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# Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

Happy (belated) Valentine's Day! This was certainly a week filled with love. As we head into the break, we wanted to take the time to let all of you know just how wonderful this week has been for us, as a staff. We have loved the flowers, heartfelt cards and notes, sweet treats, and nourishing and delicious dinners. It means so much to the staff that you took the time to concretely show your appreciation and gratitude for all of their hard work and commitment. Thank you!

No matter what your plans are for the break (I am actually looking forward to having no plans), please take care and be safe.

In community, 😊

Angela

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2/21

- No School - **Presidents' Day**

2/22 - 2/25

- No School - **February Break**

3/5

- **Boardwalk Build Day**

3/11

- **Read-a-Thon**

3/12

- **Boardwalk Build Day**

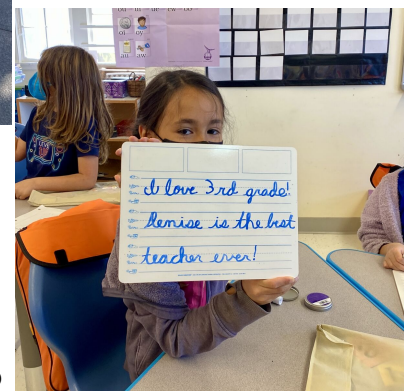
3/24 & 3/25

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



## COVID UPDATE

COVID case rates and hospitalizations in Alameda County are continuing to decrease significantly. ALL of the PCR test results from Tuesday are negative, and we have not had any student or staff member contract COVID within the last 2 weeks. While the State and County lifted indoor mask restrictions this week, masks are still required in schools. For the time being we will continue to require masking here on campus, both inside and outside.



As we mentioned earlier, we will be requiring all students to submit a negative COVID test result at the end of February break, similar to what was expected after Winter Break. PCR or Rapid Antigen test results can be uploaded through Titan on February 27-28. If you have more than one student, please submit a photo of all students' test results.

If you are unable to find a rapid test or test appointment, please contact Cassandra McCraw in the main office (510-653-0317) as we have a small supply of at-home rapid tests available. If using a rapid test, please use the QR code on the test package to report the test results, and then upload the result to Titan. Have a wonderful and safe break!

Take care,  
Jennifer Cooper  
Pandemic Coordinator



### READ-A-THON



Extra! Extra! Read All About It! The [Read-a-Thon Pledge Site](#) is Live!

### 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 moving.

#### ***2021-2022 School Day***

*Before-school program:*

- 7:30 am – school start (no charge)

*Grades K – 3:*

Park Day School's Read-a-Thon began in our founding year, 1976, and has been a beloved tradition every year since. Students and their families reach out to neighbors, friends, and family all over the world to **connect and gather pledges**. Then they'll spend a day reading in support of our school's literacy program and to update our classroom libraries to reflect the beautiful diversity in our community.

**The day-long celebration of the written word will take place this year on Friday, March 11. [Click here for more information](#)** on what to expect on the day of the event. In addition to being a special day for the students, **the Read-a-Thon is also a major fundraiser at Park Day.** The Read-a-Thon is particularly special because the students themselves take action and lead the charge to support their school. With pledge collections online, it's super easy for the kids to invite folks near and far to support their efforts. Those phone calls, emails, texts, and social media posts are a sweet opportunity to create new connection points between your student and loved ones everywhere.

**The 2022 Read-a-Thon pledge site is now live and your student's pledge pages are ready to be shared!** I'll follow up with information on how your student can customize their pledge page with photos, videos, and any special message they'd like to share to make it even more personal and engaging. It's always so inspiring to hear what makes Park Day so special to the students!

Please reach out if you have any questions and in the meantime... Happy Reading!

**Chris Miller**

Director of Development



**ANNUAL FUND**

- 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

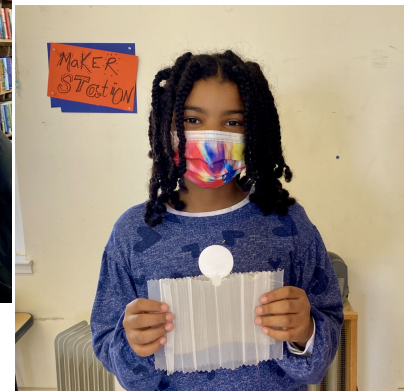
information the way that suits you best!

**Check out** all the **Opt-In**

**Parent-to-Parent &**

**Community Groups** on

ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!





I'd like to extend a massive *THANK YOU!* to the members of our community who have contributed to the Annual Fund campaign. And a giant *THANK YOU!* to the generous Park Day families who joined forces to create the Giving Challenge to inspire others to participate. And a huge *THANK YOU!* to everyone who answered the call and helped us meet the challenge and unlock the \$50,000 gift!

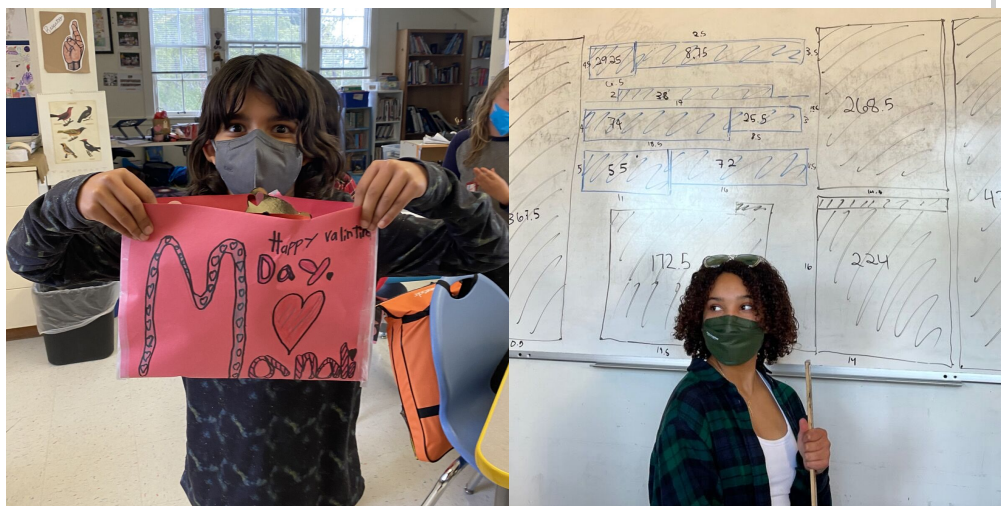
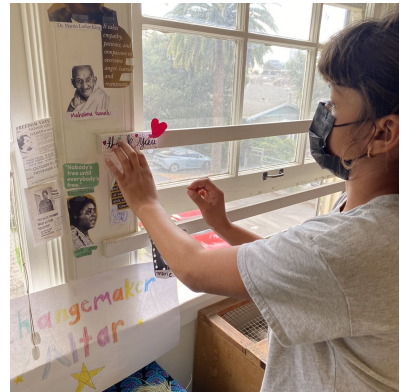
**Donations to the Annual Fund from Park Day families, teachers, staff, alumni, and alum families have totaled over \$411,000 to date.** We're thrilled with the progress we've made so far in increasing family participation to over 70%. If you haven't yet given to the Annual Fund, please consider making a gift of any amount and be counted among those of us who've made Park Day's mission our priority. Gifts may be made **online** or by mail to the school or by making a **pledge** to be fulfilled by June 1st, 2022.

Your participation sends a powerful message and your generosity is deeply appreciated!

With gratitude,

**Chris Miller**

Director of Development



## BOARDWALK BUILD DAYS

**Do you like to build things? Make things with your student? Use power tools? Play in the dirt?**

If you answered *YEAH!* to any of those questions, mark your calendars now because we need your help with a special project! **We are building a cross-**

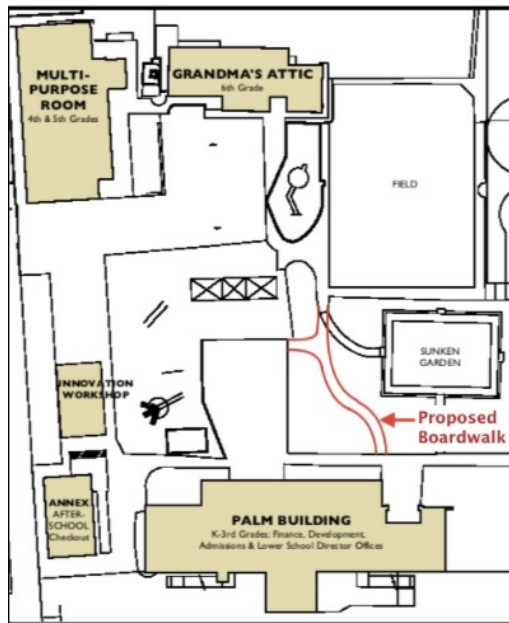
**campus boardwalk (think wooden walkway, not beachside bumper cars) and we need volunteer power.** The boardwalk will be an accessible pathway connecting the Palm Building to the field, MPR and Grandma's Attic.

Park Day parent Paul Hollenbach (Raymond, 2nd, Sylvia, 4th, Sam, '11 Mattie, '15) and Jennifer Cooper will be leading the project along with other Buildings & Grounds Committee members and we need parent volunteers to make it happen. Come one day or both days, morning or afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Well supervised students may join parents.

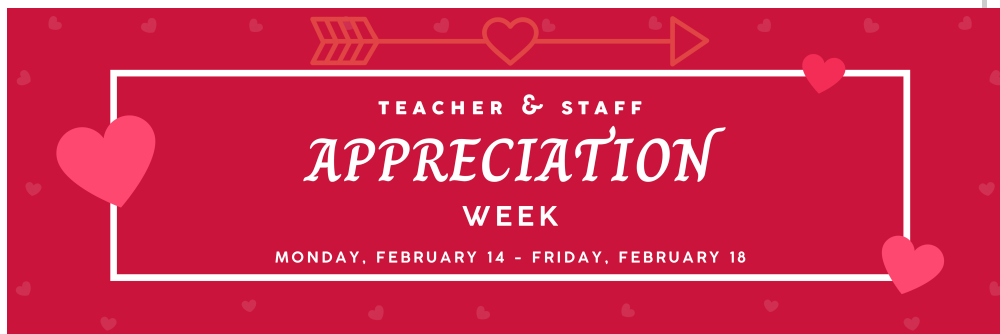
**We are looking for diggers, carpenters, and builders, and anyone who wants to lend a hand.** If you have power tools (drills, circular or chop saws, or jigsaws) or digging tools (pickaxes or mattocks), please bring them, along with gloves and lots of energy.

**Click here to sign up for one or both Boardwalk Build Days:**  
**Saturday, March 5 and Saturday, March 12**

Thanks for your teamwork!



## APPRECIATION WEEK



With Valentine's Day as the inspiration, the Parent Stewardship Group has been leading us in spreading LOVE & APPRECIATION around to our wonderful staff

this week. So far we've:

- Shared a beautiful **Digital Chalk Drawing** slide deck on Monday
- Given out beautiful bouquets to brighten classrooms and offices on Tuesday
- Sent home delicious takeaway dinners on Wednesday
- Distributed appreciations and love notes on Thursday

Tomorrow we'll be collecting and bundling cookies (thank you to those who **volunteered!**)

Thank you for coming together to shower our AMAZING AND DEDICATED teachers and staff with an act / gift of appreciation each day of the week and helping making this week so special!



The Parent Stewardship Committee

Dawn Cook (Eliza, 5th & Teagan, 7th)

Shannon Prokup (Ian, 5th)

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Black History Month Happenings

A recent Park Day Post outlined many online and IRL events happening in honor of Black History Month. **[Click here if you missed it!](#)**

### Used Book Fair at College Prep School

The College Preparatory School's used book sale is happening on February 26 & 27, 2022 and will have thousands of gently-used books for adults, teens and children, in addition to media, vinyl, puzzles and a small selection of vintage/antique books. Check out **[this Community Board post](#)** for more information.

### Berkeley/Oakland AileyCamp 2022

Berkeley/Oakland AileyCamp invites you to participate in our 6-week in-person camp this summer! Join us for a fun, fast-paced summer camp where students learn a variety of dance techniques, take classes in creative writing and visual art, and build creative expression, critical thinking, and leadership skills.

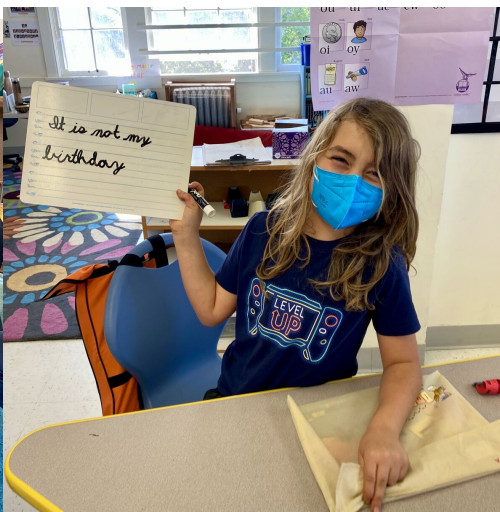
**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 21 through Friday, July 29, 2022 / 8:30am-3:30pm

**WHERE:** Zellerbach Hall, University of California at Berkeley

**WHO:** Students ages 11-14

**COST:** FREE!

**[Click here](#)** for the post in the Community Board group for more information.

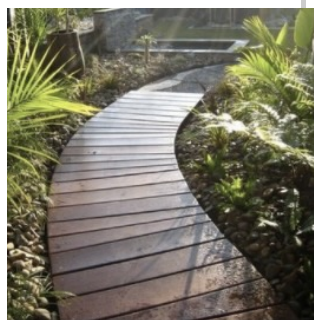


## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Boardwalk Build Days

In case you missed it above, there are two Boardwalk Build Days coming up in March to construct a new pathway through the wood chips on campus. Sign up here to volunteer:

**Saturday, March 5** and **Saturday, March 12**



### Morning Drop-Off Volunteers Needed for After Break!

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!

