

# Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,



Do you remember how naïve we all were? I happened to come across the San Francisco Chronicle article from March 16, 2020 which announced the first "shelter in place" order. If you look at the photo, we were all expecting to be back to normal by April 7! And now, we are about a week away from the year anniversary of our collective worlds closing down and that naiveté is long gone. In this past year, we have learned that life as we once knew it could change to be almost unrecognizable

This has been a challenging year for so many reasons; a worldwide pandemic, political and racial unrest, and the economic fallout from all of it. As we reflect on this time, I want to be sure to acknowledge the real suffering, grief, and struggle that many have endured and continue to endure.

I wanted to start this post with an acknowledgement of that reality because I feel guilty about what I am about to share...I got to teach a group of kindergarten students how to juggle today. Talk about pure joy! The looks of pride and glee when they actually caught one of the balls (ok, they were

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open

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- Strategic Planning Survey Deadline

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- Curative COVID-19 Testing

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- DJA Presents Charis Denison

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- Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open

- Read-a-Thon Kick-Off Story Time

lemons...sorry Joe!) gave me such a deep down sense of happiness and light that I know will sustain me for quite some time.

I get to see many of you daily as you either walk or drive to drop your kids off to school and during those encounters, some of you have so thoughtfully shared messages of gratitude for all the school has been able to do this year in terms of reopening. Please know that I appreciate those kind nuggets and I try to share them with our staff as much as possible. I also know that being able to get to know the kids and to see them so engaged and connected when they are on campus has been immensely rewarding all on its own. I have appreciated getting to be a part of the life of this community. Thank you.

### **Update about staff vaccination**

We are so grateful to share that about 85% of our staff have received their first doses of COVID vaccine! Many of us are scheduled for our second doses starting next week and we have been planning for class coverage should any of our teaching staff experience side effects and need to be out of school. We all want to extend a hearty thank you to the parent volunteers, all of them professional educators in their own careers, who have so graciously and generously answered the call to be substitute teachers for us should the need arise.

### **Reminder: One more day for our second strategic planning survey!**

Please take about 20 minutes between now and **tomorrow** to share your ideas. The **survey** contains eleven key questions, essentially asking for your priorities, your short-term ideas, and your long-term ideas for each of the four themes.

In community,  
Angela



**3/12**

- **Read-a-Thon**

**3/14**

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing**

**3/18**

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

**3/21**

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing**

**3/25**

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

**3/25-26**

- **No School - Family/Teacher Conference**

**3/28**

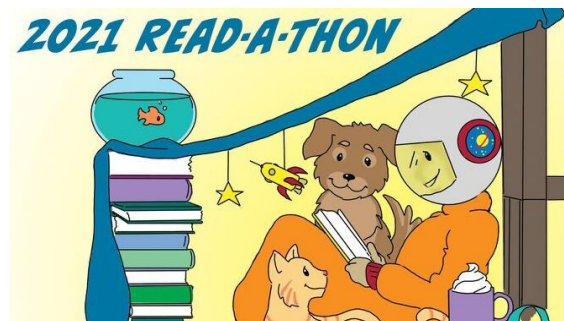
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## SCHOOL NEWS



### Park Day School 2021 Read-a-Thon



### The Read-a-Thon Rocks!

Excitement is building among the students for the big day on Friday, March 12, and we're nearing the halfway point towards our fundraising goal!

We've made a great start towards raising funds for our school's literacy program, and we can meet our goal if you **share your student's personal pledge page** with your friends, family, neighbors, and social media networks!

With a special webpage for each student, it's easier than ever to solicit pledges. **Here's how to find your student's online pledge page:** Click your grade, go to the Students tab, and scroll for your student's name to find their page and share it!!

- [Kindergarten](#)
- [1st Grade](#)
- [2nd Grade](#)
- [3rd Grade](#)
- [4th Grade](#)
- [5th Grade](#)
- [6th Grade](#)
- [7th Grade](#)
- [8th Grade](#)

**Click here for information on how to customize your student's pledge page** with a photo and personal message, or to adjust their fundraising goal. Thank you for supporting the Park Day School Read-a-Thon! Happy Reading!



## 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 ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

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







## DJA Presents Renowned Educator & Youth Advocate, Charis Denison

**Tuesday, March 9, 6:45 to 8:15**  
**[Click Here to RSVP](#)**



Please Note: this session is designed for adults--not students

### How to Feel More Effective in Parenting Tweens and Teens in the Current Climate

***If you know or love a child who is or will be a tween or teen, this is for you!***



**Charis Denison**

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