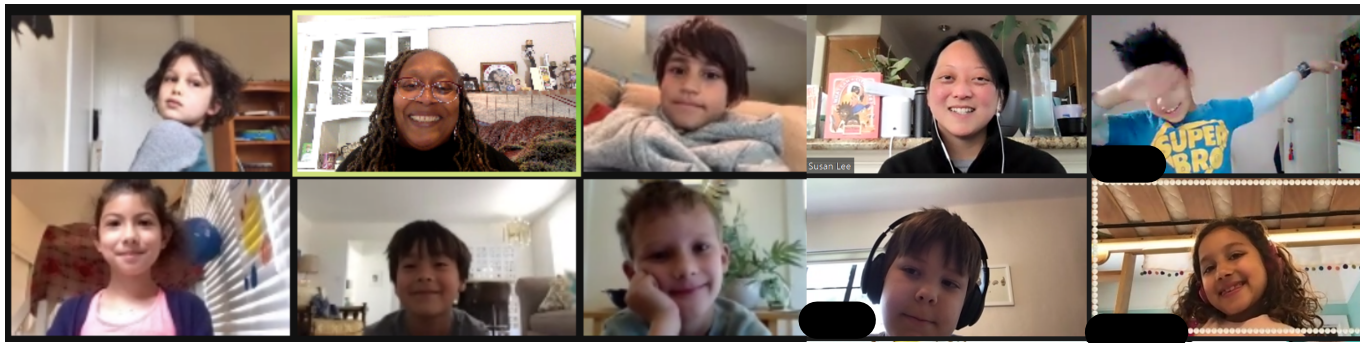


Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

I, like so many of you, used this recent break to take one more tentative and brave step toward “normalcy” and travelled to St. Louis to see my parents after a long 16 months apart due to the pandemic. It was a joyful and tearful reunion in Lambert Airport and we started the visit almost euphoric.

“Oh no, not again!” I heard my mother loudly exclaim from the kitchen as she was watching

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/19 - 4/23

- **K-8 Distance
Learning Week**

4/23

- **Special Earth
Day Community**

the news.

“What happened?” I asked as I ran in to check on her.

“Why do they keep killing us? Another baby boy is gone. A police officer shot a 20 year old about 10 miles away from where George Floyd was murdered.” My mother said in horror.

That was the scene in my childhood home in a suburb of St. Louis the first Monday of Spring Break. I felt my heart sink, my eyes welled up with tears, and the weight of another unarmed black man being killed at the hands of law enforcement permeated my being. The toxic mix of rage and grief was all too familiar. I realized that I was literally holding my breath. And, it keeps happening. Daunte Wright. Adam Toledo.

Two days ago, a large part of our leadership team was together via Zoom and we watched the Derek Chauvin verdict being read live on the news. I again held my breath.

“Guilty.”

“Guilty.”

“Guilty.”

Assembly

4/25

- **Community**
COVID-19 Testing

4/29

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

5/7

- **Park Day**
Getaway!

5/9

- **Community**
COVID-19 Testing

5/13

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

5/16

- **Community**
COVID-19 Testing

It was surreal.

“As a black woman working in predominantly white spaces, I have been struggling with how to grieve, how to varnish my anger, how to lead, and how not to allow myself to slip into despair. Aside from my deep faith, the thing that is keeping me focused is that in my role as an educator. I get to touch the future through every teacher and student I impact.”

I wrote those words to the Park Day community a few weeks after the George Floyd murder in early June of last year. I shared what was authentically in my heart. Those vulnerable words I shared then are still true. This has been hard collectively. And, this has been hard for me on a very personal level as a black woman. Yes, the recent Chauvin verdict allowed us to celebrate for a moment. Accountability is an important step. But, it is not justice.

Our next step as parents and educators is to ensure that we all do our part to prepare the next generation of true changemakers and justice seekers. Our Park Day teachers, even while remote, have created safe and age-appropriate spaces for our students (2nd-8th) to process and learn about this recent verdict and to have important conversations about accountability, justice, and what is needed for true healing

5/20

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

5/23

- **Community COVID-19 Testing**

5/27

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

5/30

- **Community COVID-19 Testing**

5/31

- **No School - Memorial Day**

moving forward. Thank you for your partnership in this work.

Be well,
Angela



SCHOOL NEWS

A Message from Joe Patton, Learning Garden Teacher

Today marks the 51st anniversary of Earth Day! When it began in 1970, over 20 million Americans joined together in a movement to care for the environment. This year's theme is *Restore Our Earth*, and we can play an important role. Let's take part as community members and stewards of this beautiful planet!

Inspired by the success of last year's Earth Week, we launched three Green Challenges again for you to try out. In case you missed it, here are some links so you can be sure to participate with us!

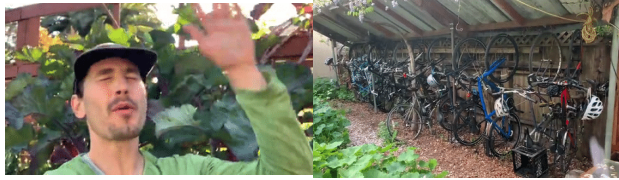


REMINDERS

Customize your ParentSquare notification settings so you get information the way that suits you best!

Reduce Waste Challenge

Conserve Energy Challenge



Garden Care Challenge



A Message From Josie AG Shapiro ***2021 Best of Alameda County Final Round Is*** ***Now Open***

The "Best of" voting is live on Parents Press! Please navigate to the voting site, and **vote for Park Day** for "Best Independent School" and "Best Progressive School" in both the elementary and middle school sections. Your vote will help get the word out about our school and assist our admissions efforts next year!

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.





Seeking Auction Items for the Park Day Getaway!

After a year of pandemic lockdown, we're coming together for a virtual '*fantasy vacation*' themed party to celebrate our community and raise funds to support our school's financial aid program! We need your help to make the auction a huge success... Do you have a business you'd like to **promote**? Do you have a special or creative **donation** that would make an awesome auction listing? Would you like to host a special activity or experience, either virtually or IRL?

Some ideas could be...

- Gift
- Certificates
- Vacation Homes
- Event Tickets
- Cooking/Crafting Class
- Art Project
- Dance/Ice Cream/Party

Contact **Chris Miller** for more information, and **submit auction item donations here** and **hosted parties/special experiences here** to support the fundraiser! Thank you for your support!



SPECIAL NOTES

Volunteers Needed For Drop-Off & Pick-Up - April 26 - May 7

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!**



Spring Farm Box Deadline is Tomorrow, Friday, April 23, at 5pm

Sign-ups for the spring Farm Box are open and ***the deadline is this Friday!*** The spring session will be only 5 weeks long and it starts next week, so if you are curious about the Farm Box program, this is a great opportunity to try it out without the usual 10-week commitment! All funds raised go to help support the Park Day garden program. Last year money from the Farm Box helped build the new garden boxes that hold veggies and flowers now and the year before we were able to buy a garden shed! **Click here for more information!**



Common Sense Media Parent Ed Invitation - Wednesday, April 28

Our friends at Common Sense Media has extended an invitation to their final 2020-21 parent education event coming up on Wednesday, April 28, at 12pm featuring two compelling speakers: Dr. Madeline Levine and Dr. Danielle Ramo addressing “Parenting Through the Pandemic: What’s Next?” **Free registration is required to receive the link.** This conversation will cover topics related to both younger kids as well as teens.

Featured Speakers



Danielle Ramo, Ph.D.
Senior Director,
Research at Hopelab
[Read full bio](#)



Madeline Levine, Ph.D.
Clinical psychologist
and *New York Times*
best-selling author
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