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Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

I hope you were able to enjoy this beautiful, warm day! Students have been able to bask in the sun, seek solace in shady spots, and eat popsicles and ice cream to their heart's content. One of the kindergarten students even said that today felt like the best day of their lives!

Lights on Creativity! K-8 Art Show

We are all so pleased that families joined us on campus today for our first K-8 in person event since the pandemic began! It was wonderful (and a bit overwhelming in a good way) to feel the vibrancy and energy of our full Park Day community.

Art and art integration are foundational tenets of progressive education. The benefits of art impact all aspects of the school experience, mindsets, and other content areas: Art is a powerful platform for activism and change. Working in the arts helps learners to develop creative problem-solving skills. Art instruction helps children with the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and inventiveness. Arts experiences boost critical thinking, teaching students to take the time to be more careful and thorough in how they observe the world. Art education connects students with their own culture and identity as well as with the wider world. Please join me in thanking our talented Art teachers, [Lisa Ostapinski](#) and [Cristina Portela](#) for their vision, curation, and commitment to the power of art and creativity to make positive change in the world.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court by a Senate vote of 53 to 47! Today was an historic day that paves the way for her to become the first Black woman to serve on the highest court in the nation.

In community,
Angela

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/11

- Middle School [Ultimate Frisbee Scrimmage @ Havens Elementary](#).

4/14

- Middle School [Volleyball Game vs Hillcrest @ OIHS](#)

4/15

- Triumphant Return of the [Coffee Cart!](#)

4/18 - 4/22

- [Spring Break](#)

4/25

- Middle School [Volleyball Game vs St. Paul's @ OIHS](#)

4/28

- Middle School [Track & Field Meet @Albany Middle School](#)

5/3

- Middle School [Volleyball Game vs Julia Morgan @ Mills College](#)



5/12

- Middle School **Volleyball**
Game vs OHDS @ OIHS

5/21

- Community Spring Event

5/30

- No School - Memorial Day

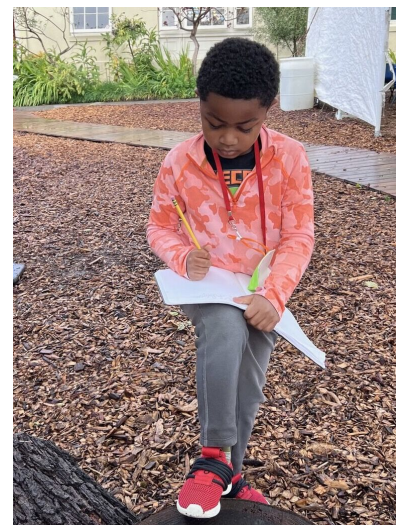
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- 8th Grade Graduation

COVID UPDATE

We are happy to share that we had no positive cases in our on-site staff and student PCR testing this week and last. We were made aware of one member of our community testing positive earlier this week. Beginning tomorrow we will be shifting our mask protocol; wearing masks will be optional indoors and outdoors. Staff and students must continue to wear a mask indoors 5 days after a potential exposure. We received our test kits from the County for all staff and students to use at the end of Spring Break, and will distribute them April 14-15.

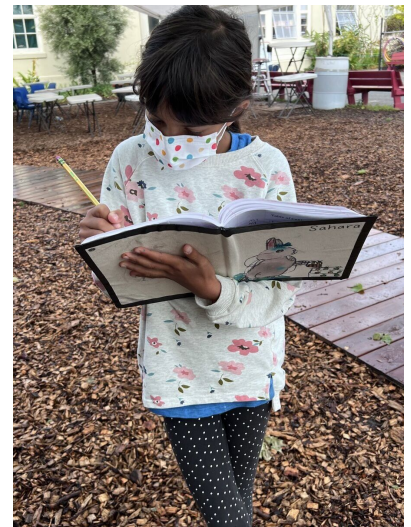
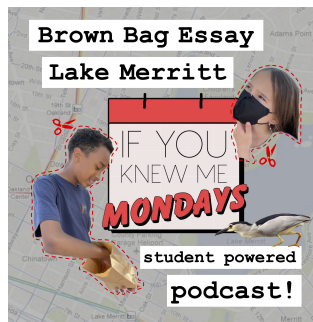
Take care,
Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator



IF YOU KNEW ME MONDAYS PODCAST

Here's your chance to step into a fourth grade classroom and out in the community with our fifth graders! In this episode, you'll hear about the Brown Bag Essay - all about student identity - and learn about the fifth grade service project at Lake Merritt. This episode includes 21 different Park Day voices.

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO THIS EPISODE](#) and hear what they have to say! 🧠🎵



You can catch up on all the IYKMM podcasts on our **[website](#)**, too. Tune in whenever and especially with your family! 🕊️❤️🎵

Arjuna Sayyed

Director of Equity, Inclusion and Belonging



REMINDERS

Stay Up To Date

In addition to this weekly Park Day Post, the student driven **[If You Knew Me Mondays](#)** podcast is the place to go for interesting school news!

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

THE COFFEE CART RETURNS



We're excited to announce that the beloved Coffee Cart will make a return to Park Day School on select Friday mornings beginning on Friday, April 15, from 8:15 to 9:15 am in the Magnolia Circle. Coffee and baked goods will be available to adults for a donation, though no one will be turned away. Cheers!



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Spring Event on Saturday, May 21

Save the date! On Saturday, May 21, we'll be hosting a fun family event at school for our community. If you and your students enjoyed the Park Day Getaway last year, you're in for a treat!

Special Experiences Needed for Spring Auction

There will be an online auction again this spring and we're seeking donations of items and special experiences to offer. Gift certificates, services, event and sports tickets, fine wine, vacation home getaways, and hosted parties are welcome and deeply appreciated! Please contact [Chris Miller](#) for more information or [submit your donated items here](#). Thank you for your support!

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Drop-Off Volunteers Needed

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 volunteer!** Thank you for sharing your time with us... we appreciate your teamwork!



