

Park Day School



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Community Members



Dear Park Day Families,

It is hard to believe that we hit the mid-point in the school year at the end of last week! Time flies when you're having fun, right?

Even amidst all of the COVID ups and downs, Park Day School has managed to maintain our vibrance, dynamism, and joy. We, as teachers and administrators, get to experience this on a daily basis and last Friday, we were so pleased to be able to share just a bit of that joy with parents and extended families at our first **7th/8th concert** since the pandemic began in the spring of 2020. Take a **peek** and I dare you not to sing out loud and dance! I was hiding the tears as they streamed down my cheeks, ya'll. ;-)

CAIS Conference

On Sunday, I will be attending the Annual California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) **Trustee and School Head Conference**. This is the nation's largest independent school governance conference, and it features an "of the moment" and thought-provoking lineup of speakers and workshops led by a distinguished roster of trustees, heads, and internationally renowned keynote and featured speakers who explore topics that are vital to keeping our independent schools strong as we look to the future.

At this conference, I am most looking forward to hearing from **Dr. Valaida Wise**, a diversity and inclusion consultant, who was tasked with conducting a comprehensive Anti-Racism Audit of CAIS in the aftermath of the series of **Black@social media pages** that emerged across the country in 2020/2021. She and her team will be reporting on the results of the audit. In her preliminary notes she emphasized how paramount it is for our students and families that we make our schools inclusive and work actively to eliminate systems that lead to different outcomes for children of different races. Dr. Wise will make a number of recommendations for our CAIS schools to consider, including acknowledging the

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

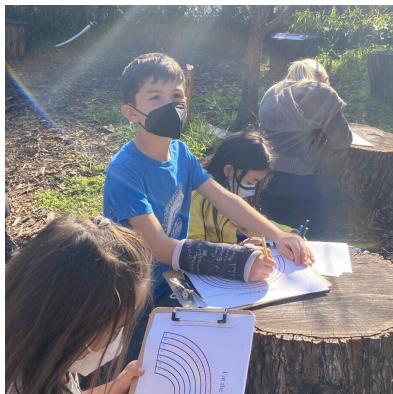
3/24 & 3/25

- No School - **Family-Teacher Conferences**

racist history of independent schools in US society and how to help schools in their own anti-racist work. CAIS is also looking to create new and more targeted DEI professional development for teachers as well as embedding anti-racist best practices into all future accreditation processes for its over 230 schools across California.

I am excited to share all pertinent and noteworthy findings with the community from this speaker.

In community,
Angela



COVID UPDATE

We are sliding down the backside of the winter peak! Case rates in the County and Bay Area are declining as shown on the graph below. Thank you for continuing to be cautious in the upcoming week, and follow masking, quarantine,

REMINDERS

Parking for Drop-Off & Pick-Up

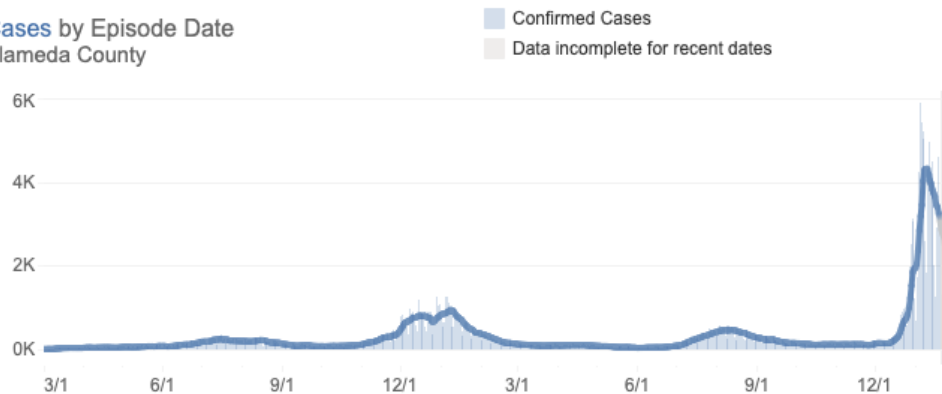
Please use the drive through lane when possible. If you choose to walk into campus, be sure to park legally and courteously for the sake of our neighbors.

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

isolation, and distancing guidance. Please refer to our updated [COVID Safety Plan](#) for detailed guidance.

Cases by Episode Date Alameda County



All results from our staff and student PCR testing last Friday were negative; we have received approximately 95% of the test results from Tuesday and they are also all negative. Since our last Park Day Post we are aware of 4 members of our community that have tested positive for COVID and another 5 with a close exposure. We have been in touch with anyone who was considered a **close contact**. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Take care,
Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator



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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!



ANNUAL FUND GIVING CHALLENGE

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.

Fundraising has been skyhigh, **but our family participation rate was lagging** 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: *50 new gifts from families who haven't yet contributed will unlock \$1,000 of the \$50,000!*

So far, 20 families have answered the challenge, bringing us up to 58% participation--thank you for joining us! **Together we can meet the challenge with 30 more 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



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Open Call for Quilters! Add Your Stitches to a Special Quilt for Angela!

Park Day parent Faye Stevenson (Liam, 4th) is leading the charge to craft a special quilt for Angela and invites the Park Day Community to add their stitches to the project. [Click here](#) to the Community Board post for a sneak peek of the quilt and to learn more about getting involved!

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 Volunteers Needed!

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!



Comments & Replies

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