

Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

“It is not possible to be in favor of justice for some people and not be in favor of justice for all people.”--Martin Luther King, Jr.

As I write this week’s post, our country is again living through an “unprecedented” and historic time as we all watch a second impeachment trial in as many years. While it is tempting to allow the intense fatigue many of us feel to drive a desensitized and apathetic reaction, it is imperative that we remain vigilant and focused on justice. The future of the nation we want our children to inherit is what is at stake.

In keeping with that deep desire for justice, it is with a heavy heart that I share the reflection below of two of our staff members who have given voice to the recent increase in anti-Asian hate crimes that have been happening in our own Bay Area communities.

Justice for All-by Susan Lee and Joyce Ting

This week, many East and South Asian countries as well as the Asian diaspora have been gearing up to celebrate Lunar New Year in traditional and immigrant adapted ways. Entire cities in Asia are decked out in red and gold, streets are busy with nian huo (New Year’s treats and dry goods), and students and professionals alike are getting ready for an extended vacation spent focused on family. As Gordon Mah Ung (dad of Marianne ‘21) put it in our most recent **Lunar New Year episode of If You Knew Me Mondays**, “It’s a celebration of life.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/11

- **Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open**

2/14

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing**

2/15

- **No School - Presidents' Day**

2/16 - 2/19

- **No School - February Break**

2/18

- **Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open**

2/21

In dark contrast, anti-Asian hate crimes have skyrocketed. During the spring months of 2020, over 2,000 such crimes were reported - and far too many others went unreported. Most recently, **an alarming spike of violent attacks against Asian elders occurred right here in the Bay Area.** As we watch these videos of elders who resemble our dads or our po-pos thrown to the ground or **assaulted for their red envelope money,** we find ourselves surrounded by silence. We wonder how much of our Park Day community is aware of these hate crimes.

As we welcome the Lunar New Year and think about the health of our families and communities, we also share with you a plea and a challenge to hear these narratives, alongside hopes of re-envisioning coalition building towards a vision for collective liberation. When it comes to racism, “there is no such thing as selective anti-racism,” says author Joanna Ho.

To learn more about ways to support Oakland Chinatown:

Good Good Eatz
SaveourChinatowns

To learn more about how to support Asian communities healing from hate crimes and reimagining public safety:

OakChinatownCoalition
Stop AAPI Hate
@aapiwomenlead

Reminder: One Week of Distance Learning after the Break

We wish your families a safe and enjoyable February Break. We have had several families reach out to ask if we will be extending our distance learning after the break to account for community members who may indeed choose to travel like we did following the December Break. I want to assure you that that decision was made based on Alameda County being in a state-mandated shelter in place order and with our county numbers continuing to decline, we will not need to make that kind of decision again.

Date Change: Professional Development Day is now Monday, February 22

In order to preserve as many full on-campus weeks as possible, we have moved our Professional Development Day which was originally scheduled to be on Monday, March 1, to Monday, February 22. **This will mean that students will return to distance learning on Tuesday, February 23.**

Thank you for all the LOVE!

Our staff has been so appreciative of all of the heartfelt and thoughtful treats and signs of gratitude that the Parent Stewardship Group has organized! We feel seen and honored. Thank you!

- Curative COVID-19 Testing

2/22

- No School - Professional Development Day

2/23- 26

- K-8 Distance Learning Week

2/24

- Student COVID-19 Testing On Campus

2/25

- Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open

2/28

- Curative COVID-19 Testing



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

Be well.
Angela



SCHOOL NEWS

The Read-a-Thon is Coming!

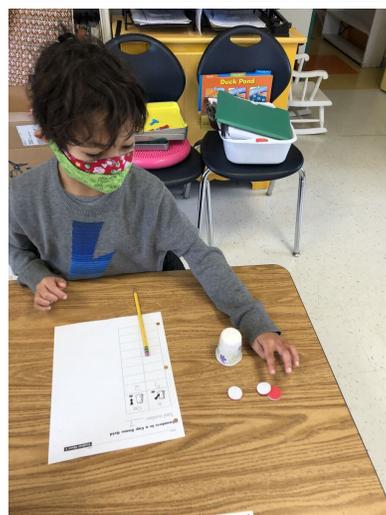
Excitement is beginning to build... last week students in grades 5-8 were invited to give feedback and vote on the graphic that will be used to promote the 44th annual Park Day School Read-a-Thon that will take place on Friday, March 12. Here's a sneak peak at the design draft they chose for this important FUNdraiser!



This design will be fleshed out with color and text to become the graphic for this year's poster and pledge website. **Watch for more information about**

ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

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



your student's personal pledge page to land in the inbox of the primary parent/guardian's on file in the coming days. Happy Reading!



LAST CALL for Board Nominations

The Park Day Board of Trustees is seeking YOUR input and nominations for new board members who will serve on the Park Day Board beginning July 1, 2021. [Please click here for more information.](#)

SPECIAL NOTES

Summer Camps at Park Day School

After lots of careful planning and collaboration, we're happy to announce that both **Camp 510** and **Steve & Kate's Camp** will return to Park Day School this summer. See attached for flyers and discount code! We're also in discussions with **Camp Indigo**, as well, which serves trans and gender diverse youth--more to come on that as plans come to fruition.

CAMP 510
LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT
REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER 2021
JULY 5 - AUGUST 20, 2021

AN ENGAGING HANDS-ON SUMMER CAMP IN OAKLAND, CA FOR CURIOUS KIDS AGES 6-14

ANIMATION ★ SEWING ★ SOUND MAKERS
SKETCHBOOKING ★ WELDING ★ ORIGAMI
CAPOEIRA ★ ELECTRONICS ★ PASTELS
AND MORE!

Use code ParkDay2021 for a \$25 discount per week of camp

CAMP510.com

**STEVE & KATE'S
CAMP: OAKLAND**

**WHEN YOU TRUST KIDS,
THEY TRUST THEMSELVES**

STEVE & KATE'S
CAMP

Park Day School | June 14 - Aug 20
M-F | 8am - 6pm | Ages 4-12
steveandkate.com/oakland

As Featured at the EBMMF!

You may remember muralist Desi Mundo of the Community Rejuvenation Project from our Art as Activism panel at the [virtual East Bay Mini Maker Faire](#). Their remarkable film [Alice Street](#) is on the international film festival circuit and they've extended a special invitation to a screening next week on **Wednesday, February 17th, at 5:30 pm**. Please [see the post in the Community Board Group](#) for info below to get **free tickets** and spread the word about this great opportunity!



Annual Fund Campaign

This year's **Annual Fund** campaign is all about meeting the current moment to build for the future together through resilience and innovation, and so many of you have rallied around the cause already! **Thank you to those who've answered the call**, stretched, and dug deep to make an impact--our whole school community appreciates your generosity and dedication!

Our fundraising goal for the year is \$380,000. If you haven't made a gift to the Annual Fund yet, we invite you to join us in giving. [Click here for information on how to make your gift or pledge.](#) Together we can do great things! Thank you for your partnership!

