

Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

This time of the year can be fraught with a sanitized retelling of American history that asks us all to turn a blind eye to the violence and near annihilation of the indigenous peoples. Because of that, I have come to refer to this upcoming break as the “Fall-iday Break.”

This Fall-iday Break will certainly look and feel very different from years past. We are likely to be physically separated from family and friends. And, certainly, we will be looking back on the many challenges of 2020. Simply put, life has been hard. I wish you all a week off filled with rest, relaxation, and the time to recharge your batteries.

Curative COVID-19 Testing Announcement

Park Day School is proud to announce that we are the first primary school in the East Bay to host a weekly Curative COVID-19 Testing site! This service will be available for Park Day families and the wider Oakland community.

Our 44th Street parking lot will be the home of Oakland’s Curative mobile testing location every Sunday, beginning on Nov 29. The registration link has just gone live as of today’s publication of Park Day Post and signups will be open exclusively to Park Day School families for 24 hours before being released to the wider community.

- **Sign up now** for testing times ranging from 10am to 3:30pm every Sunday beginning Nov 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/20

- **Last Day of Book Drive**
- **Last Day of Thanksgiving Meal Food Drive**

11/23 - 11/27

- **No School - November Break**

11/29

- **First Curative COVID-19 testing day.**

12/4

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

12/6

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing Day.**

12/11

- Please arrange a **COVID-19 testing appointment** on Nov 29 if your child will return to campus for on-campus learning on Dec 7 (or arrange for alternate testing).
- Curative uses a **self-administered oral test**.
- You may sign up for multiple testing days to secure your family's appointments for the immediate future.
- Curative test results will be available within 48 hours. **We are no longer offering Agile testing and there will be no testing day on Dec 2.**
- Curative is a 100% online system, but you will need to progress through the **online registration process** for every appointment. When test results are ready, you will receive an email and/or text message from Curative.
- **Submit negative test results** from Curative or another provider no later than Dec 6 in order for students to return to on-campus learning on Dec 7.

- **All School Assembly**

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 Agreement**

Reopening Calendars

- **Kindergarten - 1st Grade**

- **2nd - 3rd Grades**

- **4th - 5th Grades**

- **Middle School** is on campus for blocks of time on Wednesdays

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- **Click here for Q&A Video**



REMINDERS / TIPS

Check out all the **Opt-In**

Reminder ~ Our First Strategic Planning Survey

We want to thank you if you have already completed our initial strategic planning **survey**! This first **survey** is intended to capture some foundational themes and areas of focus that will inform how we distribute our energies moving forward. To date, half of those who have completed the **survey** have done so on a mobile device and the other half on a laptop. The average time to complete this **survey** has been about 12-15 minutes.

Be well.

Angela



PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Middle School

As the winter approaches, our middle school students are in the full swing of school both online and in person through movie nights, advisory lunch and the Wednesday on campus experiences. Check out how the middle school students are navigating the different elements of school these days!

6th - It is an exciting time in 6th grade with the launch of the hand washing station partnership with LavaMae! The 6th grade team with Jeanine are working together to create these hand washing stations to be able to learn more about construction and the impact of houselessness during COVID and have a direct tie to the community. To learn more about the project and how to contribute, [click here](#).

7th - Lisa's 7th grade Math/Science class have been taking advantage of our on campus Wednesday experiences with a lab focused on acids and bases with their Cabbage Lab. Using cabbage juice as a PH indicator, students were able to add a variety of other items (ie white vinegar, apple juice, hand sanitizer) to see a rainbow of colors come to be depending on the acidity of the item added. In the midst of the pandemic, it has been great to see the students be able to engage in hands on activities safely as a group.

8th - In 8th grade capstone and interdisciplinary arts, students have been able to complete their identity podcast projects! They have spent the past few months spending time every week looking at their own identities, figuring out which elements of their identity they wanted to reflect more deeply upon, and eventually record in their podcast. Some students have worked alone and others have worked in small groups giving a variety of podcast experiences. This has been a huge project for our 8th graders so be sure to reach out to your student to hear their final project!

Distance Learning Schedules when we get back from Fall break

When we return from Fall break, the entire middle school will return to the distance learning schedule for the whole week as a buffer between breaks and on campus activities. For easy reference, the distance learning schedule is [here](#). If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

6th Grade on Campus Schedule

As we continue to work our way towards the reopening of the Middle School, we wanted to share the on campus schedule for 6th grade to give you a glimpse into what the on campus rotation will be. The students will be on campus December 7th- December 9th, and December 14th- December 17th. For the days the students are not in person on campus, they will return to their distance learning schedule.

Jules Greene
Middle School Director

SCHOOL NEWS

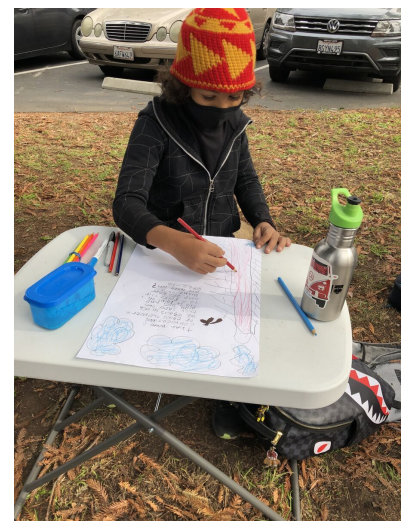
Community Groups on ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

Seeking Parenting Resources? We've got you covered.

Navigate school-related tech issues on the school's **Technology & Tips** section of the website.

Panetto Kitchen Catering
Nels and the Panetto Kitchen crew will be off during the Thanksgiving break. The ordering page will be refreshed for the following week.

Thank you for your patronage, and have a safe holiday!



Park Day Teachers Out In The World



Music Teacher Miguel Martinez was commissioned by the Teaching Arts Guild to write about his identities and how they shape his connection with students in an article titled "**Who am I? Where do I come from?**"

We're grateful for the opportunity to learn more about this beloved Park Day educator, and we know you will be, too!



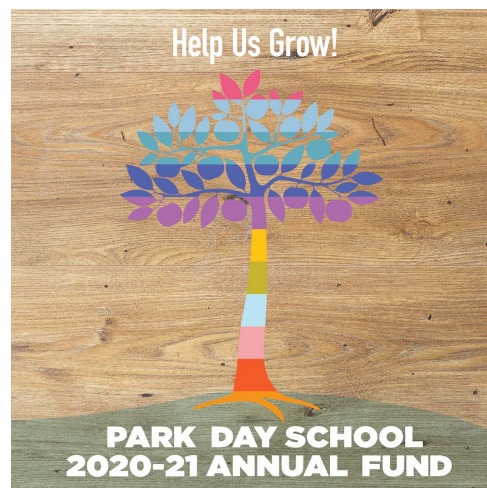
4th Grade Teacher Sara Levine's *Gender Neutral Terms to Address a Group* poster has continued to make its rounds across the interwebs and fell into the hands of Mila Jam, a pretty rad recording artist and trans activist. Mila (she/her/hers/goddess) invited Sara (she/her/hers) to join her on **Instagram Live (@themilajam)** from the classroom during Transgender Awareness Week to discuss pronouns and her experience teaching.



Annual Fund Campaign

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.* Today, that mission is more important than ever.

This year's Annual Fund campaign is about meeting the moment to build for the future together through resilience and innovation.



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