

Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

It has been a little over seven years ago on April 30, 2014, that beloved Park Day Head of School, **Tom Little**, passed away. As I walk into the Palm Building everyday and am greeted by Tom's name lovingly painted on the sidewalk surrounded by hearts, I am reminded of his deep impact and legacy.

We have spent this past year, as a community, engaged in a strategic planning process which asked us to envision and co-create our future together. Who do we want to be? How do we want to grow? What will Park Day look like in the next five years? 50 years?

Understanding the rich history of Park Day and honoring our founding principles are paramount to a successful path forward. I recently came across some documents Tom left as a framework for new leadership and the community that I thought were powerful touchstones. Here are a couple of quotes:

Inevitable change makes stewardship an essential part of our obligation to our campus and our community. There are three ideas to prioritize:

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/9

- **Community COVID-19 Testing**

5/11

- **DJA Meeting: Dear White Families, Let's Talk About Racism**

5/13

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

5/16

- **Community COVID-19 Testing**

- *Keep children first in our authentic and loving manner, building a cohesive community of families fully engaged in their progressive education.*
- *Bring the ethos of equity, justice and sustainability to the fore, while building the highest quality academic program that parents have come to expect.*
- *Steward and nurture the splendor of our surrounding campus and extraordinarily diverse community that bring us such rich resources.*

Progressive education must stimulate, challenge, and provide the academic rigor that will serve and prepare students for challenges and academics they will face in any school or life setting. It means that we engage students as agents in their own education, and foster social and emotional learning alongside and essential to intellectual learning. Our progressive classroom is fashioned on an equitable, fair, and just curriculum to address the students and our school's mission.

As we near completion of our strategic plan which we will share with the community in the coming weeks, it is so heartening and fitting that it contains many echoes of Tom's words. His presence and influence are still guiding us and showing us the way.

In gratitude,
Angela



5/20

- Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open

5/22-23

- Park Day Getaway!

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





SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Park Day Families,

We're thrilled to be hosting a series of small, joyful, in-person, grade-level parties on campus as our end of year celebration! As you've heard, **the Park Day Getaway will be spread across the weekend of May 22-23.** Each grade-level party will be scheduled for about an hour apiece with fun activities for the kids and a coffee bar for adults to enjoy as we all catch up with one another. We will continue to prioritize the health and safety of grade-level cohorts by requesting each household complete the Titan app daily health screening and show a 'green screen' at entry.

Here's schedule for the weekend. It was carefully considered in order to make the parties as accessible as possible for our families with siblings, grades that have other class activities also scheduled that weekend, and to build in transition time for our crew to clean and sanitize between groups. **Opportunities to volunteer will be posted here on ParentSquare next week.** We appreciate your partnership in creating a fun and memorable experience for all.

The online auction fundraiser will



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.



still take place in cyberspace and **we greatly appreciate your item donations, special hosted experiences, and gifts to support the Financial Aid program!**

We invite you to dress up in your most festive vacation garb and come together to imagine your post-Covid era getaway! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure! We can't wait to see you--*in real life!*--the weekend of May 22-23 to celebrate our vibrant school community together!

Time	Saturday, May 22	Sunday, May 23
10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Kindergarten	Incoming Kindergarten
Transition		
11:30 AM 12:45 PM	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Transition		
1:00 PM 2:15 PM	3rd Grade	8th Grade
Transition		
2:30 PM 3:45 PM	6th Grade	5th Grade
Transition		
4:00 PM 5:15 PM	7th Grade	4th Grade





A Message From The Diversity & Justice Alliance
Please join us for *"Dear White Families, Let's Talk about Racism"*** on Tuesday, 5/11 at 6:45 PM**

Have you ever wondered...

- What can well-meaning, liberal White families do to become part of the solution?
- How can White families teach their children to be anti-racist?
- Why is it that being 'not racist' is not enough?

We invite you to join Park Day parents Akeel Williams and Danielle LoPresti for their workshop titled **"***"Dear White Families, Let's Talk About Racism"***"** which was piloted at Park Day in 2019, and has continued to evolve and be facilitated since its inception throughout California and Oregon.

This will be an intentional, judgement-free zone to learn about how we can stop perpetuating the problems, start matching our actions up with our good intentions and as author Frederick Joseph says, 'be better White people.' **[Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)**



SPECIAL NOTES

Volunteers Needed For Drop-Off & Pick-Up - May 10 - May 21

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!**

Just For Giggles...

With the students and teachers outside in our outdoor classrooms, a particularly rambunctious squirrel decided to try and take up residence

indoors the other day!

Our little buddy Scamper was gently guided back outside to run, hop, climb, and play with their own cohort again.

The next time you see our furry friends out in the yard, kindly remind them to stick to the great outdoors!

