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Dear Park Day Families,

I am just going to say it. Getting to know people while still in a pandemic and wearing masks is cumbersome and tricky.

As you know one of my favorite times during the week is when I have morning gate duty and I get to greet and welcome families to school. I love having a moment to say hello and to chat with our families who walk to school and I love waving at our families in their cars as they drive onto campus. What's so hard about all of this is that even though it is my second year as Head of School at Park Day, for many of you, I have only known you with a mask. I have literally not seen many of your faces below your eyes!

Relationships and connections are so very important in a community like ours. Our kiddos truly thrive when the partnership between home and school is strong. I really want to know you and to build genuine rapport with you. To that end, I would like to start having "Coffee Time with Angela" from 8:45am-9:45am on the second Wednesday of each month. We would meet in the tent in the Meadow, have a mini-coffee cart, and get to know each other. For now,

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/19

- [Community COVID-19 Testing](#)

9/22

- Back to School Night
- [1st, & 2nd Grades](#)
- Back to School Night
- [Grades 6-8](#)

9/23

- [K-4 Picture Day](#) with Roots & Shoots
- Back to School Night
- [3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades](#)

9/24

with our COVID restrictions, we will have to limit the attendance to 25 people (that will hopefully change in the coming months!).

Our first "Coffee Time with Angela" will be on Wednesday, October 13. We ask that all adults who plan to attend this event on campus be prepared to show proof of vaccination.

[Please RSVP here.](#)

Be well,
Angela



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Next week we will host two of our three virtual Back to School Nights. The purpose of Back to School Night is to strengthen the home/school partnership as well as to provide families with an overview of your child's learning for the year. You can expect to hear all about curriculum, social/emotional learning, classroom protocols, special projects, and any field trips for the year.

Please find more detailed information about each Back to School Night and their Zoom links here:

- [Kindergarten](#) (September 22 & 30)
- [1st & 2nd Grade](#) (September 22)
- [3rd - 5th Grade](#) (September 23)
- [6th - 8th Grade](#) (September 22)

We look forward to seeing you there!

- [5-8 Picture Day](#) with Roots & Shoots

9/26

- [Community COVID-19 Testing](#)

9/30

- Back to School Night
- [Kindergarten](#)

10/11

- No School, No Camp
- [Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

10/13

- [Coffee Time with Angela](#)

10/16

- [Family Garden Work Party](#)



REMINDERS

2021-2022 School Day

Before-school program:

- 7:30am – school start (no charge)

Grades K – 3:



PICTURE DAYS

Picture Days w/ Roots & Shoots Photography are coming up, so be sure to mark your calendars for:

- **K-4th Grades: Thursday, Sept. 23**
- **5-8th Grades: Friday, Sept. 24**

Roots & Shoots has a new ordering system, so be sure to click the links above for more information!



DROP-OFF & START OF SCHOOL

Here are some friendly reminders and requests to keep in mind in the mornings:

- Please help your child arrive to class on time
- If you walk your child in, please say your good-byes and transition at either the 42nd Street gate or if you enter on 43rd Street, as far as the Yurt. We are continuing to reduce the density of adults on campus
- Only service animals are allowed on campus. Please leave your pets at home
- K-3 morning drop off is 8:25-8:40am. Children line up and go in with teachers at 8:40 to be ready for the

- 8:45 am– 3:15 pm

Grades 4 & 5:

- 8:30 am–3:15 pm

Grades 6 – 8:

- 8:30 am–3:30 pm

Wednesday early dismissal

- Grades K-5: 2:15 pm
- Grades 6-8: 2:35 pm

After School Activities Program:

- From school dismissal–6:00 p.m.

Gate Codes

- 42nd Street Gate:
 - #SMILE (#76453)
- 43rd/44th Street Gates:
 - SMILE* (76453*)

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!

start of class at 8:45am

- 4-5 morning drop off is 8:10-8:25am so they can start class at 8:30am
- 6-8 morning drop-off is 8:10-8:25am so they can start class at 8:30am

If your lower or middle school student arrives past the normal drop-off time, please have them sign-in at the Front Office at the Palm Building so they are not marked absent for the day. Thank you!



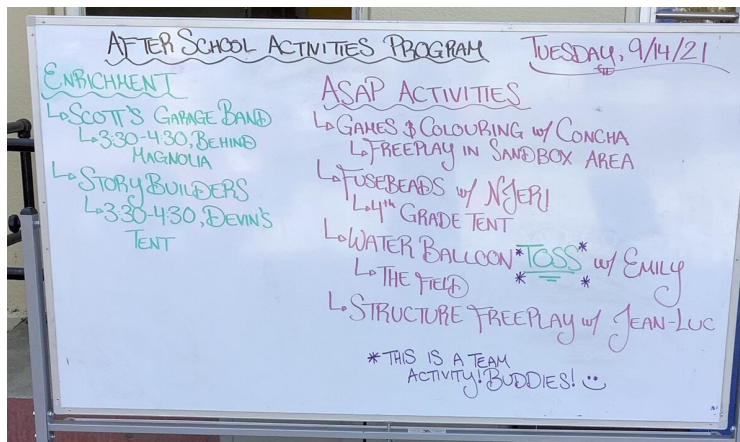
ENRICHMENT CLASSES & ASAP

This week in our After School Activities Program (ASAP), we had our first round of Enrichment Classes and Freestyle Classes. We also had other fun structured activities on the menu like Fuse Beads, Water Balloon Toss, Lego Building, and a Sand Castle Creation Station. The kids are doing a wonderful job with transitioning from the school day to after care and it's been fun to watch them soak up all of the fun ASAP has to offer!

Concha's Fairy Friends worked on the design process for their miniature fairy town! They traveled around campus to forage for materials like rocks, sticks, and other necessary fairy items. In Njeri's Wearable and Usable Art Class, students made super funky bags. Some made satchels and others went with a fashionable fanny packs. Could there be an ASAP fashion show in the future? Stay tuned...

Navigate school-related tech issues on the school's [Technology & Tips](#) section of the website.





COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

The Farm Box is Back! Sign Up By Friday!

Sign up today for the Farm Box and help support the school's garden program! The Farm Box is organized by Park Day parents and provides a weekly delivery of fresh River Dog Veggies (and sometimes fruits) that you pick up right next to school on Wednesdays. [Click here for more information and to sign up by Friday!](#)



UCSF Research Study Invitation: The Gender Journey Project



Park Day families are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Dr. Diane Ehrensaft and the Child and Adolescent Gender Center at UCSF. Contact [Director of Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Arjuna Sayyed](#) to join Park Day's Gender Justice Alliance group on ParentSquare for more information!

An Evening with Michael Thompson

Clinical psychologist, author, and school consultant,

Michael Thompson, will be giving a virtual talk on his book "The Pressured Child During the COVID Era" on Tuesday, September 21, at 6:00 pm. [RSVP for this free event here.](#)



THE SEVEN HILLS SCHOOL Parent Lecture Series



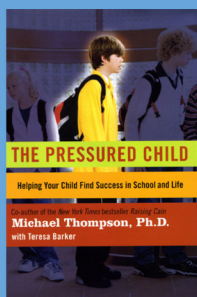
Michael Thompson, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist, author, and school consultant. He has worked in schools for fifty years, starting as a middle school teacher, later training as a counselor and psychologist. He is presently the supervising psychologist for the Belmont Hill School in Belmont, MA, and has worked in over 700 schools in the U.S., Asia, Africa Europe, and Central America.

Dr. Thompson is the author and co-author of nine books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*, *Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children*, *The Pressured Child*, and *Homesick and Happy: How Time Away from Parents Can Help a Child Grow*.

Dr. Thompson was the facilitator for the NAIS Institute for New Heads from 1992 through 2001 and subsequently served in the same role for the Academy of International School Heads from 2002-2016.

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The Pressured Child During the COVID Era



Join us for this
FREE virtual event on
**Tuesday
September 21, 2021**
6:00pm - 7:15pm

Lecture tickets
are FREE
Adults only, please.

**RSVP at
sevenhillsschool.org**

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