

# Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

We've just returned from Spring Break and in speaking with many of you, it appears as if reconnecting with family and friends and just slowing down to enjoy life again was high on the docket. I hope everyone had a safe and restful break.

## **White Privilege Conference**

As a part of our ongoing commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion, we have supported eight staff members to attend this year's **White Privilege Conference** (WPC) sponsored by The Privilege Institute.

The WPC for the past 20 years has examined challenging concepts of privilege and oppression and offers solutions and team-building strategies to work towards a more equitable and inclusive world. The WPC is a conference open to everyone and invites diverse perspectives to provide a comprehensive look at issues of privilege including: race, gender, sexuality, class, and disability. We are looking forward to sharing this group's learning with our larger community.

## **Thank you for your insights and feedback!**

We want to extend a note of appreciation and gratitude to those of you who were able to attend one of our recent parent listening sessions for

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**4/19 - 4/23**

- **K-8 Distance Learning Week**

**4/20**

- **DJA Presents Cheyenne Xochitl Love**

**5/7**

- **Park Day Getaway!**

the early draft of our strategic plan. Your insights and feedback were thoughtful and targeted and we will definitely integrate them into our next draft.

### **Park Day was highlighted by Green Schoolyards America**

**Green Schoolyards America** (GSA) is an organization founded to fundamentally change the school experience for children. In reading their mission, you will see the clear synergy and alignment with Park Day School: GSA seeks to transform asphalt-covered school grounds into park-like green spaces that improve children's well-being, learning, and play while contributing to the ecological health and resilience of our cities. We are working to change the norm for school ground design, use, and management so that all children will have access to the natural world in the places they already visit on a daily basis.

GSA in the last year also developed a COVID-19 Initiative where they focused on how schools could reopen safely with an emphasis on outdoor classrooms and experiences. They reached out to us and **developed a case study on Park Day** about how we were able to reopen school to serve as one of their blueprints to help other schools as they embark on this journey.

Welcome Back!

Best,  
Angela



### **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



## SCHOOL NEWS

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

#### ***Thank you for participating in the AIM Community Climate Survey!***

In our ever-busy world, with so many complex issues to unpack and important causes to support, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and not know where to place your time and energy. Your participation in this last phase of the AIM process was one concrete step towards building more inclusivity right here at Park Day. Thank you for accepting this call to action!

\*As previously mentioned, some of the language used in the NAIS-developed AIM survey does not align with our own values at Park Day. We acknowledge that some of the language and survey features, such as the use of the term "other" and gender, native language and racial constraints placed on respondents don't fully capture the spirit of this initiative. We sincerely apologize for any impact this has on our community and always welcome your feedback.



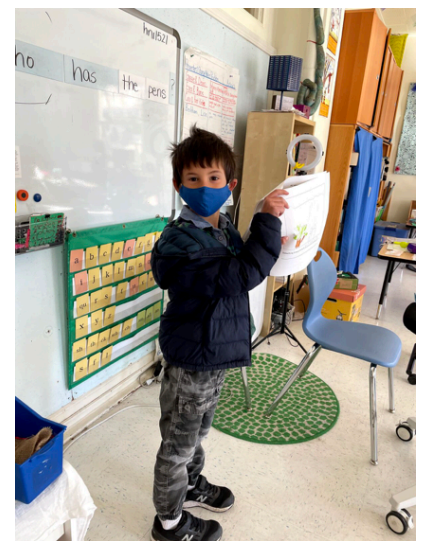
### A Message From Josie AG Shapiro

#### ***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!

ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!

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





### Seeking Volunteers & Auction Items for the Park Day Getaway

After a year of pandemic lockdown, we're coming together for a virtual 'fantasy vacation' themed party on Friday, May 7th, to celebrate our community and raise funds to support our school's financial aid program!

We need your help to make the event one to remember... Can you **volunteer**? 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?

**Volunteers needed! Areas of particular interest include...**

- Entertainment
- Video Production
- Auction Item Solicitation
- Tech support

**ideas could be...**

- Gift certificates
- Vacation homes
- Event tickets
- Virtual classes

Contact **Chris Miller** to volunteer and **submit auction donations** here to support this fun community builder! Thank you for your partnership!





## SPECIAL NOTES

### A Message From The Green School Alliance

As schools are re-opening and people are making plans for the post-pandemic reality, it is a perfect time for us as a community to come together to envision and design new and improved ways for Park Day School to be a leader and a champion for school sustainability.

We invite all members of the Park Day Community to join our virtual World Café gathering on Earth day, April 22nd, to discuss how we can accurately assess our current sustainability practices, identify and celebrate



successful initiatives, and work to continue to create an environment where our kids can be advocates for a green and sustainable future.

**Please RSVP to participate!**

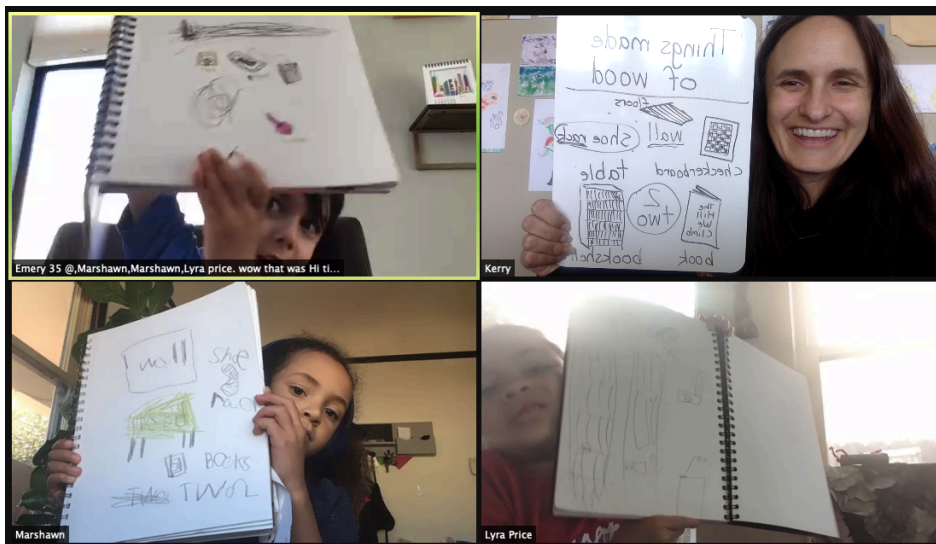


**April 22, 6pm-8pm**

**Online World Café Session**  
on  
**CO-CREATING A SUSTAINABLE PARK DAY**  
*hosted by the Green School Alliance (GSA)*

RSVP to this calendar invite and we'll send you call-in information soon!

Questions? Contact Tatiana Vekovishcheva (Park Day 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent & GSA Co-Lead):  
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## Common Sense Media Parent Ed Invitation - April 28

Our friends at Common Sense Media has extended an invitation to their final 2020-21 parent education event coming up on 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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