

# Park Day Post

Park Day School • Thursday, Apr 1 at 5:24 PM •



Dear Park Day Families,

Yesterday was International Transgender Day of Visibility. Being a gender inclusive school is an important part of Park Day School's core, and we are proud to be a leader among independent schools in support of gender expansive, non-binary, and transgender students and staff.

Building a gender-inclusive school, like so many other areas essential to creating a culture of belonging, benefits all students in a variety of ways including:

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**4/1**

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

**4/4**

- **Curative COVID-  
19 Testing**

- Modeling inclusivity, empathy, and respect.
- Celebrating self-expressing and authenticity.
- Empowering all students to see themselves as valued individuals.
- Reducing overall gender bias, thereby allowing children to be exposed to friends, skills, and experiences they might otherwise miss out on.

Yesterday our faculty and staff came together in celebration of TDOV and many signed a **petition** for educators addressed to the Biden administration in support of trans youth in schools. If any of you are professional educators or educational scholars, we encourage you to read the petition and sign if you are moved.

As we get ready to re-launch our school store in the months ahead, let us know if you'd like to support our gender justice efforts and purchase a gender justice t-shirt. Reserve your shirt by emailing **Amalia Bob-Waksberg**. Stay tuned after the break for the release of our work-in-progress If You Knew Me Mondays Podcast, special edition in celebration of TDOV. Stay tuned!



Be well.  
Angela

4/5

- **Deadline for Spring Break & After School Care signups**

4/8

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

4/9

- Deadline for **AIM Online Community Climate Survey**

4/11

- **Curative COVID-19 Testing**

4/12

**No School - Spring Break**

4/15

- **Signups for Curative COVID-**

*“In the face of seemingly relentless attacks, transgender and non-binary people are more visible than ever before. We are proud to recognize International Transgender Day of Visibility and the determination it takes for transgender and non-binary people to be living openly and authentically today. Transgender people are our friends and family, our neighbors and our colleagues — and, like all of us, simply want to live their lives every day as who they are.*

*However, even as we celebrate International Transgender Day of Visibility, we must recognize and remember that there are many trans and non-binary people in this country, and across the globe, who are not able to safely live their lives as their full selves, as well as those who face discrimination and violence for living openly. Today and every day, we will fight for a world where all transgender and non-binary people are able to live their lives as their full selves, free from discrimination.”*

*- Alphonso David, Human Rights Campaign  
President*

## **19 Testing on Sunday Open**

**4/18**

**- Curative COVID-  
19 Testing**

**4/20**

**- DJA Presents  
Cheyenne Xochitl  
Love**

**4/29 -4/23**

**K-8 Distance  
Learning Week**

**5/7**

**- Park Day  
Getaway!**







## SCHOOL NEWS

### A Message from Arjuna Sayyed, Director of Equity and Inclusion

Do you remember this year's Equity and Justice themes - Explore(ing Identity), Envision(ing Justice) and Engage(ing Activism)?

Yesterday in advisory, MS students took time out to complete the AIM Online Community Climate Survey. Our 4th and 5th grade classes will be next. We are letting them know that not only is their participation a gift to our school's collective learning and growth, it is also one concrete way we are embracing our third theme of the year - Community Engagement.

Today, we'd like to remind you of our goal to hear from all community members via the **AIM Online Community Climate Survey** - before April 9th. Your participation in this last phase of the AIM process is an important step towards building more inclusivity in our community.



## 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!



The survey should take 15-20 minutes to complete. Thank you for embracing our equity theme in this important, concrete way!



## Last Chance to Sign Up for Spring Break Camp & After School Care

Don't miss out! This is the last chance for interested families to register for Spring Break Camp (K-6 students) the week of April 12 - April 16 and/or After School (K-2 students). If you'd like to enroll for either of these programs, **please complete this form no later than Monday, April 5.**



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



## **A Message from the Parent Stewardship Group**

So many good things are happening at Park Day School! For instance, at our recent general meeting, we heard from Tatiana Vekovishcheva about what we have to look forward to from the Green School Alliance in April, we discussed our upcoming Teacher Appreciation efforts in May, and the past and current happenings of the Social Justice Initiative Parent Advisory Committee via Cornelia Sylvester. In case you missed it, **[click here for more information, meeting notes, and a video of the meeting.](#)**



## SPECIAL NOTES



### **Save the Date for the Park Day Getaway - Friday, May 7th**

After a year of pandemic lockdown, let's come together for a virtual '*fantasy vacation*' themed party to celebrate our community and raise funds to support our school's financial aid program!

Grab the kids and pack your sunscreen for the beaches, your mittens for the ski slopes, or your hiking boots for the mountains and join us by plane, train, hot air balloon on Zoom at 6:30pm on Friday, May 7th, for a grand getaway together!

Want to get involved? Volunteers needed! Areas of particular interest include:

- Video Production
- Auction Items and Donation Solicitation
- Tech support

Contact **Chris Miller** to find out how you can help support this fun community builder!



