

Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

Middle school parents and educators around the country have been celebrating Monday's **announcement from the Food and Drug Administration** that 12-15 year olds are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations with the expanded emergency use authorization granted to Pfizer/BioNTech. Dr. Janet Woodcock, the acting FDA commissioner said, "Parents and guardians can rest assured that the agency undertook a rigorous and thorough review of all available data, as we have with all of our COVID-19 vaccine emergency use authorizations,"

We, as a school, will not be mandating vaccinations at this time but are excited about the regained sense of normalcy that is emerging. For those of you who are interested, here are some **vaccine resources for families** seeking appointments for their children ages 12+.

- In addition, La Clinica is offering Pfizer vaccine appointments for all Alameda County kids ages 12 and older. The link to sign up is here: **www.primarybio.com/l/laclinicavaccine**.
- The Transit Village site located at 1001 Fruitvale Ave has 250 doses that must be used tomorrow. Register through the link above To ensure you secure a spot. This is a walk-up clinic with onsite parking available. Special thanks to one of our new incoming

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/13

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

5/16

- **Community COVID-19 Testing**

5/20

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

5/22-23

- **Park Day Getaway!**

5/23

families who is a physician at La Clinica for this tip!

Courageous Conversations

I attended a powerful workshop this week hosted by two Park Day parents, Danielle LoPresti and Akeel Williams, who also serve as co-chairs of our Diversity and Justice Alliance (DJA). The topic, titled “Dear White Families, Let’s Talk about Racism” addressed race, police violence aimed at black and brown people, and white privilege. In particular, we discussed practical ways white families could work to break the cycle of microaggressions and create safe and respectful spaces for their peers and classmates of color and also in our larger community.

If you missed the workshop this time around, Danielle and Akeel are supporting Park Day School’s Parent Education series next year, and will host again. Until then, some of these **resources** (compiled by Danielle LoPresti and her collaborator Ron Jones) that provide powerful perspective are listed below:

- **To The White Parents of My Black Son’s Friends**
- **Black Parents Explain How to Deal with the Police**
- **Young black man shares his mother’s unwritten rules**
- **Why ‘colorblindness’ is not the right approach to race**

Leaning into these “courageous conversations” is the only path forward as we work to build a stronger, safer, and more inclusive community at Park Day and in our larger world. Thank you to all of you who were able to join this space and begin to learn about and commit to this important work.

Be well.
Angela

- Community COVID-19 Testing

5/27

- Signups for Curative COVID-19 Testing on Sunday Open

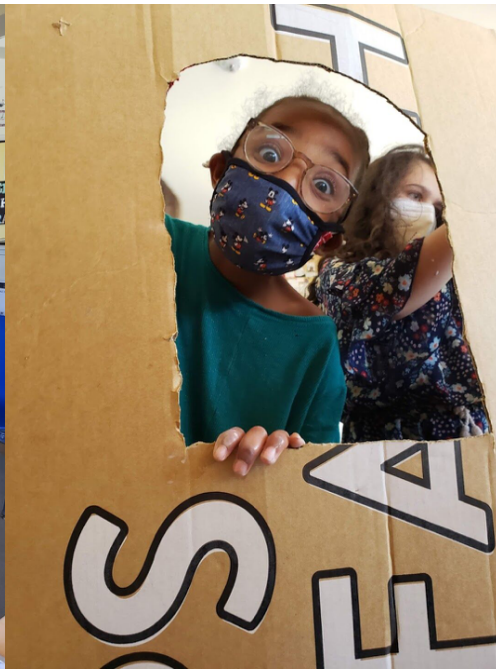
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- Community COVID-19 Testing

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- No School - Memorial Day





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.



SCHOOL NEWS



We're SO excited for our end of year in-person, grade-level parties on campus coming up **next weekend on May 22-23!** Each grade-level party is 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. The schedule is below in case you missed it.

Want to get involved? Fun opportunities to volunteer will be posted on ParentSquare shortly, and there's still time to get in your item donations for the online auction before it goes live next week!

Be sure to fill out the Titan app health screening questionnaire for your



household, and be ready to flash your 'green screen' upon entry. We appreciate your partnership in creating a fun, joyous, and memorable experience for all! It's gonna be a blast!

After a year of pandemic lockdown, we're thrilled to come together for a 'fantasy vacation' themed celebration of the dynamic and resilient Park Day School community! We're planning small, joyful, in-person grade-level parties on campus the weekend of May 22-23.

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, or hot air balloon for a grand Park Day Getaway together!

In addition to our in-person parties, we're also hosting an online Raise the Paddle and Auction to support our school's financial aid program. Thank you for your generosity!

LEARN MORE AT
parkdayschool.org/community/auction

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 22 & 23

Saturday MAY 22		Sunday MAY 23
10AM - 11:15AM	KINDERGARTEN	INCOMING KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION		
11:30AM - 12:45PM	1ST GRADE	2ND GRADE
TRANSITION		
1PM - 2:15PM	3RD GRADE	8TH GRADE
TRANSITION		
2:30PM - 3:45PM	6TH GRADE	5TH GRADE
TRANSITION		
4PM - 5:15PM	7TH GRADE	4TH GRADE



2021-2022 School Day

The length of the school day is shifting next year. Schedule below!

- Before-school program: 7:30am – school start (no charge)
- Grades K – 3: 8:45 a.m.– 3:15 p.m.
- Grades 4 & 5: 8:30 a.m.–3:10 p.m.
- Grades 6 – 8: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday early dismissal: K-5 2 p.m.; 6-8 2:30 p.m.
- **After School Activities Program**: school dismissal–6:00 p.m.
 (Registration available through SFO in June -- registration deadline, August, 2022)

Online & Digital Wellness

Ensuring that students have the skills to navigate their increasingly digital social lives is incredibly important, especially as kids reach Middle School.

From ongoing practice and conversations that build strong and healthy habits of online safety, to learning to manage conflict and social issues online in kind and positive ways, Park Day works to support our students in learning the skills they need to be solid and reliable digital citizens.

This month during Advisory, our 6th graders are met with Jamie Nuñez from Common Sense Media to discuss online safety and positive online identities as they navigate the years ahead. Students discussed real issues and how they've handled them in the past to learn what is going well and what could go better in the future. Here are some **helpful resources from Common Sense Media** for all parents thinking about Internet Safety.



Check Out These Special Volunteer Projects!

Video Storytelling Maven:

Do you like filming and editing short videos? If so, we need you! On Friday, May 28 we are hosting a Pride Parade on campus and in the immediate neighborhood. We are looking for someone to film the parade and also super casually "on the go" interview a couple of students and a couple of teachers about Pride Week activities to put together a "Pride Week at Park Day School" video reel. Length of video should be about 60-90 seconds with perhaps one 30 second excerpted snippet. Snappy and fun is the name of the game.

School Store Wizard:

New Park Day gear is coming to town! Can you help us organize the inventory and set us up for success so we can sell Park Day hoodies, shirts, and more during the Park Day Getaway? Seeking 1 - 3 power players who can take this on.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with either of these projects, please email **Josie AG Shapiro** Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

**A Message From Jeanine Harmon,
Director of Community Outreach
and Service Learning**

8th grade students in our 8C *Service Learning & Activism* class are leading a Bike Drive for Oakland International High School. Many OIHS students rely on bikes for their transportation to school and work. Your donations will help students safely get to where they need to go! Please help spread the word in the wider community that we are collecting bikes and accessories in good working condition for teens/adults. They may be dropped off here at school through May 24. Thank you for your generous support!

**Bike Drive for
Oakland International
High School**
From May 7 to May 24



We are looking for...

- Bikes in working condition
- We are looking for teen and adult bikes
- Helmets
- Bike locks
- Misc. bike accessories

Drop it off at Park Day School, 360 42nd Street, Oakland, M-FR 9:00-4:00





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!**

Lost & Found

Please take a look through our **lost and found collection** and let us know if any item belongs in your home!

