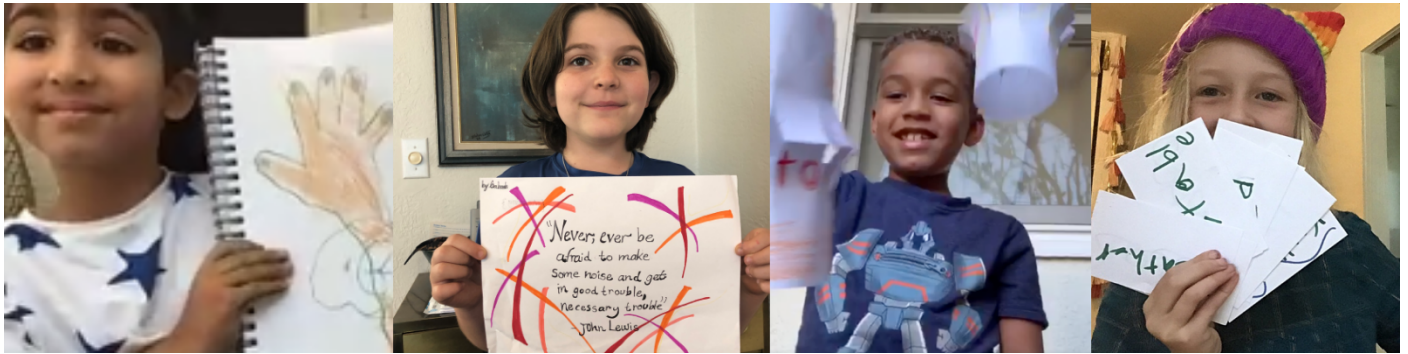


Park Day Post

• Thursday, Oct 15 at 6:34 PM •



Dear Park Day Families,

On Tuesday evening, I had the opportunity to attend my first DJA meeting which featured Dr. **Ja’Nina Garrett-Walker** as a guest speaker. Dr. Garrett-Walker’s presentation outlined her very powerful “Check Your Privilege” campaign she spearheaded at the University of San Francisco in 2014. It was an honor to be a part of that space and to learn and grapple alongside Park Day families. That night was also my first time experiencing Park Day’s commitment to justice for native peoples. The DJA meeting started with a poignant acknowledgement of Park Day being on Huchin Ohlone land that we don’t rightfully own and a way to give to the Sogorea Te Land Trust through the Shuumi Land Tax.

It also just recently came to my attention that our 4th grade students completed a large scale public art mural last spring (as 3rd graders) intended to promote the Land Trust. Our Lower School Art teacher, Lisa Ostapinski, shared that this mural will be displayed in the Temescal Alley through this spring. To learn more about this mural project, visit our **Instagram** page, and if you aren’t a regular social media user, you can read more on our **social media round-up** on the Park Day website. Every day is Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

We are now in the Orange!

Alameda County issued a **press release** on Tuesday announcing that the county has now officially transitioned to Tier 3. Reaching the Orange Tier is a result of decreasing case and positivity rates due, in large part, to the sacrifices made by the County’s residents and businesses, and their

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/16

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

10/20

- **Parent Town Hall** on reopening plans

10/25

- **Virtual East Bay Mini Maker Faire! Get Tickets Now!**

11/6

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

11/12 - 11/13

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

11/20

- **Program Admin Drop-in**

adherence to Health Officer Orders and guidance. What this means for schools is that we are opening during an even safer time with lower transmission rates.

K-5 Parent Reopening Town Hall, Tuesday, October 20, 5:30pm with Special Guest

We are looking forward to gathering our K-5 community to discuss our in-person reopening plans in more detail. We have invited **Dr. Ramzi Asfour**, the founder of Capsid Consulting, who is Board Certified in Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, to join us. We will also be sharing schedules and be available for a Q&A session.

AIM Survey on the Horizon

As the launch to our strategic planning process this year, we will be administering the **AIM** survey starting mid-November. The Assessment of Inclusion and Multiculturalism will allow us to dive deeper into our areas of strength and our areas for improvement with regard to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Be well.
Angela

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

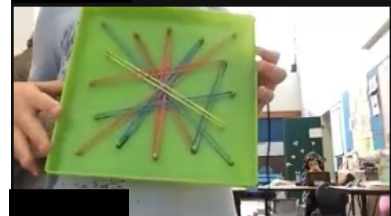
The Middle School students are showing great reliance and flexibility throughout the start of the year that is truly admirable. Every time I drop into a class, engage in a conversation and hear about the experiences of our middle schoolers, I truly smile. Across the middle school the students are engaging in learning around the political climate we are currently in as a nation as the election approaches. The students are aware of the news and what is occurring within our nation including politics, racial injustice, climate change and many more topics. It is our goal for students to not only be aware of the issues that are occurring but also are able to analyze what they see and be able to see the many perspectives of a situation and develop their own opinion.

Within 6th grade math and science the students have been diving into the US Census answering questions including “Who gets counted in the census? Why do we have a census? What happens to our houseless neighbors, do they count?”. This understanding of the census was deepened through further learning about how the census impacts the population density and in turn the electoral college. Learning the backbone of the United States democratic system is giving our students a window into the political world around them.

Office Hours

11/25 - 11/27

- No School - November Break



REMINDERS

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

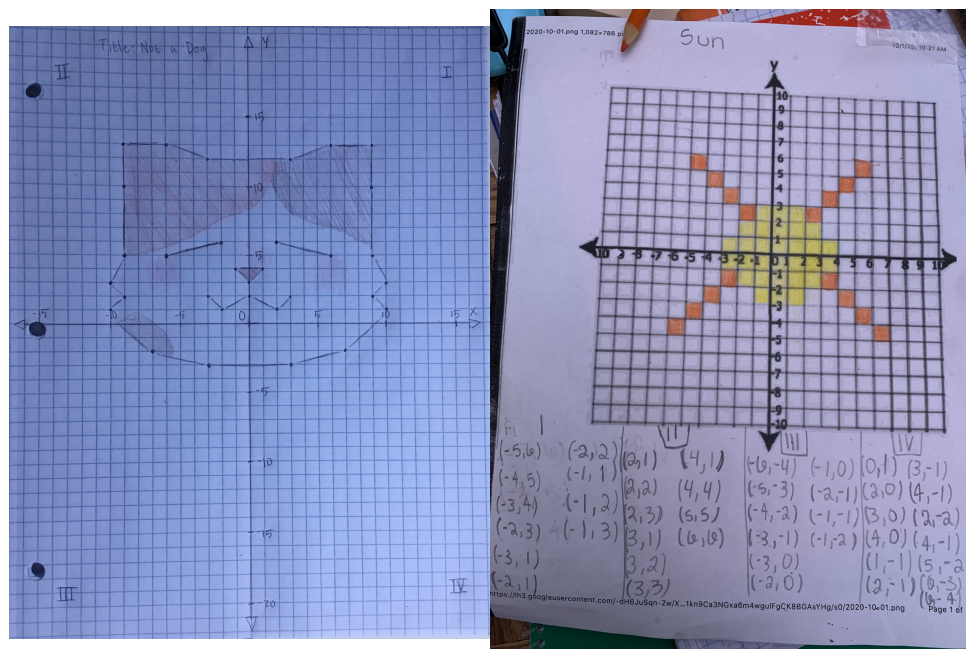
Check out all the **Opt-In Community Groups** on ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

Seeking Parenting Resources? We've got you covered.

7th and 8th grade are also diving into the world of politics and the elections through the lens of the development of the structure of United States democracy and looking at the different traditions that make up the election time, beginning with the debates. The students were able to engage in the debates of this current election cycle and compare them to the debates of the past. Upon looking at the difference in style of debate, a few 8th grade students pointed out, "It seems like debates before were actually used to hear the issues and help you make up your mind to vote, but today the debates don't seem to be used to inform you of anything." These conversations about the world they are observing also spurred discussion of age and how difficult it can be for students their age to see laws and policies being made that they understand yet they aren't old enough to be able to vote and express their voices politically at this moment.

As we get closer to election day, I encourage you to check in with your student, discuss the issues, pause to hear their perspectives and push them to empathize with, which doesn't automatically mean agree with, perspectives that are different than their own.

Jules Greene



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Get Your Tickets to the East Bay Mini Maker Faire!

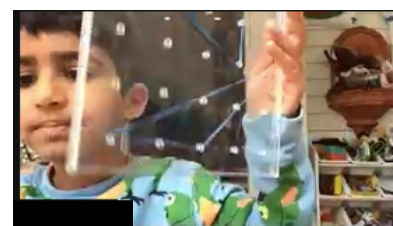
This year the 11th annual East Bay Mini Maker Faire will happen on **Sunday, October 25th**, in the safety of cyberspace through an online exhibition of Maker projects and a live virtual event--there's something for everyone! Along with returning favorites from the East Bay Maker community, you'll see beloved Park Day educators and parents like Grecia Bloom, Jeanine Harmon, Sara Levine, Rowan Littell, and Arjuna Sayyed

Navigate school-related tech issues on the school's 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.

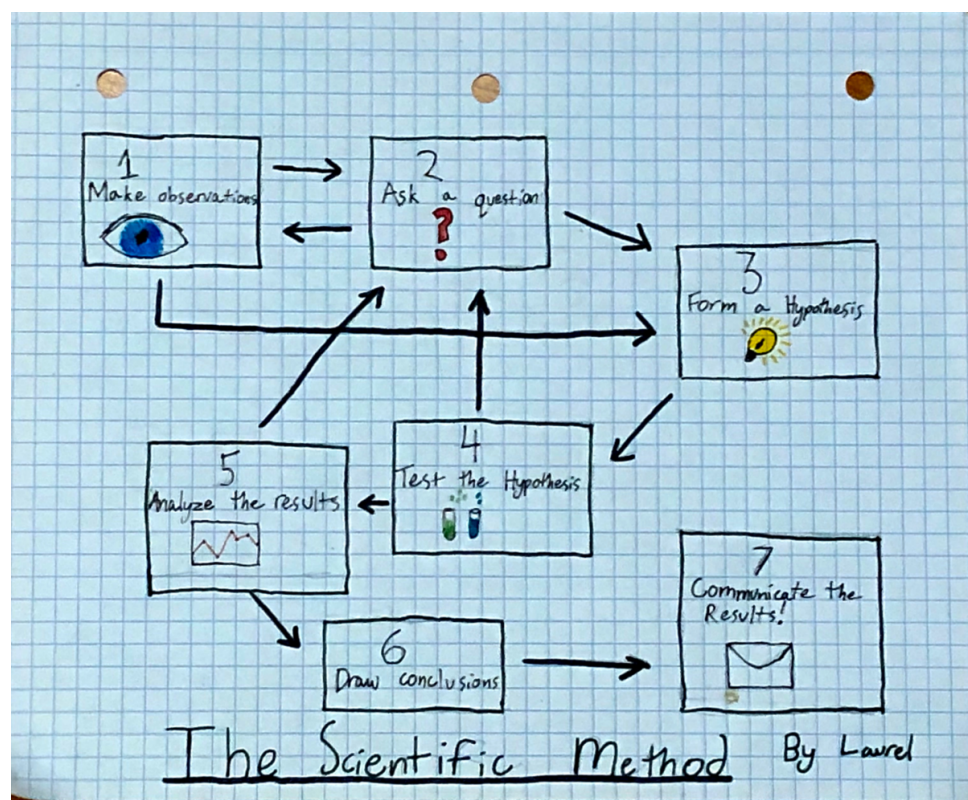
Panetto Kitchen Brings New Offerings & Launches Webpage!

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.



hosting workshops, leading panel discussions, and giving exciting demos.
Click here to check out the awesome lineup we have scheduled for you!

Remember to Buy Tickets! Take part in this reimagining of the quintessential Park Day community builder and support the EBMMF by getting your tickets to the Faire early!



Panneto Kitchen Expands Menu!

We're loving the deliciousness, convenience, and value of Panetto Kitchen's new catering program at Park Day! In addition to returning fan favorites like Chicken Tandoori, Cheese Pizzas, and Enchiladas, Nels and his crew are cooking up some new treats for us in the coming week.

We're looking forward to trying both the Savory Tart with blue cheese and pears, and the Plum Cardamom Tart! Check out all the offerings on the menu for yourself on the [Catering Program page of the website!](#)

