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## Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

*"The moment we choose to love we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others."*

-bell hooks

Yesterday, the world lost a bright light and visionary. **bell hooks**, who was born Gloria Jean Watkins in 1952, was a prolific and trailblazing author, poet, feminist, cultural critic, professor, and activist. She chose to not use capital letters in her name to de-emphasize her individual identity in order to focus on the deep intersections of race, gender, and class. bell would often anchor her views about social justice in terms of love being transformational.

As we head off for this extended break, I hope you all have an opportunity to rest, recharge, and safely connect with family and friends. I also hope we take bell hooks' focus on the transformative power of love with us as we close out this very eventful year of 2021.

Be well.

Angela

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/17**

- **Staggered Mid-Day**

**Release** for Winter Break:

12:00 - 12:15 pm - K-5th grade

12:15 - 12:30 pm - 6-8th grades

ASAP 12:00 - 2:30 pm

(Please pack a lunch for your student if they're attending ASAP)

**12/18 - 1/2**

- **Winter Break**

**12/31**

- New Year's Eve! Be sure to make your year-end **gift to the Annual Fund campaign** by midnight!

**1/1/2022**

- Happy New Year!

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- **No School - Camp**

**Available** -Teacher

Professional Development Day



## COVID TESTING RESULTS & TRAVEL GUIDANCE

We are again happy to announce that **all COVID tests from last Friday and this past Tuesday were negative.** COVID case rates and hospitalization rates in Alameda County are increasing slightly, but still low in comparison to the rest of the US. Vaccination rates are also increasing with over 78% of the total County population (including children) vaccinated, and over a quarter of those under 12 fully vaccinated (good news!!). Boosters are now available for everyone 16 and over, and strongly encouraged. We are hopeful that all of our students will be fully vaccinated by early 2022.

The effects of the Omicron mutation are just starting to show up, and so vigilance is important as we head into the next few weeks. Health officials and experts are still learning more about Omicron, but at this point expecting it to spread widely. Booster shots have been shown to help in the prevention of severe disease with Omicron. Our other tools also help, including masking and testing. Make sure to test before and after travel and holiday gatherings per the **State Travel** and **Holiday Gathering** Guidance, and stay home if you are sick.

As previously mentioned, **all staff and students need to upload a negative COVID test result** taken between Dec 31 and January 3 before returning to campus on January 3 or 4th. Reminders will be sent out through Titan at the end of the break. If you have more than one student, please take a photo of the results of all students and upload that. We thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy.

Take care,  
Jennifer Cooper  
Pandemic Coordinator

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- School Resumes



## REMINDERS

### ***Parking for Drop-Off & Pick-Up***

Please use the drive through lane when possible. If you choose to walk into campus, be sure to park legally and courteously for the sake of our neighbors.

### ***Dismissal Pick-Up Windows***

Please respect the pick-up window times. If you arrive early or your student isn't





## TIMELY REMINDERS

**We will have a staggered mid-day release tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 17.** Pick-up times are as follows:

- 12:00 - 12:15 - K-5th grade
- 12:15 - 12:30 - 6-8th grades

**There will be no hot lunch service tomorrow.**

**ASAP is offering limited hours on Friday, Dec. 17,** so please pack a lunch and make arrangements to gather your child(ren) by 2:30 pm.

There is **no school on Monday, Jan. 3**, due to a teacher professional development day. Camp is offered this day. See the [\*\*Camp Day Registration Reminder\*\*](#) post for more information.

**Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 4**, and a negative COVID test dated within 3 days is required to return to campus. Reminders to upload will be sent through the TitanHST app over the Winter Break.

ready when you pull through, please drive back out and circle the block to keep the carpool lane moving.

### **2021-2022 School Day**

*Before-school program:*

- 7:30 am – school start (no charge)

*Grades K – 3:*

- 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**

**Parent-to-Parent &**

**Community Groups** on

ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!





## ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

### Support of the Annual Fund keeps growing!

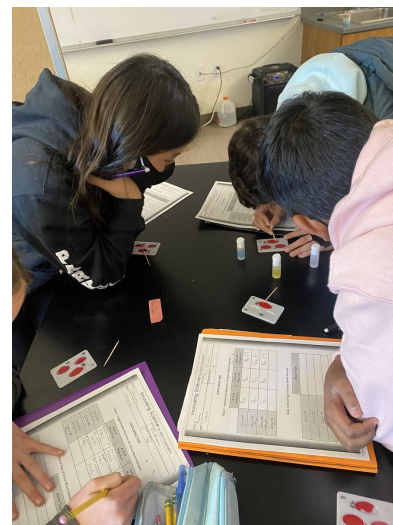
Gifts to the Annual Fund have totaled nearly \$235,000 so far and the momentum continues to climb. **We deeply appreciate the members our community who have answered the call to contribute to the campaign! Thank you!**

The end of the year is a time for reflection. When you give to Park Day School, you demonstrate your commitment to access, equity, and belonging for every member of our learning community.

In addition to that, **by making a gift to the Annual Fund by Friday, December 31, you support our school and earn a charitable donation deduction on your taxes...** here are some ways you can maximize the impact of your giving:

- Make a **gift online** or by mail to the school
- Make a **pledge** to be fulfilled by June 1st, 2022
- Take advantage of your employer's matching gift program
- Donate a **gift of stock**
- Donate the **vehicle** that's been taking up space in the garage

**Thank you for your generosity!**







## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Rev Up The Sleigh!

Can you lend a hand making some deliveries in Oakland and Berkeley this weekend to some beloved retired Park Day teachers and staff? [Click here for more information and to sign up!](#)



### Morning Drop-Off

It takes a lot of us to get students safely through drive through drop-off efficiently, so we are asking those who are able and willing to please lend a hand. [Please click here to be among the first volunteer in the new year!](#) Thank you for sharing your time with us... we greatly appreciate your teamwork!





## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Thank You For Supporting the Collection Drives!

Thank you, Park Day Community, for all of your generous contributions to our holiday drives! We collected over 200 toys and books for **4Cs of Alameda County** and assembled over 200 hygiene kits for **LavaMaex**!

### Open Call for Student & Staff Submissions to the IYKMM Podcast Mixtape!

The *If You Knew Me Mondays* Podcast Club is working on their 1st mixtape episode! This special episode will be a compilation of student and staff musical compositions, and we'd love to include your student's submission! If they're interested in participating, **please use this form to share their content** by Friday, January 21st. We can't wait to hear from our talented and creative students and staff!





## PARK DAY SCHOOL WEATHER STATION UPDATE

Recently we shared news of newly donated and installed Weather Station at Park Day. We are actively monitoring the weather on campus, including temperature, wind, and air quality, as well as checking the weather forecast for the day, and you can, too! See this [post in the Community Board group](#) to get connected and see the data!

And remember--if you're looking for the perfect gift for the science-minded friend or family member, **Davis Instruments has kindly offered a 10% discount to the Park Day community on any products**, including the AirLink air quality monitor, on [www.davisinstruments.com](http://www.davisinstruments.com). Simply enter the code "PARKDAYSSCHOOL" at checkout.

For every [air quality monitor](#) sold between now and Jan 1, 2022 using the code, Davis Instruments will donate \$25 to Park Day School. **Please share the code freely with friends and family!**

