

Park Day School



PS Park Day Post

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1/21

- Farm Box Registration Due

2/11

- No School - Professional Development Day

2/19

- Coffee with Angela

2/21

- No School - Presidents' Day

2/22 - 2/25

- No School - February Break

3/11

- Read-a-Thon

3/24 & 3/25

- No School - Family-Teacher Conferences

Dear Park Day Families,

As a community, we are strong.

On Tuesday, our Director of Development, Chris Miller, shared that some of our families were moved to form a **Giving Challenge to inspire 50 new gifts to the Annual Fund.** I love a challenge, don't you? What I appreciate most about this particular challenge is that it's not just about dollars raised. **It's about our strength as a community.** It's about each family participating and joining the campaign. It's about showing up for one another and sending the powerful message that we are strongest when we are united.

I give to the Annual Fund because I believe in the work we do at Park Day School, educating and empowering young people to become courageous and compassionate leaders. Our Board of Trustees give because they have the vision to imagine Park Day School's bright future. Our alumni and their families give because they've seen firsthand the difference the Park Day School experience made in their lives.

Our families who've already given to the Annual Fund did so for myriad reasons -- to support our financial aid program, to help make good on our commitment to teachers, and to support classroom, technology, and campus needs to create an efficacious and dynamic learning environment, just to name a few.

I encourage those of you who haven't yet given to take advantage of this moment. **I hope you will accept the challenge and join us.** Be counted among those of us who've made Park Day School's mission a priority.

As a community, we are strong.

Angela



COVID UPDATE



REMINDERS

Parking for Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Please use the drive through lane when possible. If you choose to walk into campus, be

We are grateful that case rates in the County and Bay Area look like they are starting to decline, similar to other metropolitan areas and other countries hit hard with Omicron. Thanks to everyone's diligence, we have fared well in our Park Day community.

All results from our on-campus PCR testing last Friday were negative; we are still waiting on results from Tuesday. Since our last Park Day Post we are aware of 3 members of our community that have tested positive for COVID and 3 with a close exposure. We have been in touch with anyone who was considered a **close contact**. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We are using BinaxNOW antigen rapid tests from the State on campus for screening and in cases of possible exposure. As part of our agreement with the California Department of Public Health, we are asking all families to complete a consent form. Please look for a post in the upcoming days with the consent form.

Most of you have likely already heard that at-home rapid antigen tests are now available from the Federal Government through the USPS. If you haven't yet, please order your 4 tests **here**.

Some of our older students are now eligible for boosters. We encourage all students 12 and older to get their booster 5 months after their last vaccine shot, as recommended by the CDC. Appointments are much easier to come by at this time.

Take care,
Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator



ANNUAL FUND GIVING CHALLENGE

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 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

Join the Annual Fund Giving Challenge:

50 New Gifts Will Unlock \$50,000!

We deeply appreciate the leaders in our community who have contributed to the Annual Fund campaign already. **Thank you!** to the many Park Day families, teachers, staff members, alumni, alum families, and friends who've made our mission their priority.

Although our fundraising is skyhigh, **our family participation rate hovers at only 50%.** We know that we're stronger together and that we have a richly diverse community. We also know that the Annual Fund provides the margin of excellence at Park Day School and that it directly benefits each and every student and teacher. With that in mind, **generous Park Day families have joined forces to create a \$50,000 Giving Challenge** to inspire others to participate. Here's the challenge:

Each of the next 50 gifts from families who haven't yet contributed will unlock \$1,000 of the \$50,000!

Together we can meet the challenge with 50 new gifts to unlock the \$50,000.

Now is the time to give and it couldn't be easier. You can:

- Make a gift online or by mail to the school
- Make a pledge to be fulfilled by June 1st, 2022
- Take advantage of your employer's matching gift program
- Donate a gift of stock
- Donate the vehicle that's been taking up space in the garage

Your participation sends a powerful message as we strengthen our financial aid program, fulfill our promise to teachers, and look towards building out our beautiful campus and facilities. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated!**

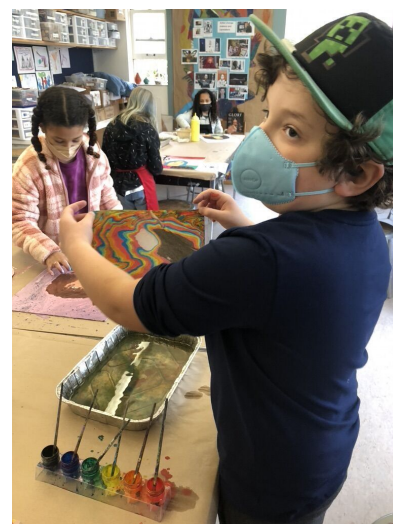
With gratitude,

Chris Miller

Director of Development



find folks with similar interests!



LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found rack will be in the driveway Wednesday, 1/26, and Fri 1/28 until 4:00.

All unclaimed items will be donated after Friday, 1/28.

Please stop by and take a look before it goes away!



WINTER FARM BOX REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Start your year off right! Join us in supporting the Park Day School Garden program and get a bountiful box of delicious locally grown organic River Dog Farm veggies and eggs every week for your family to enjoy! **Click here to sign up by tomorrow, Friday, January 21, to subscribe for 10 weeks beginning on Wednesday, January 26**



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2022-2023 school year begins on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. The last day of school will be June 7, 2023, with graduation taking place on June 6. Major holiday breaks are posted on the [web calendar](#). A more complete list of school breaks and Professional Development days will be posted next week with the letter from Angela Taylor and Board President Andrea Franchett announcing tuition for the 2022-2023 school year.

You can expect your child's 2022-2023 enrollment contract to arrive over email the week of January 31. Contracts should be signed through the school's Blackbaud system, and BOTH living parents are asked to sign the contract through their own Blackbaud account. Enrollment contracts are due back by February 10 along with a 10% non-refundable tuition deposit. Regular tuition payments then begin on April 12 for families paying through the extended

payment plan.

Please note that families who are part of the indexed tuition program (formerly known as the financial aid program) can generally expect to pay the same percentage tuition from year to year barring any significant changes to financial circumstances. If you have any questions about enrollment for next year, contact **Josie A.G. Shapiro**. If you have any questions about tuition, **Jill Knowland** is your best contact.



CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Park Day Board of Trustees is seeking YOUR input and nominations for new board members who will serve a three-year term on the Park Day Board beginning July 1, 2022. If you know of someone in the Park Day community (parent, teacher, alumni, alumni parent, professional with relevant expertise) who deeply values Park Day School, understands its mission, and is committed to ensuring the school thrives over the long-term, **[please click here to complete the nominating form by Feb 7.](#)**

Typically families in their first year at the school who may be interested in board service are invited to join a board committee before serving as a trustee. If you are a first year family interested in joining a committee, please contact Committee on Trustees Chair, **[Hasain Rasheed](#)**.

[Learn more about serving on the Board here](#), and don't hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions.

Sincerely, members of the Committee on Trustees,
Hasain Rasheed (Chair), Andrea Franchett, Chanda Williams, Dina Wolkoff,
Elizabeth Burr, Josie AG Shapiro



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

LAST 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 tomorrow, Friday, January 21st.*** We can't wait to hear from our talented and creative students and staff!

Talking to Kids about Race

Jason Reynolds is a #1 New York Times best selling author who writes novels and poetry for young adult and middle-grade audiences. The Seven Hills School invites you to their virtual Parent Lecture Series on Wednesday, January 26, at 6pm, for this special event. Please see attached flyer and [click here to RSVP](#).

Understanding Gender Identity & Supporting Transgender Youth

Join The Spahr Center and The Marin School on Wednesday, February 2, at 6:30 pm for a virtual presentation on gender identity, and to learn how you can support the transgender youth in your life at this LGBTQ+ 101 & panel and discussion. This event is free to attend but registration is requested. [Click here for more information and to RSVP](#).

Coffee with Angela

Our Coffee with Angela events were a highlight of the fall, and we look forward to continuing this new program in 2022. The next Coffee with Angela is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16th, from 8:45 - 9:45 am. As with all things nowadays, this gathering is dependant on pandemic conditions. [RSVP here to join us!](#)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 appreciate your teamwork!



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Comments & Replies

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