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Park Day Post

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Dear Park Day Families,

I was just connecting with a family at the front gate earlier this week about how we, as a school and a community, have navigated the ever changing landscape of the pandemic. We reflected on the pre-vaccination days of sanitizing groceries, the dark days of Zoom classes, transitioning back to campus with all outside instruction (do you remember our tent city?). There was the moment when we had parents subbing for teachers as we all went in for our highly sought after vaccine appointments, the collective excitement about student vaccinations....and now here we are, taking calculated and cautious steps toward loosening mask restrictions. The last two years have taught us resilience, flexibility, and nimbleness to say the least.

Our transition on March 11 to optional mask wearing outdoors has gone quite well. Being able to share smiles and to see everyone's full faces is wonderful.

And, it has made such a difference in the ways our students, staff, and families interact with one another.

Given the continuing low COVID case rates at present, we are planning our next calculated step to move to masks optional indoors at Park Day on April 8. This step would be in alignment with current health guidance from the County and State Public Health Departments. Equity and personal choice are important to us as a community. We understand that some staff and students will want or need to continue to wear masks, and we will continue to make sure there is safe space for everyone to do what they need to feel comfortable.

Guidance from both the County and State is shifting to create a more flexible framework for how we look at masking. The term "mask season" is entering our collective lexicon. This means that mask guidance moving forward will adjust and align with the ebb and flow of case transmission metrics. Right now, with case transmission metrics low in Alameda County, we are not in a mandated "mask season". There is always the likelihood that transmission metrics tick back up, and if so, we will be responsive and adjust our masking guidance accordingly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



At this time, we will continue to maintain all of our other layers of safety. These layers include our daily Titan health screening, our twice weekly PCR testing on campus, quick antigen testing for any symptomatic or exposed student or staff member, enhanced ventilation protocols (open windows/doors and air purifiers with HEPA filters), and a continued recommendation for vaccinations and boosters (96% of students and 100% of teaching staff are now fully vaccinated).

We could not have successfully made it through the last two years without all of your support, commitment to our collective health and safety, and goodwill. We have truly been in this together and we continue to thank you!

Be well.

Angela and Jennifer C.



COVID UPDATE

We are happy to report that all the staff and student COVID test results from last Friday and this past Tuesday were negative (except one that is pending). It is indeed great news that COVID case rates are continuing to fall and that CDC's COVID level in Alameda County and most of California is green - low risk.

Within our Park Day community, we have not had a positive case amongst staff and students in the last 3 weeks. Currently our local Public Health Department is not overly concerned about the BA.2 variant. While it is present locally (accounting for at least 25% of cases), the case rate is still continuing to fall.

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.

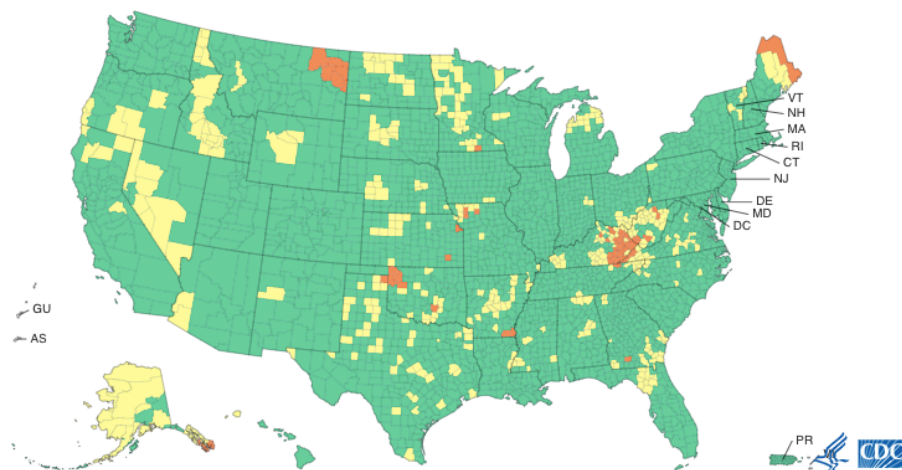
Dismissal Pick-Up Windows

Please respect the pick-up

U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map

Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates every Thursday by 8 pm ET

Updated: March 17, 2022



Legend

High

Medium

Low

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

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Check out all the Opt-In

Parent-to-Parent &

Community Groups on

ParentSquare and find folks with similar interests!



FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

Fundraiser for Ukraine - Monday, March 28

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 28, for a suggested donation of \$5. All proceeds will go to Choose Love and Urgent Action Fund.



MORE FUN TO COME!

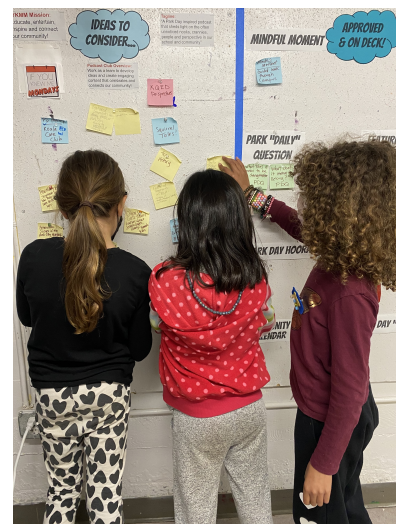
Save the date! On Saturday, May 21, we'll be hosting a fun family event at school for our community. If you and your students enjoyed the Park Day Getaway last year, you're in for a treat!

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

With gratitude,

Chris Miller

Director of Development





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.

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.



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!

