day, and you can, too! See this [post in the Community Board group](#) to get connected and see the data!

And remember--if you're looking for the perfect gift for the science-minded friend or family member, **Davis Instruments has kindly offered a 10% discount to the Park Day community on any products**, including the AirLink air quality monitor, on www.davisinstruments.com. Simply enter the code "PARKDAY SCHOOL" at checkout.

For every **air quality monitor** sold between now and Jan 1, 2022 using the code, Davis Instruments will donate \$25 to Park Day School. **Please share the code freely with friends and family!**

