

# Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

Another mother screams. Another young black man's life is taken by the hands of police officers. Walter Wallace's death on Monday and the massive protests in the streets of Philadelphia that followed are becoming all too commonplace. I have been head of school at Park Day for about 120 days now and this is the third time I have written to you about this national crisis.

In roughly five days, we will hopefully know the outcome of the 2020 election season. This year's presidential election has presented a stark choice as to how to best solve the intractable national problems before us including racial divisions and the coronavirus pandemic. This might be the most consequential and impactful election of the last hundred years and it has definitely been one of the most polarizing.

Whatever the outcome, we have to remember who we are as the Park Day community. We are engaged, connected, inclusive, and committed to justice. What keeps me going is the privilege we have as progressive educators to teach students how to think critically and to prepare them to be informed, courageous, and compassionate people who [will] shape a more equitable and sustainable world. Teachers will continue to use the election as a teachable moment to impart important lessons to students about the electoral process, democracy, government and the responsibilities of being a changemaker.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10/30

- All School Assembly.

11/4

- Make Up Picture Day.

11/6

- Program Admin Drop-in Office Hours

11/12 - 11/13

- No School - Family/Teacher Conferences

11/13

- COVID-19 Community Testing Day.

11/20

- Program Admin Drop-in Office Hours

## Campus Reopens on Monday!

We are all looking forward to our Kindergarten and First grade students returning to campus starting next Monday, November 2. It will be great to be surrounded by happy and engaged learners and get to know them in person!

### Hot Off The Presses!

Last evening, Alameda County Superintendent, L. Karen Monroe, announced that the county had granted permission for middle and high school students to return to in-person instruction starting on November 9. That messaging was confirmed today on our weekly call with the Alameda County Department of Public Health. We have established a gradual, phased in timeline for our K-5 students and we are still finalizing when we will be able to begin to add in our middle school students grade by grade. Stay tuned for more information by next week's Park Day Post.

Stay strong.

Angela



## SCHOOL NEWS

### AIM Survey

As mentioned in previous Park Day Posts, this year our community will be embarking on a new, multi-pronged strategic planning effort. To help set the stage, this fall we'll also be participating in the community-wide Assessment of Inclusivity and Multiculturalism (AIM). The AIM includes two parts - a school self assessment and an online community climate survey - that will generate valuable first-hand data from all constituent groups. This data will help inform and focus our strategic planning in the spring.

- Last Day of Book Drive

**11/25 - 11/27**

- **No School - November Break**

**12/1**

- **COVID-19 Community Testing Day**

**12/4**

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

**12/11**

- **All School Assembly**

**12/14**

- **COVID-19 Community Testing Day**

(Afternoon/Evening Testing Slots)

**12/21 - 1/1**

- **No School - Winter Break**



## REOPENING INFO

### Reopening Family Handbook

Click here for the **Reopening Family Handbook and to review the Community**

This November-January process will be led by our AIM Coordinator, Arjuna Sayyed, and a strong, multifaceted AIM Steering Committee. Park Day is blessed to have so many wildly talented individuals to pull from and it is with great pleasure and pride that we announce our AIM Steering Committee today.

Please join us in an appreciative applaud for this diverse group of visionaries, leaders and doers - our AIM Steering Committee:

- Angela Taylor (Head of School)
- Arjuna Sayyed (Director of Equity and Inclusion)
- Chris Miller (Volunteers, Fundraising and Events Manager)
- Denise Montgomery (3rd Grade Teacher)
- Joe Patton (Learning Garden Teacher)
- Joyce Ting (Middle School Drama Teacher)
- Michelle McAfee (2nd Grade Teacher)
- Sonya Coles (5th Grade Teacher)

In addition to their many other roles and responsibilities, this group will collaborate to ensure that each part of AIM efforts are efficient, impactful and designed with all community members in mind. Please stay tuned to learn about how each of you can plug in to help make the most of this community growth opportunity!

Arjuna



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Book Drive

Our second graders have officially launched our annual Book Drive! We believe all kids deserve to have books. According to our wise second graders, books help you learn how to read, teach you about science and animals, and take you on adventures to far away places. We are collecting gently used children's books (pre-K through YA) from now until November 20th. This year our books will be donated to Manzanita Community School, a K-5 school in OUSD. Book Drive donation boxes will be located in the drop off/pick up zone starting next week!

## Agreement

### Reopening Calendars

- Kindergarten - 1st Grade

- 2nd - 3rd Grades

- 4th - 5th Grades

- Middle School will return to campus for blocks of time on Wednesdays beginning Nov 4.

### ParkDay@Home

- [Click here for Q&A Video](#)

## REMINDERS / TIPS

Check out all the Opt-In

Community Groups on

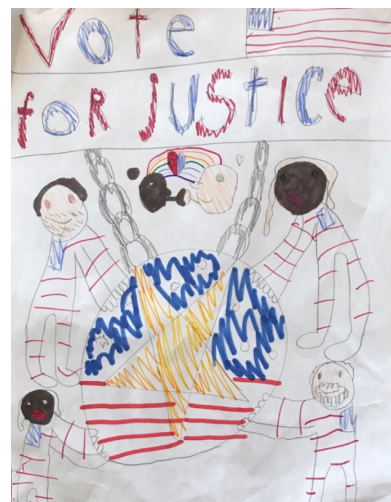
ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

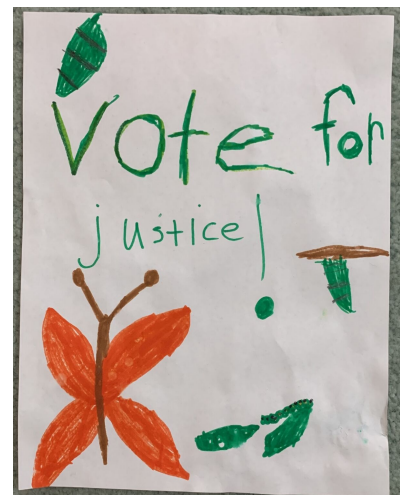
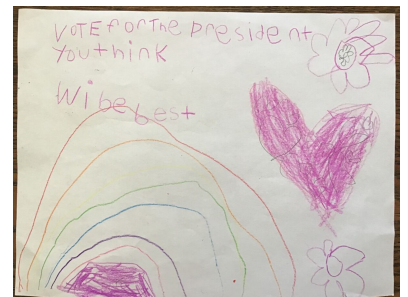
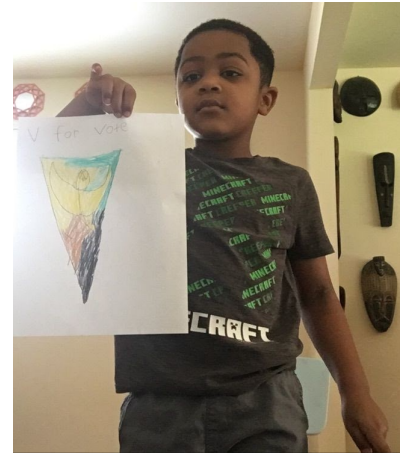
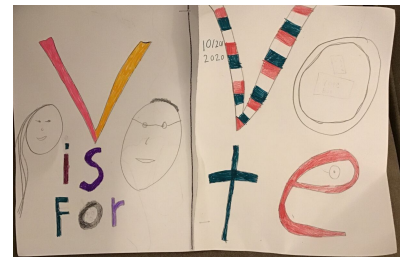
### Seeking Parenting

Resources? We've got you covered.

Navigate school-related tech issues on the school's

Technology & Tips section of the website.





## Panneto Kitchen Offers Student Lunch Menu!

In addition to the deliciousness, convenience, and value of Panetto Kitchen's new catering program at Park Day, Nels is delighted to begin offering student lunch service on campus, as well.

Click [here](#) for information on the **November and December Hot Lunch Program**. Panetto Kitchen will continue offer pick-up dinners on **Catering Program page of the website**.

