

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews SUNDAY, SEPT 13



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Mark Your Calendar!

6th Grade Math Info Mtg: TUESDAY SEPT 15 OR 16
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 24
6th & 7th Grade Parent Network Mtg FRIDAY SEPT 25

[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,

Hope you all enjoyed the short week and Shana Tova to those in our Jewish community!

Take note of a few special events this week:

- *Two JLS Library events:* Book Fair on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and Summer Reading Party for 7th/8th graders on Wednesday
- 6th Grade Math nights on Tuesday OR Wednesday (duplicate of Tuesday's session).

More information, including a call for volunteers for the Library events, is below.

Thanks again the the PTA Parent Networks for hosting Principal Sharon Ofek at the September 3 "Principal's Coffee" event. To view Ms. Ofek's presentation, [click here](#). Stay tuned to eNews for future Parent Network events and Principal Coffees!

Here's hoping for cooler weather for all!

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.

(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](#).

PE Uniform!

If your child bought a PE uniform and has not received it please contact/email their PE teacher.

Summer Reading Parties

Volunteers Needed!

The JLS Library sponsors a combined 7th & 8th grade **Summer Reading Party**. 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 volunteering! [Sign up here!](#)

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

Get your shop on at the JLS Student Store!

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. 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>



First PTA Member's Meeting

**NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE: NEW DATE IS SEPTEMBER 24,
8:30am**

[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

Tune Into KJLS!

Find out what's going on daily at JLS, club meetings & Special events!

Did you know that you can watch the daily KJLS live broadcast? Tune in every day (except Wednesday) at 9:13am for the 10 minutes of JLS Morning Announcements, produced by the students of Ms. Buddle's elective class "Broadcast Media:"

* Comcast channel 30 LIVE or streaming www.midpenmedia.org/local-tv/watch-now/ (Tune to channel 30)

Not only will you learn what's happening at JLS, you'll see the variety of skills students learn in this class: journalism; pre-production including planning, logos, jingles, public service and special reports; and a variety of production jobs in both the studio and control room.

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 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 15th: Yribarren, Argumedo, Berghout classes

Sept 16th: Salzman, 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!



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!

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 adolescents are often so focused on their teens that they neglect their own health and wellbeing. To support our teens we must invest in our own self growth and self care. This 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 High School graduate.

Cost: \$299. Scholarships are available. To register please visit

www.MindBodySpiritMoms.com. Preregistration is required.

For questions please contact Jaclyn at jaclyn.k.long@gmail.com.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops

Sat & Sun. Sept. 12-13, Oct. 10-11, Nov. 14-15, or Dec. 12-13, 9 - 3 PM
Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto

Yes, we have a glass studio at Paly. These workshops are open to the public, students and parents. Here's your chance to learn to blow glass at Paly. Each weekend workshop will focus on beginning glass blowing techniques. It's an incredible, fun, hands-on experience. Repeating students progress from their last session. Advanced Sign up required. Class limit is 4. Teens and adults. \$375 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School sculpture classes. http://palylink.paloaltopta.org/flyers/2015Glass_Workshop_flier.pdf
To sign up, contact: dcamner@pausd.org

3rd Annual Fiery Arts Fall Glass Sale at Palo Alto High School

Fri, Sept. 25, 3-6pm & Sat, Sept. 26, 11am-4pm, in front of the Tower Bldg.

Come see exquisite new glass designs hand-blown by instructors, alumni and students. Over 1000 unique glass pieces - pumpkins, pears, seashells, elephants, acorns, vases and more on sale to benefit Paly's Fiery Arts program. Come learn about the craft with live glass blowing demonstrations. For more information contact PalyFieryArts@gmail.com, [facebook.com/PalyFieryArts](https://www.facebook.com/PalyFieryArts) or <http://tinyurl.com/PaloAltoHighGlass>

"Walk the Wall"

Sun, Nov 8; 1-3pm. Meet at 1101 San Antonio Ave., Mountain View

Walk the Wall is a global movement organized by International China Concern to overcome abandonment in China. The annual walk-a-thon gives participants from K-12 around the world the ability to sign up, obtain sponsors, and walk to raise money for the many children in China who are abandoned due to disability. For more information <https://youtu.be/sNZUpa1mEVc>. Event website:<http://walkthewall.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1141725>.

Parent Ed Event: Social-Emotional Health & Well-Being of Children with Special Needs

Wed, Sept 16, 6:45 - 9 PM,
Covington Elementary, MP Room, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

School can sometimes lead to stress, depression, or self-injury for any student, and students with special needs are at higher risk. Project Cornerstone will discuss this from a preventative standpoint based on the Developmental Assets that apply to all children. A parent panel will also address mental health challenges from first-hand experience. Please join us!
Sponsored by SELPA1 CAC, SELPA1CAC.org, & the Palo Alto Sub-Committee of SELPA1, cacPaloAlto.org. This event is free for the community, no registration needed.

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, mus.eum.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

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](#).

Education Update Meeting: Testing Our Children

Sat Sep 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Hillview Middle School Library

Location: 1100 Elder Ave, Menlo Park [map] [<https://www.google.com/maps?q=hillview+middle+94025>]

Is the new, online, standardized, test of Common Core principles working? What did we learn from this year's testing? Please join Assemblyman Rich Gordon and education leaders to explore the very latest results and discuss how we can get the most out of the tests. Among other things, we will delve into technical problems, opt-outs, whether there is evidence that children are mastering Common Core concepts, and what can be improved.

FREE. Please join Assemblyman Rich Gordon and a panel of experts for this important discussion.

Info or to RSVP: <http://asmdc.org/sba> or 650-691-2121.

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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