

# Park Day Post

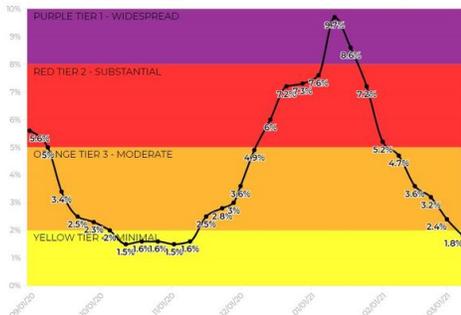
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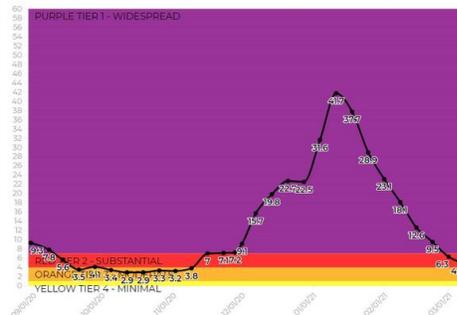
Dear Park Day Families,

As of Tuesday, March 9, Alameda County officially advanced to the Red Tier in the State's **Blueprint for a Safer Economy**. The county has experienced a very steady and **precipitous drop in COVID case rates** in the last several weeks and with this positive trajectory the county is beginning to slowly relax some of the restrictions in many business sectors.

7-day average positivity percentages for Alameda County



7-day average case rates per 100K for Alameda County



Thanks to this news, we are pleased to announce that we are now able to take the first gradual step to expand our stable group sizes. Beginning this Monday, students within each grade level will be able to play and spend time together in the same outdoor play zones during break time and recess. This broadening of the stable group size is in keeping with state guidance, and made with approval from the Alameda County Public Health Department. We hope this small step will allow students to enjoy an expanded friendship and social network with peers across their grade.

**What's up next?**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

3/11

- **Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open**
- **Virtual Read-a-Thon Kick-Off Story Time**

3/12

- **Read-a-Thon**

3/14

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing**

3/17

- **Parent Stewardship Group Meeting - Open to the Community!**

3/18

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

- We are looking forward to being able to welcome 6th and 7th grade students back to campus every week beginning on March 29! We are currently designing the details of this expansion with the teachers and will stay in touch with families as logistics unfold.
- We are launching our middle school **running club** starting next week and are working to design additional after-school athletics/enrichment activities for 6th-8th students.
- Also in the works, a plan to design how best to offer after school care following the spring break for our younger students. We will inform interested families when we know more about what we might be able to provide. Staffing will be prioritized in grades K-2, which are the grade levels that have indicated the most interest in the program.

Tomorrow will be my first Read-a-Thon at Park Day School, and I'm looking forward to seeing all our student's excited faces in the morning! More information on tonight's virtual Kick-Off Story Time, tomorrow's game plan, and the status of our fundraising efforts can be found below.

Happy reading!  
Angela



## SCHOOL NEWS



**The Read-a-Thon is TOMORROW! The Virtual Kick-Off Story Time is TONIGHT!**

Excitement among the students for the big day tomorrow is running high! Today we distributed commemorative book bags with the poster design printed on them, so the students can load them up with books and stuffies for the Read-a-Thon.

3/21

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing**

3/25

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

3/28

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing**



## REMINDERS

**Customize your ParentSquare notification settings so you get**

Tonight we have our virtual Kick-Off Story Time--[click here for videos of our teachers and staff reading their favorite stories aloud to you!](#)



We've also attached some **fun printable coloring pages** for the kids to this post--snap a photo of their masterpieces and email them to [Chris Miller](#) to be shared out next week!

[Karen](#) and [Ashley](#) posted information to their grades last week on what to expect and how to plan for the day of the Read-a-Thon. Please refer back to those posts to refresh your memory.

In addition to the magical day of reading we have planned for tomorrow, we're thrilled to share that we've already exceeded our school wide goal for fundraising, and pledges continue to come in steadily! **We want to extend a warm and hearty THANK YOU** to our school community and extended families and friends for rallying around this special and important fundraiser.

You can still **share your student's personal pledge page with your friends, family, neighbors, and social media networks** to keep the fundraising party going--the more funds we raise in the Read-a-Thon, the more we can do to support our literacy program and classroom libraries!

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](#)

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.



**[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!**

**Volunteers Needed for Drop-Off & Pick-Up**

Many thanks to all who have previously signed up to help with morning and afternoon gate duty! It takes a lot of us to get students safely through drive through drop-off and pick-up efficiently, so we are asking those who are able and willing to please sign up to lend a hand in the coming weeks as well. **[Please click here to sign up!](#)**



**SPECIAL NOTES**

**Park Day School In The News**

In case you missed it, Angela was quoted recently in an article in **[The Oaklandside](#)** on the challenges of reopening schools during a pandemic. In it she outlines the remarkable feats of our faculty and staff in creating a safe and welcoming environment for students on our beautiful campus. We especially appreciate her focus on the needs and safety of teachers.



**Parent Stewardship Group Meeting for All Community Members,**  
**Wednesday March 17 from 1p - 2p**

You're invited to attend the next Parent Stewardship Group meeting!

Agenda includes:

*Stewardship General Topics*

- Next Staff Appreciation
- Budget Report
- Formation of Stewardship Handbook Committee
- Call for Leadership for coming year

*Guest Presentation :* Cornelia Sylvester - Social Justice Initiative / Parent Advisory Committee

*Guest Presentation:* Tatiana Vekovichcheva - Green School Alliance

