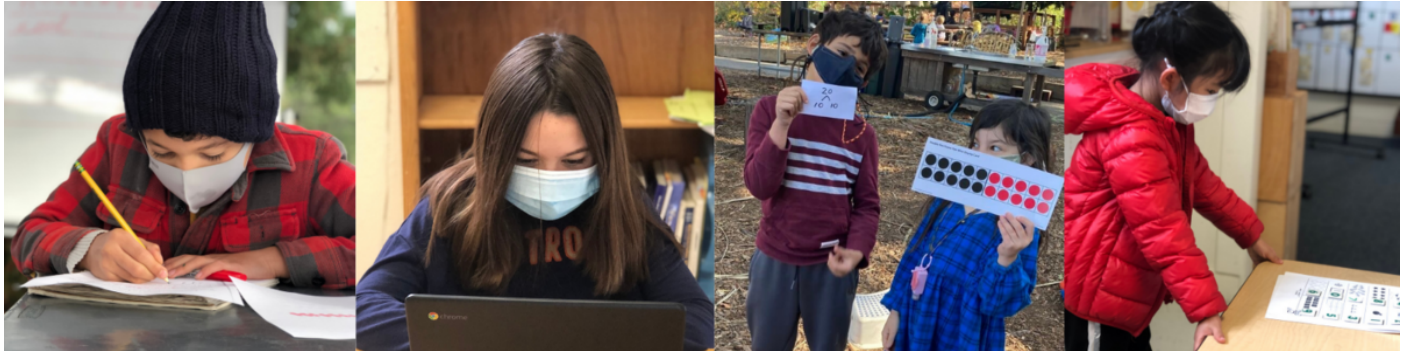


# Park Day Post - January Update

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Dear Park Day Families,

What a historic week this has been with the administration of the first Covid-19 vaccines in California. This has been a long time coming and a definite reason to celebrate. What is tough is that this good news is happening concurrently with an almost exponential increase in new cases in our region.

So the quote that Governor Newsom used earlier this week in his press conference was spot on, *"There is light at the end of the tunnel, but we are still in the tunnel."*

With that reality, and to protect our faculty, staff, and students during this time, we are building in a full two weeks of distance learning after the winter break instead of the one week that was originally planned. **This means that we plan to return to on-campus learning on Tuesday, January 19, with all students and staff being tested on Wednesday, January 13, at Park Day.** This, like so many things we are dealing with this year, is subject to shift should the County or State guidance change.

In addition to the on-site student testing date on January 13, all other members of your household are strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 test via **Curative** or another service before students return to campus.

Curative testing will be offered weekly on Sundays in the 44th street parking lot.

Thank you for your prompt participation in our most recent survey about

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/20**

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

**12/21 - 1/1**

- **No School - Winter Break**

**12/27**

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

**12/31**

- New Year's Eve - **Make Your End of Year Gift!**

**1/3**

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

**1/4 - 1/8**

- **Distance Learning Week**

your plans for returning after the break. We have heard back from nearly 100% of our families and 88% of you have chosen on-campus instruction for your children after the break. We have also received **preliminary approval to begin to bring back our 7th and 8th grade students to campus** and we are designing their gradual return. More information to come after the break.

2020 has been a challenging and tumultuous year for us all. *“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness”* are powerful words from Desmond Tutu that have kept me going. Your children are that light for me. Seeing their faces and hearing their voices and knowing that someday they will be light bearers and changemakers in this world puts everything in its proper perspective.

I wish all of you a restful and restorative time during the break. Please be safe and we will see you next year!

Be well.  
Angela



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Park Day School Community Holiday Gift Guide

Looking for a way to support the PDS community while buying your gifts this year? Check out the **Park Day School gift guide** featuring makers, teachers, artists, writers, florists, designers, musicians, and more! Every business and offering in the guide is owned by a Park Day School parent or staff member.

Forgot to submit your business? No worries! Email [amalia.bob-waksberg@parkdayschool.org](mailto:amalia.bob-waksberg@parkdayschool.org) to get added!



1/7

- **AIM Discovery Summit Facilitators & Notetaker Orientation & Training Session**

1/8

- **K-8 Friday Assembly**

1/10

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing Day**

1/11 - 1/15

- **Distance Learning Week**

1/11

- **AIM Discovery Summit 1**

1/12

- **DJA Meeting**

1/13

- **Student COVID-19 Testing Day**

- **AIM Discovery Summit 2**







## REOPENING INFO

### Annual Fund - End of Year Gifts

This year's **Annual Fund** campaign is all about meeting the current moment to build for the future together through resilience and innovation, and we appreciate all who've answered the call already!

If you haven't made a gift to the **Annual Fund** yet, we invite you to do so before the year's end to take full advantage of the tax benefit your donation offers. **[Click here for information on how to make your gift or pledge!](#)**

Together we can do great things! Thank you for your partnership!



### Reopening Family Handbook

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



## 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.