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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews



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Mark Your Calendar!

6th Grade Math Info Mtg:
**TUESDAY SEPT 8, 15,
OR 16**

Summer Reading Party
(6TH GRADE)
FRIDAY SEPT 11

Summer Reading Party
(7TH & 8TH)
WEDNESDAY SEPT 16

6th Grade Math Info Mtg:
WEDNESDAY SEPT 16

Book Fair
THURSDAY SEPT 16-18

PTA Assoc. Mtg
THURSDAY SEPT 17

[CLICK HERE](#) for event
times & more details!

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HOMEWORK HABITAT

Homework Habitat and late
bus service has launched!

Both will occur during regular

Dear Scott,

Welcome back. We hope you had a restful holiday weekend and are ready for a full week of school!

In case you missed the September 3 "Principal's Coffee" event - an all-grade PTA Parent Network meeting - Principal Sharon Ofek spent quality time with over 100 parents, presenting an overview of JLS academic and social-emotional programs and services, along with "helpful hints" for parents to navigate the middle-school years more smoothly. A summary of the Q&A session will be distributed to the Parent Networks.

A big thank you to Ms. Ofek for spending the time and effort to keep parents informed, and special thanks to the PTA Communications and Parent Network teams for organizing this event!

To view Ms. Ofek's presentation, [click here](#). To subscribe to your grade's parent network, please refer to the list of coordinators at the end of this eNews.

Have a great week!
The eNews team!



We are pleased to announce that jlsattendance@pausd.org is now setup to receive your attendance-related information and requests.

Please note that messages must originate from the parent email address on record in Infinite Campus. You can still contact the attendance office at 650.856.5179.

Get your shop on at the JLS Student Store!

(e.g. non-early-release)
Mondays, Tuesdays &
Thursdays.

Homework Habitat occurs in the library and runs 3:15-4:25. The late bus will depart from the main parking lot at approximately 4:30. Please note that students who leave campus after school are not permitted to return to JLS to ride the late bus home; they must find alternative transportation.

Outstanding Student Citizens

Mr. Mel Froli, who manages the "Panther Pride" Student Recognition program at JLS, is looking for assistance with light office-type tasks as he prepares the packages given to student awardees. Exact time is somewhat flexible but starts around the 11th of every month; tasks include stuffing envelopes, printing labels, and distributing to teacher mailboxes.

More details and sign-ups for each of the nine school-year months can be found by [clicking here.](#)

The JLS Student Store will be open starting this Friday at lunchtime. If you would like a preview of what's for sale: www.JLSStudentStore.com You can also make purchases online. There are over 40 different items for sale.

The Student Store will be open during lunchtime on the following days:

Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Sept. 25
Oct. 2, Oct. 23
Nov. 6, Nov. 20
Dec. 4

The JLS Student Store is a joint cooperative effort by the Student Leadership class, PTA volunteers and the JLS administration. More information: JLSStudentStore@gmail.com

JLS Fall Book Fair September 16-18 JLS Library

This year JLS will partner with Scholastic to bring the Fall Book Fair to the library. The Book Fair will be open before and after school, and during lunch and brunch, on Wednesday and Thursday, and before school, and during brunch and lunch on Friday.

We rely on parent volunteers to staff the fair. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here: <http://vols.pt/7LxPJn>



Over 1200 students, siblings, parents and staff attended the Back to School Pizza Dinner, brought to you by the JLS PTA. It was a beautiful night for everyone to enjoy pizza, salad, good conversation, and time to re-connect with friends or make new ones. Some events are offered by the PTA for pure fun and this was one of them; the entire community enjoyed a good time on campus. (Many people asked: pizza made by "Spot A Pizza Place".)

THANK YOU to all the volunteers - parents and Leadership class students - for your help in making such a huge event so successful! The PTA depends on volunteer support (you don't have to be a PTA member

to help out!) and the entire community is grateful for your work. Special thank you to Paul Sakuma for managing the student volunteers and the hydration team, and a massive THANKS to Barbara Stroud for leading the entire production!

First PTA Member's Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 8:30 am

[CLICK HERE FOR THE AGENDA!](#)

JLS Conference Room B

There are three meetings of the PTA membership during the school year. We invite all members to attend, learn about the programs and budget planned for the year, and make your voice and vote heard. It's not too late for everyone in your family - and extended family - to join! To become a member, [click here.](#)

Thursday January 21, 2016

8:30 am - 9:30 am

JLS Main Office Conference Room B

Thursday March 17, 2016

8:30 am - 9:30 am

JLS Main Office Conference Room B

PiE Fundraising Campaign Launches!

\$500,000 Challenge Grant!



PiE is launching its 2015-2016 fundraising campaign for PAUSD schools, and we need the support of our whole community. PiE funds over 250 caring adults at all PAUSD schools - including elementary, middle and high schools. From classroom aides, to elective class teachers, to caring counselors and mentors, PiE funded staff make a difference for our kids everyday. Right now, we have a Back-To-School Challenge Grant of \$500,000. Every

dollar donated to PiE between now and September 5th will be matched (up to \$500K). Please donate today!

[Click here to donate online!](#)

6th Grade Parent Math Information Nights

Sept 8, 15, or 16

Please join us to learn more about the math program and pathways at JLS. Elizabeth Fee, Math Instructional Supervisor, will present.

Sept 8: McKenna and Piedrahita classes

Sept 15th: Yribarren, Argumedo, Berghout classes

Sept 16th: Salzmann, Constant and MacMillan classes.

All sessions will be held from 6-7 in room 730 at JLS. Parents are welcome to attend any

session if they are unable to attend the session assigned for their math teacher!

Summer Reading Parties

Volunteers Needed

The JLS Library sponsors Summer Reading Parties, one for 6th grade and a combined party for 7th and 8th grade. Students who have read 4 or more books over the summer get invited to their grade's party which has music, treats, and each invited student will receive a gift certificate for use at the Fall Book Fair.

Join in the fun by helping out with some easy jobs! [Sign up here!](#)

6th Grade Reading Party: Sept 11, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

7th and 8th Grade Reading Party: Sept 16, 1:00 - 1:45 pm

Would you like
your employer to
DONATE to JLS?



Notify your employer of your donation to the JLS PTA, to activate their Corporate Matching Program. And THANK YOU for taking this extra step to contribute JLS Middle School!
JL Stanford Middle School PTA tax id 94-6174779

Community News!

Gunn PTSA is Proud to Sponsor
Mindful Moms Group for PAUSD Moms of Teens and Preteens

Dates: Wednesdays 7-9pm
September 23 - November 18, 2015 (no class Nov. 11)

Location: Gunn HS Library
780 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306

Description:

All moms share a vital need for connection, yet moms of teens are often so focused on them that they neglect their own health and wellbeing. To support our teens we must invest in our own self-care. Our 8-week group will empower you with evidence-based mindfulness tools to reduce stress and improve your mood so you can bring balance and stability to your home life. Andrea Castillo, PhD, has been teaching Mindfulness since 2007 and is a proud mom of a Gunn graduate.

Cost: \$299. Some scholarships are available. To register please visit www.MindBodySpiritMoms.com. Preregistration is required.

Mind Body Spirit Moms is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the health and wellbeing of moms in the bay area. For questions please contact Jackie at jaclyn.k.long@gmail.com.

DESIGN FARM

Calling all teens! Rock your entrepreneurial spirit and join DesignFarm!
Wed or Thurs , Sept. 23 - Dec. 17, after school, Mitchell Park Community Center

Ever wonder how people come up with great ideas? We'll show you how using the design thinking process! Do you have an idea but are feeling overwhelmed about how to move it forward? Connect with mentors to move your idea forward. In our program, we don't want to talk about design thinking, we do it! Harness your natural creativity to define why and when, and our mentors will show you how and when to make it real. Whether it's a widget, a social problem, or something for your own personal development. For more information and registration visit www.thedfarm.org or email info@thedfarm.org

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

Palo Alto Philharmonic Baroque Music Concert

Sat, Sept 12, 8 PM, First Baptist Church, 305 North California Ave., Palo Alto

Come join the Palo Alto Philharmonic for a night filled with baroque ensembles, with select soloists and small ensembles performing an array of music from the 17th and 18th centuries. General admission tickets are: General Admission \$22, Seniors \$18, and Student tickets \$10. Tickets are available in advance from www.paphil.org [<http://www.paphil.org/pages/main/frontPage.php>] or at the door one half-hour before the performance.

Sanskrit Classes

Sanskrita Bharati Palo Alto is organizing Sanskrit Classes for children and adults. Anyone age 5 and above (for adults there is a separate class at the same time)

Classes will begin Sunday, September 13th at 4pm. For more information:

<http://www.sanskritabharatiusa.org/index.php/event/eventdetail/13/128%7C129%7C130%7C131%7C133/palo-alto>

Auditions - The BFG (Big Friendly Giant) at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre

Sept 8 and 9, 4 - 6PM, Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Announcing auditions for the first production in the Palo Alto Children's Theatre 2015 - 2016 Main Stage Season: Roald Dahl's The BFG (Big Friendly Giant). Auditions are open to youth ages 8 - High School. For more information about what to prepare, rehearsal and performance dates, please visit: www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre and click the AUDITIONS link.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - By Company Theater Unspeakable

Fri, Sept 25 at 7PM & Sun, Sept 26 at 12PM and 2PM, Palo Alto Children's Theatre

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION takes the audience on a fast-paced journey through history in just 50 minutes! Using only the actors' bodies, voices and (pantomimed) cannons, this production combines an engaging learning experience with imaginative physical theatre! Suggested ages: 6 and up. For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to: theamericanrevolution.brownpapertickets.com. Bringing a youth group? Use code FIELDTRIP to get \$10 tickets! (Note: discount code valid when purchasing 8 or more tickets.)

Fall Classes at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre - Register Now!

Register today for Theatre, Music and Dance classes at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre!

Highlights of the Fall Catalogue include Creative Dramatics, Intro to Acting, Shaking Shakespeare, Acting for Film, Prince and Princess Ballet, plus private acting and vocal classes - and much more! To start the registration process, please visit: www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre and click the CLASSES link.

Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University New Exhibition Celebrates Artists at Work Artists at Work on view September 9, 2015-January 18, 2016

The Cantor Arts Center presents a major new exhibition, Artists at Work, which examines how artists become inspired, how artists make objects and how place impacts artists'

work. Includes works by Édouard Manet, J. M. W. Turner, Thomas Hart Benton, Sol LeWitt, Richard Serra, Ansel Adams, Edward Weston and other renowned American and European artists. Also included are loaned works by contemporary artists Trevor Paglen, Garth Weiser, Hope Gangloff and Rachel Owens, among others. The Cantor Arts Center is open six days a week, Wed-Mon, 11 AM -5 PM, Thurs until 8 PM. Admission is free. The Cantor is located on the Stanford campus. Information: 650-723-4177, museum@stanford.edu .

Are you having your child (6m-13yo) vaccinated against the flu this fall? Stanford would like your help!

Stanford University would appreciate your help in furthering seasonal flu research by volunteering your child for a study. Your participation will help scientists better understand the immune system by studying the responses to the flu vaccine. Your child will receive the same current FDA-licensed seasonal flu vaccine otherwise given by their pediatricians at no cost + \$30 for every visit completed. A small blood sample or nasal swab maybe collected. For further information, contact: (650) 498-7284 or Vaccines_Program@stanford.edu

Drive Electric! Palo Alto Electric Vehicle Celebration

Sun, Sept 13, 1-4 PM, 314 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto

Want to learn about electric vehicles (EVs) and how they can save you money, increase your driving fun, and add more free time to your life? Come test drive one or more models, Sunday, 13 September, and meet a number of long-time EV owners. Get your questions answered on range, charging, batteries and experience the instant torque of an EV. See: tiny.cc/PaloAltoLovesEVs Simultaneously, tour ProjectGreenHome.org; one of the nation's first Net Zero Energy, LEED Platinum Passive Homes. Sponsored by the Sierra Club, Plug In America, the Electric Auto Association, Acterra and the Escondido Green Team

Palo Alto Art Center New Exhibition Front Yard/BackStreet

Fri, Sept 18, 7 - 10 PM,

Front Yard/Backstreet showcases the role of community in our lives, through the work of 15 contemporary artists. Notably, the map project by artist Kate Pocrass, This is Happiness: Palo Alto, will be available for visitors in the exhibition, and work by artist-in-residence Joel Daniel Phillips focused on the Buena Vista Mobile Home Community will also be on view. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Mid Pen Media Center

Sun, Sept 13, 2 -5 PM, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto

This celebration is free and everyone is welcome! There will be activities for all age groups that explore our programs and that will teach you different aspects of storytelling. Keynote speaker at 4:00 PM, John C. Hollar, CEO of the Computer History Museum. For more information: <http://midpenmedia.org/>

Join your grade's Parent Network!

Organized by the JLS PTA, Parent Networks provide grade-specific information and regular meetings to foster a supportive and collaborative parent community. TO JOIN, contact the below coordinators:

6th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

7th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin, Nirmala Patni, Stephanie Compton, Rebecca Thompson

8th grade coordinators: Aviva Saitz, Patricia Stayte

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