

# Park Day Post

• Thursday, Sep 24 at 8:30 PM •



"If we are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen to side with the oppressors."

-Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Dear Park Day Families,

I was still reeling after hearing that Justice Ginsburg passed away last Friday. Chief Justice John Roberts said, "Our nation has lost a justice of historic stature. We at the Supreme Court have lost a cherished colleague. Today we mourn but with confidence that future generations will remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg as we knew her, a tireless and resolute champion of justice."

And, yesterday happened. The police officers who murdered Breonna Taylor in her own home did not receive any real consequence. We, as a nation, have another concrete example that black lives do not yet matter. For self-preservation, I have to modulate and regulate my feelings. But, again? Even after all of the protests and even after the trend of general "wokeness" across the country, we couldn't get this right?

I am choosing to share what is on my heart and mind with this community. I don't have anything pithy or wise to say. I am just saddened and Park Day has revealed itself as a place where I know I am not alone in this.

Be well (and VOTE!)  
Angela

## UPCOMING EVENTS

9/25

- **5-8 Picture Day** /

Asynchronous Learning Day  
for 5th-8th grades only

- **Sign up for COVID-19  
testing by 5pm**

9/30

- **COVID-19 Community  
Testing Day**

10/2

- **Program Admin Drop-in  
Office Hours**

10/12

- **No School - Indigenous  
Peoples Day**

10/13

- **No School - Professional**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### COVID-19 Community Testing - Sign Up by 5:00 pm on Friday

We will be providing COVID-19 testing for our school community on Wednesday, September 30, on our campus. Following the September 30 testing, our next test date will follow two weeks later. We will continue this testing rhythm every two weeks.

Sign ups close at 5:00pm on Friday, September 25. [Click here for details and the online scheduler.](#)

### Family/Teacher Conferences

Our next round of Parent/Guardian-Teacher/Advisor Conferences will be on **November 12 & 13**. We decided to move these one week later than originally scheduled.

Sign ups will open three weeks before conferences, and we will alert you 24 hours before we post the sign up slots. We'll share the conference structure with you then, as well.

Please mark your calendars now so you are available to participate in these conferences over Zoom

### Development Day

- **DJA Presents Special Guest Dr. Ja'Nina Garrett-Walker**

10/16

- **Program Admin Drop-in Office Hours**

10/25

- **Virtual East Bay Mini Maker Faire**



## REMINDERS

Customize your **ParentSquare notification settings** so you get information the way that suits you best!

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

Seeking **Parenting Resources**? We've got you covered.

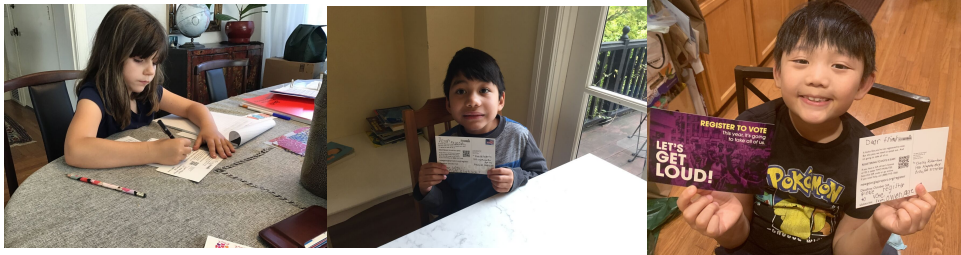
Navigate school-related tech issues on the school's



## PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

### Lower School:

Classrooms are in full swing as we wind up our fourth week of school. Students are building connections and community by sharing aspects of their identity with one another in various ways. In fifth grade, “identity icebreakers” have given students an opportunity to share family photos, descriptive words about themselves and family traditions.



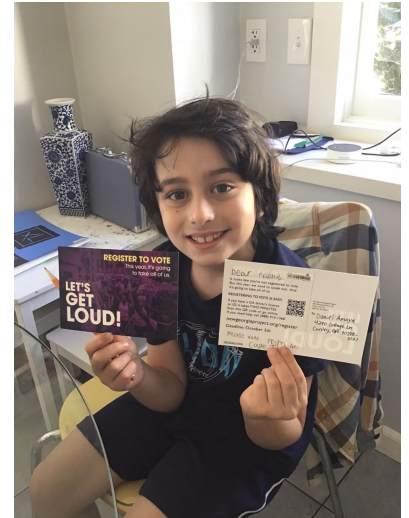
Second and fifth graders are participating in the New Georgia Project, **Lift Every Vote's Good Trouble Postcard Project**. Kids are learning about the importance of voting and helping get the word out to unregistered voters, while also learning about the legacy of John Lewis. Their postcards are personalized to the recipient. Students love to make a difference and be activists in their community, and we are always looking for opportunities to foster their engagement.

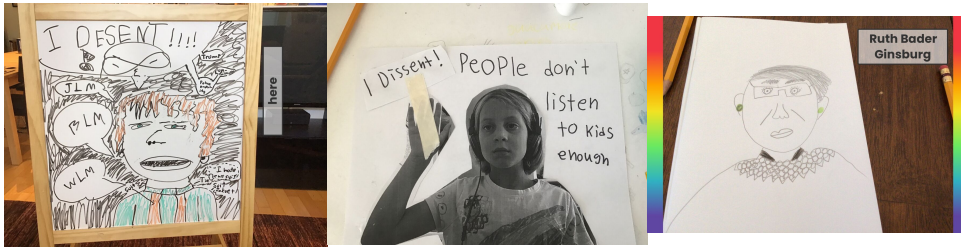


Students in all grades are also learning about the legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Fourth and fifth graders are learning about her many achievements and contributions to women and marginalized communities, and also reflecting on and discussing some of her most famous quotes. Fifth graders used a jamboard to add their thoughts to “Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” Fourth graders are using art to respond to “Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.” Students in several grades heard the book “I Dissent” and responded through writing with their own ideas about things they’d like to change, and also interacted with a virtual RBG room with links to explore to learn more about her life.

**Technology & Tips** section of the website.

Looking for some printable visual guides for your students to help them in distance learning? Check out the school's **Distance Learning Guideposts** section of the website.





Now that students are back in the swing of school, teachers are also launching several assessments in math through our Bridges in Mathematics program and in literacy to gauge students' current proficiency and their needs for use in planning and teaching.

### October Registration for JCC at Park Day - NOW OPEN

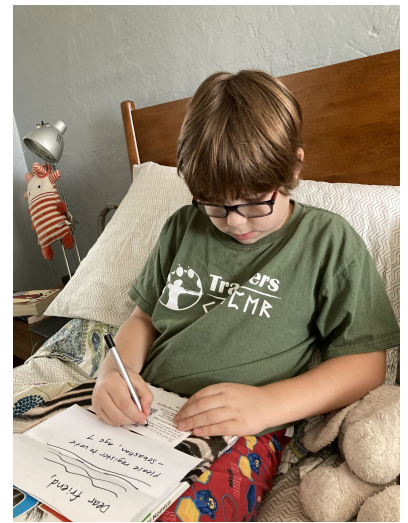
While Park Day waits to hear from the county about waiver status, and possible options for reopening, the JCC at Park Day October program registration is now open. JCC East Bay provides safe and reliable care for program participants in primarily the lower grades, and can grow to grade 5.

"Our experience with JCC has been nothing but positive. Our child was really struggling with school at home, but having the separation of home/school has been a lifesaver, for him and for us. The staff is amazing--- on top of what's going on in the classroom and keeping the kids engaged, and super kind and responsive," - JCC at Park Day parent.

While Park Day School is waiting on news of reopening possibilities in October, the JCC acknowledges that the October program may need to pause mid-service. If that is the case, and their programs cannot operate or aren't needed to operate, they will be flexible with the schedule and possibly offer refunds.

Register for October Session- 10/5/20 to 10/30/20

- **Learning Lab** (8:30AM to 12PM)
- **Full Day** (8:30AM to 3PM)
- **Half Day** (12PM to 5PM)







### **Panetto Kitchen Brings New Offerings & Launches Webpage!**

The enthusiastic response by Park Day families (and their families and friends, too!) inspired the launch of this **new webpage** on the PDS site to support ease of ordering and menu updates.

Now you'll always find the most up to date menu offerings! Bookmark and share **[www.parkdayschool.org/catering-program/](http://www.parkdayschool.org/catering-program/)** and place your orders in advance to pick up dinner from school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 4-5pm. Save yourself the stress and mess of dinner *and* support our beloved Panetto Kitchen crew at the same time! Contact Nels directly with questions at [neucimard@yahoo.com](mailto:neucimard@yahoo.com)