

# Park Day Post

• Thursday, Nov 12 at 6:00 PM •



Dear Park Day Families,

I know many of you are meeting with your child's teachers today and tomorrow to hear about your child's progress to date. The home/school partnership has always been foundational for a student's ability to succeed in school and this is a time in history where that partnership is even more important than ever. The best conferences are those where parents ask questions, contribute ideas, and collaborate all for the benefit of their child's growth and development.

## **New Guidance for Social Gatherings and Travel during the Holidays**

As we get closer to the holiday season, many families have asked specific questions about how to engage with family and friends in a safe way. The Bay Area counties have jointly released [new guidance](#) for social gatherings and travel with clarity about what is considered safe interactions versus riskier choices. Please also remember to follow our [Community Agreement](#). With Covid rates steadily increasing across the country, remember we are in this together.

## **Reminder - Middle School Reopening Parent Town Hall on Monday, November 19**

We are looking forward to **gathering** as a 6th-8th grade community to discuss our in-person reopening plans in more detail. We will also be sharing preliminary schedules and be available for a Q&A session.

## **Share Your Thoughts & Inform Our Next Strategic Plan**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**11/12**

- **Sign-Ups Due for Family Portrait Day.**

**11/12 - 11/13**

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

**11/13**

- **COVID-19 Community Testing Day.**

**Reminder:** Please have your paperwork filled out ahead of time. Thank you!

**11/15**

- **Family Portrait Day.**  
(pre-registration required)

**11/16**

-Annual Fund Campaign  
Launch

With the new year up and running, we are excited to share that we will be undertaking a long-term strategic planning process this year. Strategic planning provides an important opportunity to think collectively about what we all hope for the future of our school, students, and community.

- **Process Overview** — With support of our strategic planning facilitators from Living Strategy, we will collaboratively work with our community to create the plan this year in 5 phases this year.

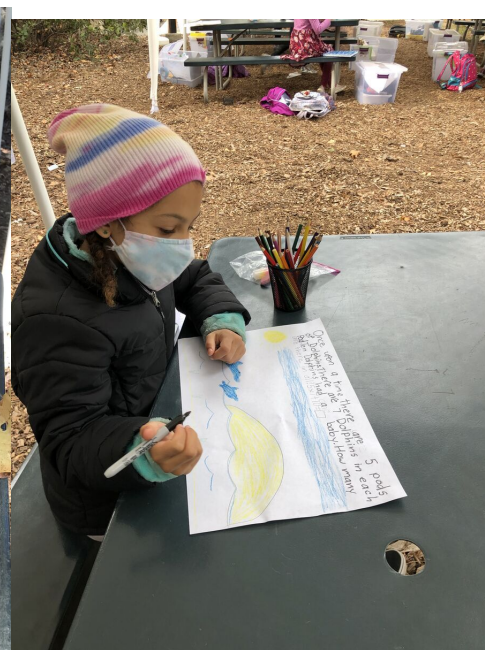
- **Recent Progress** — We recently completed our Phase 1 planning and preparation to create a calendar of activities for the year. We are now moving into Phase 2, when we will collect community input and form a Strategic Planning Task Force to help guide and inform the process and shape recommendations for the Board to consider in Spring / Summer.

- **Community Input** — Over the next two months, we will collect community input and have two different opportunities for you to contribute your ideas and help brainstorm themes to consider. These opportunities will include an online survey and live focus groups next month. We hope you will be able to join us to participate in both. To get us started, we are reaching out to ask that you please take 10-15 minutes today to complete this quick Strategic Planning Survey before: Monday, Nov. 23.

- **Take the survey** → The survey is intentionally open-ended at this early stage because we want to hear from you about what themes and areas of focus you think our soon-to-be-formed Task Force should focus on as they begin to research ideas and draft recommendations for the Board to consider by year-end.

We look forward to keeping you posted on our progress throughout the year and as themes and ideas emerge. If you have any questions, please contact: **Tiffany McNeil**, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee.

Be well.  
Angela



**11/19**

- **Middle School Reopening Town Hall**

**11/20**

- **Program Admin Drop-in Office Hours**  
- **Last Day of Book Drive**

**11/23 - 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**





## SCHOOL NEWS

### December - January Assembly Update

As we step into the busy holiday season, we are adjusting our schedule to make space for all of the new items populating our winter calendar. Here is a look at how our Friday K-8 assemblies fit into Park Day's next couple of months:

**November:** No K-8 assemblies

**December:** One K-8 assembly on Friday Dec. 4th (8:45-9:10am)

**January:** One K-8 assembly on Friday Jan. 8th (8:45-9:10am)

Both of these assemblies fall on an asynchronous school week, so we'll all be logging in remotely and using the same Zoom webinar link (below):

**Click here for the K-8 Friday Assembly Link**

Passcode: **Community**

As our spring calendar comes into focus, we'll be sure to update you about any changes to our assembly cadence. Thank you for supporting your child/ren's participation in these important K-8 touchpoints!



### Contribute to the Book Drive by Friday, Nov. 20!

Our second graders are excited to host 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!



### REOPENING INFO

#### Reopening Family Handbook

Click here for the [Reopening Family Handbook and to review the Community 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](#)





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Reopening Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures Video

Click to see what to expect!



### Annual Fund Campaign Launch

Park Day School was founded 44 years ago with a clear mission: *prepare students to be informed, courageous, and compassionate people who shape a more equitable and sustainable world.* We have a passion for nurturing change makers, and our world needs them now more than ever. This year's Annual Fund campaign is about meeting the moment to build for the future together through resilience and innovation. Watch for our launch on November 16th!

## 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 Catering

We love the deliciousness, convenience, and value of Panetto Kitchen's catering program at Park Day. Nels continues to offer pick-up dinners on [Catering Program page of the website](#).

**Please note:** Nels regrets to inform that Panetto Kitchen will not be offering a Thanksgiving menu this year. Have a happy and safe holiday!





