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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews SUNDAY, OCT 11

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Mark Your Calendar!

Gunn/JLS Band Concert **WEDNESDAY OCT 14**
Dance **FRIDAY OCT 16**
7th Grade Parent Network **SUNDAY OCT 18**
Site Council Mtg **MONDAY OCT 19**
PIE High School Tours **WEDNESDAY OCT 28**

CLICK HERE for event times & more details!

HOMEWORK HABITAT

Homework Habitat and late bus service occur during regular (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.

PTA Membership Cards

Calling All JLS PTA Members!
Pick up your membership card at the

Dear Scott,

If you walked through the breezeways of JLS on September 30th, you would have been impressed at the colorful artwork on the doors. The messages conveyed on the doors were even more amazing. The theme of the Door art was , **"What Does Kindness Look Like at JLS."** In a variety of creative ways, the students illustrated this theme on poster paper and draped the paper across the doors. The students in each WIP class collaborated to create drawings and slogans to remind everyone that the spirit of kindness is alive and well at JLS.

Another event organized by the counselors at JLS is **Unity Day**. The Kindness door posters will be on display throughout the school on October 21 to celebrate Unity Day. Unity Day is a nationwide campaign to stamp out bullying. One of the tenets of the JLS Way, the school motto, is the importance of connection and inclusion. Unity Day and activities planned for that day fit in with forming connections and relationships. All staff and students are encouraged to wear orange to show support of the theme of Unity Day.

Following Unity Day is **Mix It Up Lunch Day on October 27.** Nationwide, schools celebrate a day where the social barriers that people create dissolve and students are encouraged to eat lunch with other students they may not necessarily know. The students are directed to sit at tables by a random selection process. For example, students might sit at a table according to their month of birth. It is still to be determined how students will be seated

October is truly the month to set the tone for the rest of the school year. The JLS Counselors, Arvind Arya, Sonia Gomez and Linda Howard with the help of our technical advisors, Mr. Melton and Mr. Sperry, have created two ways for students, staff and parents to recognize acts of kindness they have experienced or witnessed by submitting a comment on the JLS Home Page. For those who are less techie a handwritten comment can be dropped into a blue box found in the Guidance office.

The counselors at JLS along with support from the staff and

JLS main office and enjoy "perks" such as discounts at Staples, California Academy of Sciences, Legoland, and more:http://downloads.capta.org/mem/PerksFlier.pdf

Next to the membership card, pick up a few Baskin Robbins coupons as a "thank you" for your PTA membership!

Attendance Email

Email **jlsattendance@pausd.org** for 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

the administrators strive to combine a rigorous academic curriculum along with an environment where students feel safe, connected and included. The October calendar is full of activities to support the social- emotional life of our students.

"When we stand together, no one stands alone."

GIRLS ... COME OUT & PLAY HOOPS!

Registration open NOW!

There are 16 spots open for 7th Grade Girl's Basketball and 7 spots open for 8th grade Girl's Basketball. (Both 7th Grade and 8th Grade Boys Basketball are full).

Registration: Now
Skilled evaluation: November 2-4
Games start: Week of November 18
Playoffs/Finals: January 19-25

More information on winter season sports: CLICK HERE

To apply online for sports: CLICK HERE
Search: JLS and Fill out registration form

Registration information: CLICK HERE

Go Panthers!

JLS PTA has Vacancies!

We need your help!

Looking for ways to participate? Here are a few jobs for which the JLS PTA is recruiting:

8th Grade Exit Interviews Volunteer Coordinator (May 2016): recruit and direct volunteers that support the Exit Interview process (student check-in, chaperone students to and from interviews, arrange snacks for community interviewers).

Student BBQ (May 2016): recruit and direct volunteers on tasks of grilling and serving food to students. Food and most prep to be provided by PAUSD Food Services staff.

Advocacy Chair: work with Palo Alto PTA Council to advance advocacy efforts; inform JLS membership of major advocacy issues and events. More info here: http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/current-efforts/

Ways and Means Chair: manage all aspects of donation partnership programs such as corporate matching, eScrip, Amazon Smile and Amazon Affiliates, etc. Promote and communicate details to membership to maximize donations.

Would you like your employer to DONATE to JLS?

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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!
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School Dance Scoop

All you need to know & more!

Q. When and where are the school dances held?
A. JLS will host three dances on the Fridays of: October 16th, February 19th, and May 13th. The dances will be held in the Cafetorium.

For students who want to attend but don't want to be on the dance floor the entire time, the breezeway is made available (and secure) for students to take a break, play some games, and just hang out together. There is something for everyone at the dance!

Q. When and where can I buy tickets?
A. Lunchtime Monday through Friday, and after school Thursday and Friday during the week of the dance at the Student Store. Tickets cannot be purchased at the dance. Students must present their tickets and student ID at the door. Tickets are $5 each.

Q. What time does the dance start and end?
A. Dances are from 7:00pm to 9:30pm but ends at 10:00pm for 8th graders only. Doors open at 6:50pm.

Q. What if I arrive late or need to leave early?
A. Doors close at 7:30pm. Late entries are only allowed with prior approval. Inform a staff member if you need to leave early. A parent/guardian must meet the student at the door. There is no re-entry.

Q. Are there any snacks or drinks at the dance?
A. Chips, crackers, candy, water and soda are sold for a charge.

Q. Anything else I need to be aware of?
A. The same school dress code is enforced at the dance. There is a "no cell phone" policy. Leave your cell phone at home. Otherwise, it needs to be checked in at the coat check. Any student who needs to make a phone call may do so with a school phone or a chaperone's cell phone.

Get Your Shop on at the JLS Store

The JLS Student Store will be open starting 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:

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

Community News!

Partners in Education (PiE) Sponsored High School Tours For 8th Grade Parents October 28, 2015

PiE is again partnering with our schools to offer current, eighth grade parents, tours of the PAUSD high schools. Programs at the schools will include a central presentation by principals and staff, a question and answer period, and guided tours across the campus led by a school administrator or counselor. You are welcome to come 30 minutes prior to the start of the tour for some coffee and the chance to meet other incoming parents. Parking will be limited at both of the schools, so carpooling or biking is encouraged. Tours should be about 2 hours in length depending on the number of questions asked. Due to space constraints, the tours are open to current eighth grade parents only.

The timing of the tours at each school is as follows:
Gunn: Tour begins at 9 AM in the Library. Gunn map: http://gunn.pausd.org/ campus-map
Paly: Tour begins at 9 AM in the new Media Arts Center. Paly Map: http://paly.net/campus-map

Please register for a tour here: http://papie.org/schools-of-pausd/school-tours/
For questions, please email: jboccio@papie.org

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

Safety and Emergency Awareness and Preparedness Fair
Oct 18, 2-5 pm at Addison Elementary School, 650 Addison Ave.

Are you prepared? Please come to the Emergency Preparedness (ePrep) and Home Safety Fair. Find out how to prepare your family for any type of emergency. Family and pet safety, hands only CPR demo, martial arts demo, bicycle safety. Free Admission and prizes - more info: vxqliu@gmail.com & ptac.paloaltopta.org.

Ragazzi Boys Chorus and American Boychoir Joint Concert
Sat. Oct. 24, 7:30 PM, Aragon High School PAC, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo

Ragazzi Boys Chorus is proud to host and share the stage with the touring American Boychoir, one of the finest boy choirs in the United States. Enjoy choral classics in the rich boychoir tradition as two arts organizations, present an evening of gorgeous sound. The Ragazzi Boys Chorus provides musical education and performance opportunities for the 200 boys and young men throughout the Bay Area who participate in this internationally recognized program. The American Boychoir performs regularly with world-class orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.Tickets and info at http://ragazzi.org/performances/

The 20th Annual Juana Run 8k/5k Run & Walk RACES!
Early online registration discount! Get $5 off any race registration with promo code EARLY2016 now until December 1. Go towww.juanarun.org and click the 'register' button. The race is Saturday February 27, 2016. You can choose from 8K run, a 5K fun run & walk (costumes encouraged!), 1-mile race, and kids races: all the races are through the streets of the Barron Park neighborhood. Pancake breakfast and cool t-shirts! Proceeds donated to Gunn High Sports Boosters; Juana Briones, Barron Park, and Terman PTAs.

Auditions - The Nutcracker at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre
Oct 13 - 14, 4 - 6 PM, Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Announcing auditions for The Nutcracker, part of the 2015 - 2016 Main Stage Season at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Auditions are open to youth ages 8 - High School. For more information about what to prepare, rehearsal and performance dates, as well as FAQ's, please visit:www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre and click the AUDITIONS link. The Palo Alto Children's Theatre is a program of the City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department, Arts and Sciences Division.

Help Create a Community Quilt
Oct 23 & 24, 2:30 - 4:30 PM, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto

Try your hand at painting on silk with Creative Ecology artist-in-residence Linda Gass. Working with Linda and volunteers, you can contribute to a community quilt that will be included in the exhibition of work Linda is creating during the in-the-gallery phase of her residency.

Global Family Day at the Palo Alto Art Center
Sun, Oct 18, 2 - 4:30 PM, 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto

Celebrate our diverse community with the Art Center on Sunday, Oct. during free Global Family Day. There will be hands-on artmaking, including sugar skull decorating, Mandala-inspired bird feeders, community wish flags and Gyotaku-inspired leaf and fish prints. Festivities include live performances by Tezkatlipoka Aztec Dance & Drum and Raices de Mexico, and a special project led by guests from Abilities United and Magical Bridge Playground. All activities are appropriate for ages 5 and up. For more information go to: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/events/famdays.asp

Jordan Middle School Drama Presents 'A Haunting We Will Go'
Thurs, Oct 22 & Fri, Oct 23, 7 PM; Sat, Oct 24, 2:30 PM; Jordan MP Room, 750 N. California St, Palo Alto

Just in time for Halloween, Jordan Middle School Drama Dept. presents "A Haunting We Will Go", a modern mystery-comedy. It promises to get you in the Halloween spirit as you join glamorous, young television producer Norma Corwin as she fulfills a childhood vow to spend a night alone in The Inn of the Three Sisters, an eerie and forbidding hotel famous for an unresolved murder, horrifying spirit manifestations and murderous intrigue. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Ticket prices are $5 for children/students and $10 for adults.

Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra Concert
Sat, Oct 24, 8 PM; Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

The Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra presents its Orchestra Concert I featuring Laura Griffiths, Principal Oboe of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra. The concert features Concerto in D major for Oboe & small orchestra, by Richard Strauss, Adrienne Albert's Western Suite, andSymphony No. 3 (Rhenish) by Robert Schumann. General Admission $22, Seniors $18, and Student tickets $10. Tickets are available for online purchase until 24 hrs before the concert at http://www.paphil.org/pages/concerts/orch1.php or at the door one half-hour before the performance

Parenting Your Spiritual Child: What Science Shows about the First Decade
Tues, Oct 13, 7 - 9 PM, Escondido Library, 890 Escondido Rd, Stanford

Lisa Miller, Ph.D., author of The Spiritual Child: The New Science of Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving, will discuss spirituality as part of healthy development. Dr. Miller is Professor of Psychology and Education, Director of the Clinical Psychology Program at Columbia University, Teachers College and Founder of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute, the first Ivy League graduate program in spirituality and psychology. Dr. Miller is the New York Times bestselling author of the "The Spiritual Child: The New Science of Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving."

21st Annual California Ave Trick-or-Treat & Halloween Carnival
Sunday October 25, 2015, 10am-2pm, California Ave, Palo Alto

This Silicon Valley tradition in Palo Alto provides a kid friendly, fun, festive start to Halloween for 0-12year olds. Event includes Trick or Treats at participating businesses on California Avenue, carnival games, live music with Andy Z and the Stanford Band, costume contest, toddler friendly activities and much more. We look forward to seeing you and your Little Ghosts and Goblins! All proceeds raised from the event support Blossom Birth Services a nonprofit resource center for expectant and new families.
Facebook page: https://www.facebook. com/events/722476594570341/
Website: http://www. blossombirth.org/halloween. html

SELPA1 CAC Mental Health Committee Teen Support Group

The SELPA1 CAC Mental Health committee is forming a new adolescent/teen support group in partnership with CHAC (Community Health Awareness council of Mountain View - http://www.chacmv.org/), Mills-Peninsula Hospital of San Mateo, and several other location mental health organizations.

Intake interviews for this session will continue until October 15th. Prospective participants should call Elizabeth Wilson from CHAC at 650-965-2020 for an intake interview.

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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