

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Oct 2



Dear Scott

Special PTA General Meeting

Thursday, October 6 at 8:30 am in the JLS office Conference Room

We will spend 10 minutes approving the audit for the end of the 2015-2016 JLS school year. All are welcome to come approve the audit!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Walk and Roll Kick Off Oct 2, 1:00 PM (at El Carmelo)
8th Grade Rising Parent Information Evenings Oct 4 or 5, 7:00 PM (at Paly or Gunn)
Walk/Bike/Carpool to School Oct 5
PTA Latte Cart for Staffs Oct 6, 7:15 AM
Special PTA General Meeting Oct 6, 8:30 AM
Staff Development Day(No School) Oct 7

Palo Alto Walks and Rolls!



For Safer Streets, Healthier Bodies, and a Greener Planet

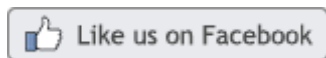
This week JLS will join students across Palo Alto who are choosing alternatives to solo driving to school to celebrate International Walk to School Day.

On **Wednesday, October 5**, all students at JLS 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. Want to win sweet prizes? Walk, bike, skate or scooter to school to enter your name in for a chance to win! Panther will be greeting students with stickers!

If you would like to help with JLS activities, sign up on konstella: <https://www.konstella.com/cd/vWHnxw>

Related Events in Palo Alto:

Kick-off Walk & Roll week at Bike Palo Alto! on **Sunday, October 2: 1-4PM** 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.



Latte Cart- Thursday, Oct 6th!

The PTA hosts a monthly LATTE CART at JLS, where coffee and morning treats are served to our wonderful JLS staff as a thank you for all they do. On these Latte Cart mornings, we ask our parent community for contributions of breakfast items.

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) [Oct. 6 between 7:15 - 9:00 am](#). Non-perishable items may be brought ahead of time to the main office on the Wednesday before. You can sign up [here](#).

Here is a list of suggested items:

- quiche and other egg dishes (heated; store bought is fine)
- fresh whole fruit, e.g. bananas, mini-tangerines, berries
- homemade breads, e.g. banana, zucchini, pumpkin
- homemade scones, muffins, coffee cakes
- Variety of fruits or fruit salad
- yogurt, all sizes, all kinds
- breakfast sausages

- Cheese and Ham
- oatmeal
- granola

Other breakfast items of choice.... be creative!!

Questions? Contact our Latte Cart coordinators, Ivan Hom or Grace Downer (gracedowner@gmail.com).

Math Textbook Pilot!

The middle school [math textbook pilot books are on display in the Library](#). There are feedback forms near the textbooks in the library if you are interested in providing feedback. If you have questions, please reach out to **Elizabeth Fee (efee@pausd.org)**, JLS Math Instructional Supervisor.

8th Grade Rising Parent Information Evenings Hosted by PiE!

Come learn about what to expect for the move to 9th Grade.

Paly - Tuesday October 4, 7:00pm (Performing Arts Center)
Gunn - Wednesday October 5, 7:00pm (Spangenberg Theatre)

To ensure space for all, these evenings are open to current 8th grade parents only please. For more information, please visit [8th Grade Rising Parent Information Evenings - Palo Alto Partners in Education](#)

NIGHTMARE ON PUBERTY STREET ASSEMBLY!

On **October 12**, our school will offer a health education program by Kaiser Permanente. Nightmare on Puberty Street is an award-winning, **live theater performance** for students in **grades 7 and 8**.

A community-based advisory committee of parents, teachers, counselors, and school district officials collaborated with physicians, health educators and theater professionals at Kaiser Permanente to develop this production.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM, and a copy of the Parent's Guide, you may visit this website [here](#).

IF you do NOT wish your student to attend the assembly you MUST return the slip of [this form](#), signed by you.

If you are interested in pre-viewing a performance before it comes to our school you may go to the Educational Theater performance calendar at www.kp.org/etp/ncal OR call 1-877-353-2223 and ask for the calendar of shows.

This message will also be sent through Infinite Campus.

Attendance Procedure for Taking Your Student Out of School Early!

Health Appointments- Parents should make every effort to schedule appointments outside of school hours. However, if not possible, parents are urged to consider varying the times of day during which health appointments are made in order to avoid missing the same class consistently. **If a student must leave during the day for any reason please either call (650-856-5179) or email the Attendance Office (jlsattendance@pausd.org) the day before the scheduled appointment, or before first period on the day of the requested early dismissal. Please note that messages must originate from the parent email address on record in Infinite Campus.** The student will then receive a "Permit to Leave" pass and meet you in the Attendance Office at the designated time. If a student returns to school the same day, they are required to report to the Attendance Office before returning to class to provide verification of the health visit.

Jamey Boccio, Attendance Secretary (jboccio@pausd.org) / 650-856-5179

Lost and Found!

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, water bottles, etc. Everything will be displayed on tables outside **the front office next week from Tuesday to Thursday**. Please feel free to stop by and encourage your student to check as well. **Items remaining at the end of the day on Thursday will be donated to one of our local agencies.**

PAUSD News

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 TBD) 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.

Right NOW - Join us, and double the impact of your donation during **PiE's Rally Days!**

Pledge or donate **before October 17th** and your donation will be matched by our Rally Day's Challenge Grant happening now. We need the support of the whole community in order to reach our goal and help our schools and students. We know all families are different, so we have different giving options to meet the needs of every family: You can Pledge now and pay in January 2017 or Spread your gift over 10 months through installments or Company matching counts towards your gift.

To learn more or to donate, please visit <http://papie.org/donate/>

Special Olympics Soccer Competition

Mon, Oct 17, 9AM-Noon, Jordan Middle School

PAUSD and Special Olympics Northern California have joined together in a new Special Olympics Schools Partnership program. Through sports, the program aims to provide [opportunities for special education students and their peers to work together](#) as teammates and to create inclusive opportunities in the school community. Come cheer on the students in their first event of the year. Elementary, middle and high school students throughout the district will be participating and showing off their skills. For more information contact Angel Sheridan (asheridan@pausd.org).

Enhancing Healthy Families & Healthy Kids (in Korean and in Mandarin)

Parenting education series during month of Oct and Nov

Henry M. Gunn High School ,780 Arastradero Road,Palo Alto, CA 94306

Presented by: Asian Americans for Community Involvement (ACCI)

Parents will learn how they can continue to open the lines of communication, encourage cooperation and explore ways on how to help their student develop problem-solving skills.

For fryer in Korean click [here](#).

For Questions, please contact Myrna Zendejas(mzendejas@pausd.org)

<https://www.pausd.org/events>

<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/events/2016/10/07/classes-workshops/enhancing-healthy-families-healthy-kids>

Arts Education Volunteers Needed

The Palo Alto Council of PTA's <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/> seeks Arts Education Volunteers to support high quality arts education for all students and to share best practices and programs. Goals might include communicating about visual and performing art programs taking place at PAUSD schools and encouraging collaborative opportunities. All PTA members (both parents and teachers) are welcome to volunteer. Please contact PTAC President Audrey Gold (president@paloaltopta.org) if interested.

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](#).

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.

Community News

Gunn High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 PM

[Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center](#) (Spangenberg Theater is currently shut down)

Want to hear award-winning music played by talented musicians without driving up to San Francisco? Come hear the award-winning Gunn High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble as they present their first concert of the year!

Parking is available in the Paly HS parking lot entrance off of El Camino Real. Donations as well as Booster memberships will be accepted at the door.

The concert will feature an eclectic evening of music featuring several student soloists.

Questions? Contact Todd Summers or Sandra Lewis, Directors (tsummers@pausd.org), (lewis@pausd.org) or Andrew Hedge, Percussion Director (ahedge@pausd.org).

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.

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

Huge Children's Used Book Sale to Benefit Palo Alto Libraries

Sat Oct. 8 & Sun Oct. 9 10 am - 4 pm, Cubberley Community Center (FOPAL Children's Sale Room)

More than 13,000 kids' books, games, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs will be on sale at incredibly low prices at Friends of the Palo Alto Library's monthly book sale- everything from board books and picture books to school age fiction and nonfiction titles to early teen fiction. All items are lightly used or new and are sorted by age level and subject matter. Many books in foreign languages. Over 50,000 books for adults in FOPAL's Main and Bargain rooms. www.fopal.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)

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

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 Kirner

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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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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