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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Oct 9



Dear Scott

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

**in Education** OUR EDUCATION FOUNDATION 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/>

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

7th Grade Parent Network Coffee Oct 10th, 8:15 AM
NIGHTMARE ON PUBERTY STREET ASSEMBLY Oct 12th ( 7th and 8th Grades)
JLS/Gunn Wind Ensemble Oct 13th, 7:00 PM
Student Store Open Oct 14th, 12:30 PM

Pie Challenge Grant Rally  
until Oct 17th



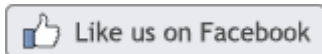
## 7th Grade Parent Network Coffee

October 10th at 8:15 am, Room 730

You are invited to a Seventh Grade Parent Network Coffee with Assistant Principal Iris Wong and 7th Grade Counselor Ellie Messinger-Adams.

If you have topics of interest or questions for the coffee, please list them on this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/EZ73Mik72CoKmMdl2>

We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!  
7th Grade Coordinator, Claire Kirner (kirnerclaire@gmail.com)



## 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](http://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.

## 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.

### **Walk & Roll to Palo Alto Libraries - NEW Suggested Walking & Bicycling Routes Map!**

Check out City of Palo Alto 's new Walk & Roll map with suggested walking and bicycling routes to Palo Alto libraries from every neighborhood citywide. Palo Alto libraries are popular after-school destinations and they often are the center of fun family outings. Walking and bicycling is an active, healthy, fun way to get there! See the new Walk & Roll to Libraries brochure with map here  
[http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/documents/PASRTL\\_Map\\_Brochure\\_092116.pdf](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/documents/PASRTL_Map_Brochure_092116.pdf)

### **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

### **PAUSD News**

#### **October is National Bullying Prevention Month.**

Awareness events are sponsored by PAUSD, the Palo Alto Council of PTAs, the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS), and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning (LGBTQQ) Committee. Contact [jgonzalez@pausd.org](mailto:jgonzalez@pausd.org) for more information.

#### **Unity Day 2016 - When We Stand Together, No One Stands Alone**

Wednesday, October 19th, all PAUSD schools

PAUSD will celebrate Unity Day 2016 to promote kindness towards all students and unity in our school communities. Each school will participate in its own special way, so find out what your school is doing and join us in sending a united voice by wearing Orange on Wednesday, October 19th!

**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](mailto:asheridan@pausd.org)).

**Local Control Accountability Plan Community Meeting**

Tues, Oct 25, 8 - 10 AM & 5 - 8 PM, District Office, Board Room, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto

The Palo Alto Unified School District is updating the Local Control and Accountability Plan as required by the California Department of Education. Development of the plan must include input from key stakeholders. The District would like to invite you to return and participate in the LCAP Community meeting. At this meeting we will share progress on this year's plan and solicit feedback on 16-17 goals, actions and measurements as we began to develop the 2017/18 plan. Spanish and Mandarin translation provided

**Renaming Schools Advisory Committee Community Town hall Meeting**

Mon, Nov 7, 6:30 - 8:30 PM 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 town hall 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 town hall 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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**

**Looking for an opportunity to help kids in need? Volunteer for DreamCatchers!**

DreamCatchers runs an after-school enrichment program for low-income PAUSD middle school students at Paly in the afternoons and evenings Monday through Thursday.

We are looking for the following:

- One-on-One Tutors (high school students) or Classroom Assistants (like a classroom aide - we need adults as well as high school students): contact Miguel Fittoria at [miguel@dreamcatcheryouth.org](mailto:miguel@dreamcatcheryouth.org) .
- Adults or experienced high schoolers interested in helping with graphic design, web design, curriculum support, or general non-profit help, please contact Barbara Klausner at [barbara@dreamcatcheryouth.org](mailto:barbara@dreamcatcheryouth.org). Visit our website at [dreamcatcheryouth.org](http://dreamcatcheryouth.org) .

### **Let's Talk, A SELPA 1 Support Group**

Mon Oct 10, 10AM-12 noon, Orchard Community Room, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality. For more information, see [www.selpa1cac.org](http://www.selpa1cac.org).

### **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](http://www.KiwanisAngelAward.org) Contact Gail Price ( [gail.price3@gmail.com](mailto:gail.price3@gmail.com) )

### **The Museum of American Heritage Beginning Electronics workshop**

Sun, October 16 & 23, 1 - 4pm, The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Avenue, Palo Alto

This is a hands-on class where students (ages 10y+) learn what electricity is, how to control it to do useful things, and how to read a schematic diagram. Each student incorporates these ideas to assemble, wire, and solder an electric circuit that consists of lights, switches, an LED, and a tone generator. Students can use this take-home project to learn how to send and receive Morse Code, the universal language that Ham Radio Operators use every day to send messages directly to each other all over the world without wires and without using the Internet. Register by Friday October 7, at [http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH\\_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf](http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf) or call (650) 321-1004 or [emailadmin@moah.org](mailto:emailadmin@moah.org). Cost: \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

### **Theatre Costume Garage Sale supporting the Palo Alto Children's Theatre**

Sat Oct 15 & Sun Oct 23 2:30 - 5:30 PM, Lucie Stern Community Center (Community Room) 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

Theatre Costume Garage Sale is a fundraising event produced by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre, supporting Children's Theatre performing arts programs which reach more than 50,000 community members annually. A large collection of hand made theatre costumes (kids and adults' sizes) from previous productions will be for sale.

### **Family Date Night: Tricks and Treats**

Fri, Oct 21, 7-8:15pm, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Join us for Halloween party fun after hours at the Children's Library! We will have monstrous music, ghoulish games, terrifying treats, and a creepy costume contest. Please register online for each family member attending. Register at <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventcalendar.asp?dt=mo&Lib=ALL>

### **Palo Alto Philharmonic Season Opening Performance**

Sat, Oct 22, 8 PM, Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

The Palo Alto Philharmonic opens its 29th concert season with "Russian Masters," an exciting program featuring Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev. The Philharmonic is pleased to invite the audience backstage after the concert, to meet Music Director Thomas Shoebottom, Assistant Conductor Lee Actor and our musicians at our annual season-opening reception. For more information or to purchase tickets: <http://www.paphil.org/pages/concerts/orch1.php>

### **Emergency Preparedness & Home Safety Fair**

Sun Oct 23, 2 - 4PM, Addison Elementary School, 650 Addison Av., Palo Alto

Are you prepared when an emergency occurs? How do you protect yourself and your family if a catastrophic earthquake, a pandemic disaster, or a fire rampage occurs? How do you deal with a robbery? How do you ensure that your child(ren) ride their bicycle(s) safely? How do you stay connected in an emergency when your phone does not work? Come to the Emergency Preparedness & Home Safety Fair to learn, share and save lives! Event highlight: Mr. Andy Huang, Chief of Red Cross, Silicon Valley, will deliver an ER demo on site. This annual event is sponsored by the Palo Alto (PA) Chinese Parents' Club, PA School District, PA Police Station, PA Fire Station, PA Utilities, Children's Hospital and City of Palo Alto. Free admission! In addition to secret raffle prizes, the first 100 attendees will win free gifts.



**Palo Alto 紧急救援及防范展会**

时间：10/23周日下午2:00-4:00

地点：Addison小学，650 Addison Ave, Palo Alto

大地震发生了怎么办？火灾时怎么逃生？碰到入室抢劫的强盗怎么应对？怎么让你的孩子骑车更安全？茫茫黑夜在外避难，手机没法用，怎么与外界联系？宝贵生命只有一次，灾难面前无法"到时试试看"。请参加我们一年一度的紧急救援及防范展会！活动亮点：将特邀红十字会硅谷分会负责人 **Andy Huang** 来现场做ER讲座。本活动由以下团体及机构赞助支持：**Palo Alto (PA)** 华人家长会，**PA** 学区，**PA** 警察局，**PA** 消防局，**PA** 公用事业单位，儿童医院及**Palo Alto**市。免费入场。现场抽奖，头一百名到访者还有免费礼物。

**Halloween Zoo Night at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo**

Fri, Oct 28, 5:30-8pm, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Join friends for a special, member-only Halloween Zoo Night at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume: Meet animals from Wildlife Associates, Bay Area Amphibian and Reptile Society (BARS), and JMZ; Enjoy pizza, drinks, and other treats in the zoo; And much, much more! This is a Club JMZ members-only event. Join at the door or online at <http://www.friendsjmz.org> For more information see the flyer at <http://friendsjmz.org/event/halloween-zoo-night/>

**Spooky theme for Halloween Family Concert**

Sun, Oct. 30, 3pm, Main Theater at Cañada College, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City 94061

Violinists in witches' black, a cellist as Snoopy and Maestro Eric Kujawsky in pirate's stripes will greet the children (pre-schoolers through middle-schoolers) as they arrive for the Halloween Family Concert of Redwood Symphony. The afternoon event begins with a Tour of the Orchestra. Then the symphony will play Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain and the finale from the Organ Symphony by Saint-Saens, both noted for their high spookiness quotient. A raffle will determine 10 children who will take the baton to direct the symphony in a Sousa march. Adults, \$25 (pre-sale), and children \$15 at [RedwoodSymphony.org](http://RedwoodSymphony.org). Free and ample parking. Usually sells out.

**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 Sama

7th grade coordinators: Claire Kimer

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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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!  
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