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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Sept 25



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fifth Grade Rising event (hosted by PiE) Sept 28, 7:00 PM
JLS Athletics Winter Season First Day to Register (7 & 8th Basket Ball, 6th Training Class) Sept 28, 8:30 AM
Student Store Open Sept 30, 12:30 PM

Palo Alto Walks and Rolls!

For Safer Streets, Healthier Bodies, and a Greener Planet

October 3-6 JLS will join students across Palo Alto who are choosing alternatives to solo driving to school by walking, biking, skating, riding the bus, and carpooling to celebrate International Walk to School Day.

Kick-off Walk & Roll week at Bike Palo Alto! On **Sunday, October 2**, 1 to 4PM at **El Carmelo School** (Bryant & Loma Verde). Bike Palo Alto! is a family friendly community event with activities that encourage exploring Palo Alto's bicycle route network. This year, one of the Bike Palo Alto! featured stops will be a Bike Expo at City Hall with exhibits of cargo bikes, electric bikes, custom bikes and a demonstration of protected bike lanes.

On **Wednesday, October 5, all students** are encouraged to walk, bike skate, ride the bus/shuttle or carpool to reduce the congestion in the school zone, making the streets safer for everyone. Panther will be greeting students with stickers!

If you like to help with JLS activities, email Lili Nova-Roessig: roessig4@yahoo.com. For more information about Safe Routes to School Partnership, visit the PTA and City of Palo Safe Routes to School websites.

www.saferoutes.paloaltopta.org
www.cityofpaloalto.org/saferoutes

JLS Student Store OPEN!



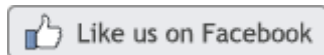
JLS Student
Store

Is your teen interested in buying a JLS hoodie, t-shirt or cap against cost, or does he/she needs a pen, pencil, eraser or any other useful school supplies? Have your teen bring some cash and check out the JLS Student Store.

The JLS Student Store on campus will be open on **Friday Sept 30th** during lunchtime.

The JLS Student Store is a small store on the JLS campus and is a joint cooperative effort by the Student Leadership class, parent volunteers and the JLS administration and is run under the Student Body. The store is run by students, but we still can use some help from parents being present to support if necessary. If you are interested in volunteering at the store, please sign up using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/JLSstudentstorevolunteer>

The JLS Store Folks
JLSStudentStore@gmail.com



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PAUSD News

PAUSD School Board Candidate Forum

Sat, Oct 1, 10 AM - 12 (doors open at 9:30am), Jordan Middle School (Gymnasium), 750 N. California Ave.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the candidates who are running for PAUSD School Board. This forum will focus on issues that impact outcomes for historically underrepresented families and students with special needs. Learn about candidates' priorities and ask any questions that you have.

Childcare, light refreshments and Spanish translation provided. This forum is sponsored by Parent Advocates for Student Success, the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs.

Contact paloaltocac@gmail.com with any questions.

Sábado 1 de octubre de 10 am a las 12 del mediodía (las puertas se abren a las 9:30 am),
Jordan Middle School, 750 N. California Ave., Gimnasio

Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad para conocer a los candidatos que se postularan a la Junta Escolar PAUSD. Este foro se centrará en preguntas acerca de los resultados y el impacto para las familias históricamente subrepresentadas de estudiantes con necesidades especiales. Podrá obtener información acerca de las prioridades de los candidatos y hacer cualquier pregunta que tenga. Cuidado de niños, refrescos y la traducción al español estara disponible .Este foro está patrocinado por defensores de los padres para el éxito del estudiante, el Comité Asesor de Palo Alto Comunitario para la Educación Especial, y el Consejo de Palo Alto de los ACP.

PAUSD School Board Candidate Forum K-5th Grade Focus

Tuesday Oct 4th 6:30-8:30pm, Barron Park School MP Room 800 Barron Ave, Palo Alto

ALL interested Palo Alto Voters and PAUSD parents are invited to come and hear from the school board candidates! Barron Park, Ohlone and Fairmeadow PTAs are co-hosting this K-5th grade-focused forum with all candidates. If you'd like to submit a question to have the candidates respond to, email your question to k5october4forum@gmail.com by Oct 3. Please keep your questions related to K-5th issues. There will be separate forums for Special Ed issues on Sat Oct 1st 10a-12p (location TDB) and possibly a forum for 6-12th grade issues (Day,Time, Location TBD).

Renaming Schools Advisory Committee Community Townhall Meeting

Oct 17 or 24, 6:30-8:30pm in the Media & Arts Center at Palo Alto High School.

To rename or not to rename any of Palo Alto's schools, that is the question the Renaming Schools Advisory Committee will begin to answer during its first townhall meeting in October. Renowned historians and educators with expertise in the Eugenics era, some of whom have actively provided their expertise in renaming efforts at other schools, will discuss if there is a rationale to consider renaming PAUSD schools whose namesakes were actively involved in Eugenics. The panelists will discuss how to evaluate a person's controversial legacy in historical context, the learning opportunities this debate provides, and how renaming or not renaming might affect the school community. The townhall meeting is intended to stimulate community discussion on this important topic, and will close with a Q&A session. Everyone in the community is welcome, please invite your friends and neighbors.

Bike Safety Reminder - Making Left Turns!

Please talk to your student about making left turns on the route to and from school. Remind him/her of the three ways to safely make a left turn. Turning left directly from the bike lane is neither safe nor legal. Please click to refer to [the diagram](#) on the three ways to

make a left turn by bike. The intersection of Meadow and Ross has been identified as a problem spot with students proceeding through unsafely.

Bike safety resources can be found at this website: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/transit/safe_routes_education_resources/default.asp
If you have further questions, please contact: saferoutes@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-329-2156 .

Want To Be More Involved at JLS This Year? Consider helping the JLS PTA!

Come volunteer with this year's JLS PTA! Taking part in our programs and events brings you closer to your student's JLS experience, while working with dedicated and interesting parents. There are many different types of jobs, ranging from short-term easy support events and tasks, to longer-term and even year-round positions. We welcome whatever level of time and talents you can contribute, and we promise you'll have fun. Please visit the JLS PTA website, jlswp.paloaltopta.org to see a full list of the JLS PTA events and open positions, and fill out the form to indicate any interests you may have. This is not a commitment! We will contact you with more information which will help you decide if you would like to join us.

**Questions? Contact Julia Jacobsen, JLS PTA President 2016-2017:
juliacjacobsen@gmail.com**

Stay Connected all Parents of JLS- subscribe to Weekly JLS eNews!

Please subscribe to the JLS CLASS list. This will ensure that you will receive the weekly JLS eNews during all of the years your student is at JLS and also any separate communications that are sent only to EACH grade of JLS parents. To be included in the JLS Class list, sign up [here](#).

Special Thanks to Volunteers for the Vision Screening!

Thanks to Sonya Bradski for organizing our volunteers for the Vision Screening! Volunteers make a huge difference here at JLS!

Home Work 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.

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

Community News

Matemagos Math Tutoring in Spanish: Help Kinder & 1st Graders with Math, Gain Valuable Experience Volunteering
 Tutor Orientation October 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Escondido Elementary, Room 1
 1st Tutoring Session October 20 - December 1, Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm, at Escondido Elementary, Palo Alto

Matemagos provides a great opportunity to work with Kinder and First Grade Spanish Immersion students in math through fun and engaging games. Tutors gain valuable experience through service while using their Spanish language skills, building a relationship with the students, and giving back to the community. For detail contact , matemagos.tutor@gmail.com .

TAKEOVER: Teen Creativity Party

Fri Oct 7, 6 -9PM, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Teens, celebrate peace, love, and artmaking with a Teen Creativity Party, complete with live performances, hands-on art activities, raffle prizes and more! During the event, attendees will be able to check out our upcoming exhibition, The Butterfly Effect: Art in 1970s California, and see a new side of the Palo Alto Art Center. A valid high school ID is required to enter. For more information, contact Lauren Baines, Family, Teen and Outreach Programming Coordinator at lauren.baines@cityofpaloalto.org .

Paly PAC Groundbreaking Gala Celebration

Sat Oct. 1, 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

Come celebrate Paly's new Performing Arts Center! The Groundbreaking Gala will showcase students from Paly's drama, vocal music and instrumental programs as they all perform together in this beautiful space- for the first time. Every student who is involved in Paly's performing arts program will have at least one opportunity on stage at this very special opening. In addition, there will be several guest speakers and performers, plus intermission refreshments in the soaring main lobby. The gorgeous new facility, built thanks to a bond measure endorsed by the citizens of Palo Alto, is a state-of-the-art 25,100 square foot theatre. Designed to accommodate the three performing arts groups at Paly, it will support all 450 students per year that participate in the school's performing arts programs. Tickets \$25-\$100 at <http://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/> Any remaining tickets sold at the door one hour before curtain.

Free Community Day at Gamble Garden

Sun, Oct 2, 10AM - 2PM, 1431 Waverley St, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Gamble Garden celebrates our community with a FREE fun filled all ages day. The day's festivities include fun children's activities, a gorgeous plant sale, horticultural resources, educational displays, garden demonstrations, food, entertainment, and of course... digging for worms! This is an opportunity for the community to spend some time at Gamble

Garden, meet neighbors and enjoy some activities and hospitality. Please register at <https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/community-day-oct/>

Growing populations, shrinking resources: dynamics of a world in crisis

Fri Oct 7, 7:30pm at Mitchell Park Community Center - Palo Alto

Documentary photographer RANDY OLSON has worked with National Geographic Magazine for 25 years, producing over 30 stories on issues of overpopulation, environmental degradation, resource extraction and disappearing cultures. He will present his work followed by an interview with moderator Kim Komenich and Q&A session with the audience. Light refreshments included.

Info & tickets please visit: www.paloaltophotoforum.org Contact: info@paloaltophotoforum.org

The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University Family Sundays Program

Second Sundays, beginning Oct 9, 11 AM - 4 PM, Stanford campus, off Palm Drive at Museum Way

The Cantor invites families to a day of wonder and learning at the museum. This is a free, family-focused day of art talks, hands-on art making, and gallery adventures for visitors of all ages. Explore the galleries and participate in programs designed to help families look and think about art in new ways. Curiosity is encouraged. The day is designed to be flexible with no registration required, no standing in line and no waitlists. Families can plan a unique museum experience and join the activities in which they are most interested.

5th Annual Kiwanis Angel Award honors Agent DuJuan Green, PA Police Department

Thu Oct 13 5.30 - 730PM, Palo Alto Sheraton 625 El Camino Real Palo Alto

Kiwanis Angel Award recognizes an individual who has provided significant contributions to children and youth. Agent DuJuan Green is being honored for his exemplary work as a School Resource Office, Facilitator of the Parent Project which teaches enhanced parenting skills and member of Project Safety Net. Program relevant for parents of students 6 grade to 12 grade. Cost \$50 per person and sign up by October 6. Proceeds benefit children and youth programs.

Registration www.KiwanisAngelAward.org Contact Gail Price (gail.price3@gmail.com)

Media Rules: Healthy Connections in the Digital Age

Fri Sep 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Memorial Aud., 551 Serra Mall, Stanford.

Do you feel that media is all-consuming and rules your family life? Navigating technology can feel like uncharted and unprecedented territory for parents. How can we effectively manage media use when the rules of engagement seem to be constantly changing? Join us to explore how adults and kids can establish healthy connections and positive relationships in the digital age. Adults \$10; students free. Details & tickets:

<http://www.challengesuccess.org/media-rules/>

El Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra Fall Auditions

Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2016-17 season. Led by an internationally renowned faculty, ECYS offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. Auditions are held in August and September. Apply online at www.ECYS.org. Call ECYS at 650-213-7111 for more information.

Fiery Arts Glass Weekend Workshops

Sat & Sun. Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-4, 2016, Jan. 7-8, Feb. 4-5, March 4-5, April 1-2, May 6-7, June 3-4 2017

9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto

Palo Alto High school has a glass studio and there are 2-day weekend workshops open to the public, teen students and parents. Here's your chance to learn to blow glass at Paly.

Workshops do fill up, so, do not hesitate, sign up for a date. The 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, cost \$425 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School sculpture classes. To sign up, contact: David Camner, founder of Paly Glass, dcamner@pausd.org

What is Sensory Motor Development? An Introduction to Occupational Therapy

Tues, Sept 27; 7-9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto

Occupational therapy (OT) can help kids with various needs improve their cognitive, physical, sensory, and motor skills and increase their confidence and sense of accomplishment. Come meet our occupational therapist and learn how OT can help your child's development. We will discuss: What is occupational therapy? What is sensory processing disorder? What does a motor skill delay look like? How can occupational therapy help my child? With Lisa Matudio, MS, OTR/L. \$45; \$30 additional parenting partner. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-is-sensory-motor-development-an-introduction-to-occupational-therapy-services-all-ages-registration>

Project Safety Net Meeting

Wed, Sept 28, 4-6PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Are you interested in reducing youth mental health stigma and supporting youth voice? Please join us at our next Project Safety Net (PSN) meeting where you will have the opportunity meet and hear from members in our community who have the same interest. At this month's meeting, PSN is honoring September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. We will be featuring a Crisis Text Line (<http://www.crisistextline.org/>) that provides free crisis intervention via SMS message. You will also hear about upcoming events and trainings. RSVP at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/project-safety-net-community-collaborative-meeting-september-28-2016-tickets-26987778171>

Project Safety Net (<http://www.psnpal Alto.com/>) is a collaborative community network held together by a common interest of fostering youth well-being in Palo Alto. Sign-up for its newsletter <http://psnpal Alto.us10.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=ad6a7bca6265d8553ffc6de9&id=1cba511e15>

SheHeroes Afternoon Tea with Fathers in Tech Encouraging Girls in STEM

Sun Oct. 16; 2 - 4:30pm, The Fairmont, San Francisco, Crowne room

Enjoy an afternoon tea for the whole family (all ages) and listen to tech leaders speak about the crucial role men play in supporting women and girls in STEM and other fields. Formal tea includes gourmet food and beverages. Fun activities for kids include raffle, photo booth, girl panel, temporary tattoos. Further info at: <http://bit.ly/fatherdaughtertea>

Support Paly Cheer and Dance with our Holiday Pie Fundraiser

Mon. Oct. 24 (order deadline), Fri. Nov. 18 Pick up your pies at Palo Alto High School in front of the Tower Bldg. from 3:30-6:30pm.

Enjoy delicious farm fresh pies while supporting Palo Alto High School's Cheer and Dance teams! Apple, Two Berry, and Pumpkin Pies are available. They are flash-frozen from Gizdich Farms in Watsonville and are simply scrumptious! Get all the details at: <http://www.palycheer.net/holiday-pies.html>

Support Gunn's seniors and Order Your Farm Fresh Pies from Gizdich Ranch!

Order now thru Oct. 20; Pickup on Thu, Nov 3, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Gunn High School Bat Cave

Order delicious Gizdich Ranch Pies before Oct. 20 for your holiday gatherings, and help raise funds for Gunn's Class of 2017 Senior Picnic, Grad Night Celebration and scholarships for Seniors to attend those events. The pies come frozen and are made locally at Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville. Buy an extra pie and donate it to a special teacher or staff member! For the Gizdich Pie Order Form with more information and an order form go <http://gunn.paloaltopta.org/wp-content/uploads/Gizdich-Ranch-Pie-Order-All-Schools.pdf>. Any questions? Contact mginx@sbcglobal.net. The Gunn class of 2017

Palo Alto Philharmonic Concerto Movement Competition

The Palo Alto Philharmonic is sponsoring a Concerto Movement Competition open to school-aged music students including both instrumentalists and vocalists. Each applicant should submit an unedited audio CD (5-15 minutes long) of his or her performance of a movement from a concerto or concert piece for soloist and orchestra. Applications, along with the demo CD and a non-refundable fee of \$30 must be postmarked by December 31, 2016. For more information or to download an application form: <http://www.paphil.org/pages/about/cmc.html>

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: Anjani Sarma

7th grade coordinators: Claire Kimer

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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