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Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,



Our Strategic Objectives

Curriculum	Belonging	Teachers	Foundation
Amplify & clarify our progressive identity; strengthen our curriculum so our students thrive as learners.	Deepen our commitment to inclusion so that everyone in our community feels a sense of belonging.	Invest in our teachers so their engagement and continuity creates a stable, trusting learning environment.	Ensure our financial future so we can fulfill our mission for many years to come.

As you may recall, we completed our first **strategic plan** at the end of the last school year. The purpose of strategic planning is to organize concurrent initiatives into a cohesive vision. Highly functional independent school communities are integrated, interconnected, and intentional, and always stretching toward the future.

We are now seven months into a five year plan and we have really begun to make strides in each of our four strategic pillars: Curriculum, Belonging, Teachers, and Foundation. We would like to share our progress to date with you during our next **Coffee with Angela on Monday, March 28**. Please plan to join us to hear more!

In community,
Angela

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/17

Middle School Basketball vs. Albany at Albany

3/21

- Ukrainian Pin Sale After School

3/24 & 3/25

- No School - **Family-Teacher Conferences**

- Last Call for Lost & Found

3/28

- **Coffee with Angela**

- Ukrainian Pin Sale After School

4/7

- **Art Show**

4/18 - 4/22

- **Spring Break**

5/21

- Community Spring Event



COVID UPDATE

We are so happy that the COVID case rates have dropped, and that we can safely relax some of our protocols. It has been wonderful to be able to see so many smiling on faces around campus this week!

All the PCR test results from staff and students on Tuesday were negative. Per this week's call with Alameda County Public Health Department, things are still looking quite good here in the Bay Area. Alameda County is in the CDC's Low tier, case rates are continuing to drop, and ICU rates are as low as they have been during the pandemic. ACPHD is closely monitoring wastewater and the BA.2 variant. They are aware of the new waves in Europe and Asia, but for now are optimistic.

The state is providing all schools with rapid test kits for staff and students. We will be sending those tests home with students prior to the break in April.

Take care,
Jennifer Cooper
Pandemic Coordinator



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 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



THE READ-A-THON ROCKED!

Hooray for the 2022 Read-a-Thon! The event was kicked-off with a virtual storytime on Thursday evening, and then what a magical day it was on Friday... excitement among students and staff alike buzzed throughout the day of the Read-a-Thon. Lower school students luxuriated in their pajamas while reading here, there, and everywhere on campus, and middle school students rotated through themed reading rooms and various energizers and signed each other's tee shirts.

In addition to being a memorable day for all, the Read-a-Thon fundraiser was record breaking. With over 85% participation, our community harnessed the power of our extended networks of friends and family to raise nearly \$75,000 (and still rising!) to support and enhance our literacy program and update classroom libraries across campus.

[Click here](#) for photos and a long list of well deserved *Thank yous!!*

With gratitude,

Chris Miller

Director of Development



CONFERENCE & SPRING BREAK CAMP

Conference Camp Days are coming up on March 24 and 25 and **the deadline**

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*)

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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!



to register is **Monday, March 21, at 3:30pm.**

Registration for Spring Break Camp from April 18 to 22 is also open now. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 13, at 3:30pm.**

Please register through **CampBrain** now to help us anticipate our staffing needs, and see **this post for more information**. We look forward to an awesome camp with your students!



BOARDWALK PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to the many students and volunteers who helped create our campus boardwalk! It is truly a community built project: we had help from 3rd & 8th grade students, 4th grade Student Leadership and 5th grade Eco Koalas groups, and over 25 parent and student volunteers over the last 3 weeks.

We want to especially thank Park Day parent and Buildings & Grounds Committee member Paul Hollenbach for his efforts in overseeing the project.

The boardwalk looks beautiful, and provides an accessible pathway between the Palm Building and the field, MPR, and Grandma's Attic buildings. It has already carried many staff and students happily across campus this week.

Check out the curving walkway next time you are on campus, and listen to more about it on the **IYKMM podcast!**





COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Lost & Found

Please stop by and check for your child's lost items before or after your Family-Teacher conference on Thursday, March 24 & Friday, March 25. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the day that Friday.

Fundraiser for Ukraine - Change of Date

The 3rd grade teachers and students are organizing a fundraiser in support of Ukraine by making and selling pins with peace doves made of felt in the Ukrainian flag colors and packets of sunflower seeds. The class hopes to raise \$1,000 and pins will be on sale after school near the 43rd Street pedestrian gate on **Monday, March 21**, and again on **Monday, March 28**, for a suggested donation of \$5. All proceeds will go to Choose Love and Urgent Action Fund.



K-8 Student Art Show

There will be a K-8 student Art Show titled *Lights on Creativity* from 4 - 7 pm on Thursday, April 7. Light refreshments will be served. More details to come!

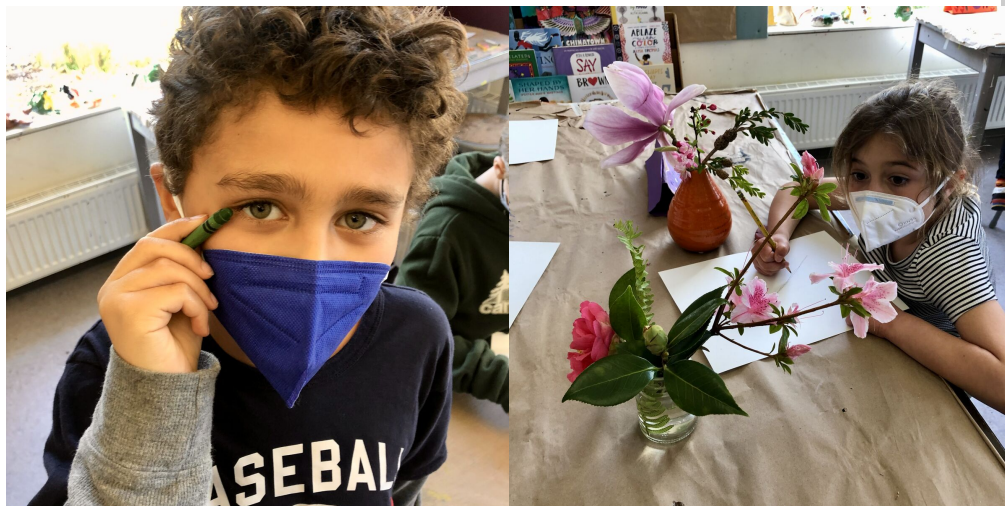
Save the Date!

There will be a community Spring Event on Saturday, May 21. More details to come!

We're Seeking Auction Items!

There will be an online auction this spring and we're seeking donations. Gift

certificates, services, tickets, fine wine, vacation home getaways, etc. are welcome and deeply appreciated! Please contact **Chris Miller** for more information or **submit your donated items here**. Thank you for your support!



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!



Read-a-Thon fundraiser