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Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

"Transgender people are some of the bravest people in our nation. But nobody should have to be brave just to be themselves." - President Biden

Today is **International Transgender Day of Visibility**. Being a gender inclusive school is an important part of Park Day School's core, and we are proud to be a leader among independent schools in support of gender expansive, non-binary, and transgender students and staff.

Building a gender-inclusive school, like so many other areas essential to creating a culture of belonging, benefits all students in a variety of ways including:

- Modeling inclusivity, empathy, and respect.
- Celebrating self-expressing and authenticity.
- Empowering all students to see themselves as valued individuals.
- Reducing overall gender bias, thereby allowing children to be exposed to friends, skills, and experiences they might otherwise miss out on.

Today, the Biden-Harris Administration announced **new measures** aimed at making the federal government more inclusive for transgender people. These aim to support the mental health of trans kids, improve data representation for trans people, and remove federal barriers to government services.

A Shameless Plug!

If you have not had an opportunity to listen to our **If You Knew Me Mondays** podcast, you are missing out on an impressive, student-hosted platform that uses shared storytelling, production experiences and collaboration to build and nurture belonging. It really has become our Park Day School community news outlet!

 PARK DAY SCHOOL



Gender
Justice

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/7

- **Art Show**

4/18 - 4/22

- **Spring Break**

4/5

- **Common Sense Media**

Tech Talk for families in grades 4-8

5/21

- Community Spring Event

5/30

- No School - Memorial Day

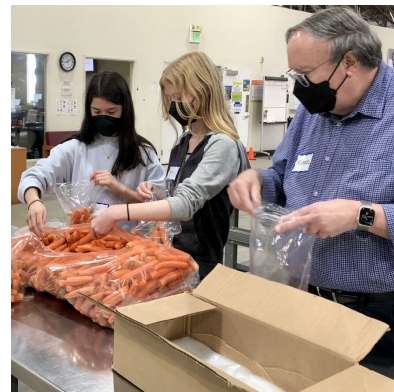


The most recent episode features interesting interviews and fun facts about our beautiful campus. A big shout out to Arjuna and Jeanine along with both our lower school and middle school podcasters for a true labor of love.

Thank You!

I want to thank those of you who were able to join us on Monday for an overview of our progress to date with the strategic plan during this month’s Coffee with Angela. It was great to be in person and it was great to share important initiatives that impact curriculum, professional development, diversity, and financial sustainability. We are planning to host another event before the end of the school year to share a fuller “state of the school”.

In community,
Angela



COVID UPDATE

We are happy to share that we had no positive cases in our on-site staff and student PCR testing this week and last. We have not had a positive case amongst staff and students in the last 4 weeks. While the BA.2 variant increasingly makes up a larger percentage of COVID cases, the case rate is still low and stable in Alameda County and the Bay Area.

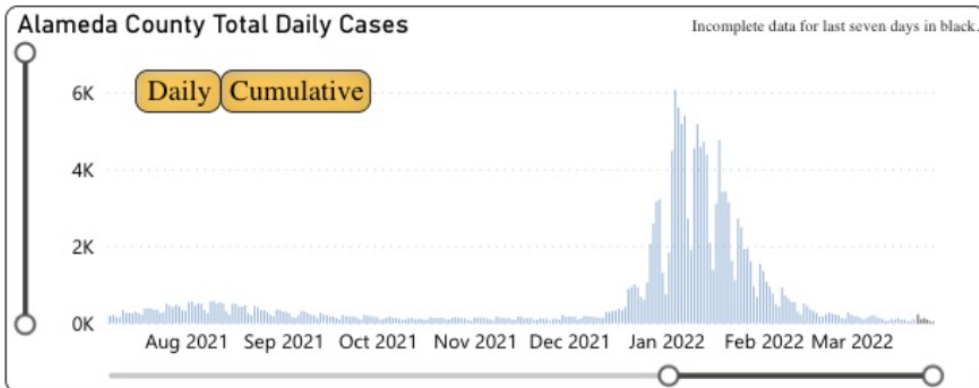
REMINDERS

Stay Up To Date

In addition to this weekly Park Day Post, the student driven **If You Knew Me Mondays** podcast is the place to go for interesting school news!

Parking for Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Please use the drive through lane when possible. If you



We are in the CDC's COVID Green Level at present, and hopefully will remain there given our high vaccination rate locally. It is in this environment that we are looking forward to going mask optional indoors and outdoors beginning next Friday, April 8th. Local schools that went mask optional several weeks ago have not seen a significant increase in cases. We will pivot if necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students.

We received our test kits from the County for all staff and students to use at the end of Spring Break, and will distribute them April 14-15.

Take care,
Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator



K-8 ART SHOW NEXT WEEK

We are thrilled to invite you into our galleries next week on Thursday, April 7, to see the artwork that your children have made with much joy and effort. We are so proud of each of them! The event will run from 4 - 7 pm, and there will be music and light refreshments served at 5pm at the Magnolia building. Please [click here for more information and to RSVP](#).

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*)

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K-8 Art Show

from Park Day School

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

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINE

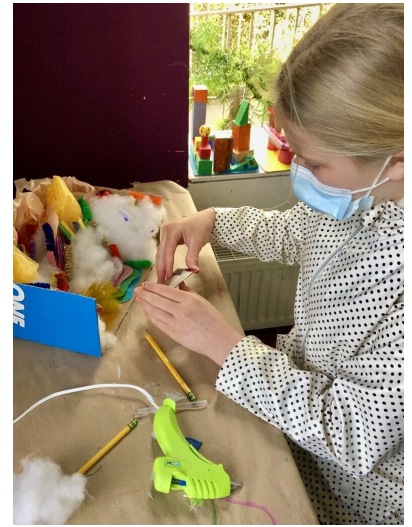
The 3rd grade teachers and students organized a fundraiser in support of Ukraine by making and selling pins with peace doves made of felt in the Ukrainian flag colors. With the Park Day School community's help, the class not only met their goal but exceeded it by raising \$1,544! The funds raised will be donated to **Urgent Action Fund** and **Choose Love**. Thank you for your support!



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

K-8 Student Art Show on Thursday, April 7

There will be a K-8 student Art Show titled *Lights on Creativity* from 4 - 7 pm on Thursday, April 7. Please **click here for more information and to RSVP**.



Spring Event on Saturday, May 21

Save the date! On Saturday, May 21, we'll be hosting a fun family event at school for our community. If you and your students enjoyed the Park Day Getaway last year, you're in for a treat!

Special Experiences Needed for Spring Auction

There will be an online auction again this spring and we're seeking donations of items and special experiences to offer. Gift certificates, services, event and sports tickets, fine wine, vacation home getaways, and hosted parties are welcome and deeply appreciated! Please contact **Chris Miller** for more information or **submit your donated items here**. Thank you for your support!



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!

