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PANTHER TRACKS - JLS PTA eNews

Sun, Jan 1



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<p>Winter Break , No School Dec 19th - Jan 2nd, Happy New Year!</p>
<p>K-8 Students Return to School Jan 3rd</p>
<p>PTA Latte Cart for Staff Jan 5th, 7:30 AM</p>
<p>PTA Executive Board Meeting Jan 5th, 8:30 AM</p>
<p>8th grade Parent Network "Parents Night Out Social" Jan 5th, 7:00-8:00 PM</p>

PTA Latte Cart for Staff!

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 and to stay and serve.

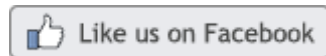
Our next Latte Cart date is **THURSDAY, January 5th**.

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) that morning 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)
- breakfast sausages
- fresh whole fruit, e.g. bananas, mini-tangerines, berries
- fruit salads
- homemade scones
- homemade muffins
- homemade breads, e.g. banana, zucchini, pumpkin
- homemade coffee cakes
- granola, homemade or store bought
- yogurt, all sizes, all kinds
- other breakfast items, be creative!

Thank you so much. Questions? Contact our Latte Cart coordinators, Ivan Hom (ihom627@yahoo.com) and Grace Downer (gracedowner@gmail.com)



JLS 8th Grade Promotion Party Event Chair Needed!

Already have over 50 parents volunteered to help, Food Chair, Entertainment Chair, and DJ lined up!

8th grade parents, if you'd like your student to have a fabulous promotion celebration on June 1, 2017, please sign up to be Promotion Party Event Chair! The 8th grade class needs a point person to lead the charge. The Event Chair will coordinate between JLS Staff and Committee Chairs (very experienced volunteers already in place), organize, and delegate to help make the event a success and run smoothly. Enthusiasm for making sure your student has a wonderful Promotion Party, willingness to help tie the pieces of the puzzle together with strong organizational skills, and a party attitude are all that's required! 7th grade parents are encouraged to join this collaborative adventure so you'll be ready to roll when your students are promoted! 7th and 8th grade parents always work together to make each year's Promotion Party a success.

We need you! Contact Julia Jacobsen, JLS PTA President 2016 - 2017:
juliacjacobsen@gmail.com

JLS 7th Grade Parent Info Night by Health- Connected!

Wed, Jan 11, 7:00 PM

The California Healthy Youth Act, which took effect in January 2016, requires school districts to provide students with integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school.

To ensure that PAUSD is in full compliance, PAUSD has contracted with an outside organization to be guest teachers in February, 2017. These guest teachers from Health-Connected.org will deliver all the curriculum during Science7 classes under the supervision of your child's regular Science7 teacher.

Teachers from Health-Connected.org will present sample materials and answer questions during a Parent Info Night, January 11th, 7pm at JLS, specific room to be decided. Please check the JLS website in January for further details.

Science7 teacher sent home with your child a "parent info letter" from Health Connected.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Celebration!



Mon, Jan 16, Mitchell Park Community Center

Join YCS and the City of Palo Alto in celebrating diversity through the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be music and dance, entertainment, guest speakers, service organizations, youth and teen activities, MLK Legacy Walk Display and Stanford King Paper's Project. For more information, contact Leif Erickson, Executive

Director (leif@youthcommunityservice.org), 650-858-8061.
www.youthcommunityservice.org

PAUSD / PTAC News

College for Students with Special Needs: What You Need to Know

Wed, Jan 18, 7-9pm

Santa Rita Elementary School (MP Room), 700 Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos

Many high school students with special needs, learning challenges, or disabilities (on an IEP or 504) will consider post-secondary education. Options include community college, 4-year college, and universities with a variety of options and support. It can be overwhelming at first. Come find out more about what's available and how you can help prepare for your

student's education after high school. Panelists: Sandra Cernobori (counselor from Paly), Foothill Community College and Kevin Shields, (disability services at UCB). Jointly sponsored by SELPA1 CAC and Palo Alto CAC. www.cacpaloalto.org

COLEGIO PARA ESTUDIANTES CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES: LO QUE NECESITA SABER

Miércoles, Enero 18, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Santa Rita Elementary School, salón MP, 700 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos

Únase a nosotros! Muchos de los estudiantes de la preparatoria con necesidades especiales, retos de aprendizaje, o discapacidades (en un PEI o 504) van a considerar educación postsecundaria. Opciones incluyen colegio comunitario, colegio de 4 años, y universidades con una variedad de opciones y apoyo. Ven infórmate mas sobre lo que esta disponible y como puedes ayudar preparar la educación de tu estudiante después de la preparatoria. Panelistas: Sandra Cernobori (consejera de Paly), Foothill Community College, Kevin Shields (servicios de discapacidades en UCB). www.cacpaloalto.org

Palo Alto Local Control Accountability Plan Committee Meeting

Thur, Jan 19, 4:00 pm, JLS Cafetorium

If you have any questions please contact Judy Argumedo (jargumedo@pausd.org)
Presentation will be in English with simultaneous translation in Spanish and Mandarin.

The Palo Alto Unified School District is updating our Local Control and Accountability Plan as required by the California Department of Education. Development of the plan must include input from our key stakeholders. At this meeting we will share progress on this year plan and solicit feedback on 16-17 goals, actions, and measurements as we began to develop the 2017-18 plan.

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Palo Alto está actualizando nuestro Plan Local de Control y Contabilidad (LCAP por sus siglas en Inglés) como lo requiere el Departamento de Educación de California. El desarrollo del plan debe incluir el aporte de nuestras partes interesadas. En esta reunión compartiremos el progreso del plan de este año y pediremos sus comentarios sobre los objetivos, acciones y medidas al comenzar a desarrollar el plan del 2017-18.

Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) and Special Olympics Northern California

Basketball Tournament, 9.30AM - 12PM, Mar 15 (Elementary) & Mar 22 (Secondary), Terman Middle School 655 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto
Track & Field Event: TBD, Gunn High School 750 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto

PAUSD and Special Olympics Northern California have joined forces together in a new Special Olympics Schools Partnership program. Through sports, the program aims to provide opportunities for PAUSD special education students and their peers to work together as teammates and to create inclusive opportunities in the school community.

More info: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/pausd-partners-special-olympics-schools-program>

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](#).

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

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.

JLS eNews Publication Guideline

If you want to publish an announcement relevant to JLS, send an email to JLS.eneews@gmail.com. JLS eNews is a publication of the JLS PTA. Our PTA has a noncommercial policy, which states that we do not associate with any commercial activities of other organizations including, but not limited to, the promotion of their goods and services. Only submissions from nonprofit organizations will be considered for placement in the eNews. Announcements relevant to other schools in the PAUSD district can be sent to eneews@paloaltopta.org. For more detail, please click [here](#).

Community News

Monthly Parent Support Meetings

Mon, Jan 9 10 AM - 12 PM,
Los Altos Library (Conference Room), 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

A chance to ask questions and share ideas/resources with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. Parents with students of all ages are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality.

Parent Chat, Peer to Peer Support for Parents of Teens 14+

Tues Jan 10, 7-8:30PM,
Orchard Room, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come join a support group hosted by the Mental Health subcommittee of SELPA1CAC. Contact Trudy Palmer, (650) 208-9116 or Donna Soo, (650) 828-0997 if you have questions.

www.selpa1cac.org

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Free SingFest Minicamp

Saturday, January 14, 2017, 9:30am - 1pm, Redwood City

Registration Open: Let your 7-10 year old boy test-drive this 'best choir of the Peninsula' for himself at a free half-day SingFest minicamp. Low-key, no-obligation auditions are integrated into the morning; no previous singing experience needed. Boys offered Ragazzi membership start rehearsing in January, 2017. Beginning groups meet once a week for choral singing and theory instruction. Ragazzi's proven, award-winning program is sequential and performance-based. Ragazzi performs its own concert series, sings the National Anthem at a spring SF Giants game, tours domestically and internationally, and collaborates with other prestigious Bay Area arts organizations. Minicamp is free, but advance registration is required at <http://ragazzi.org/join-us/singfest/>. Can't make it to SingFest but want to audition? Go to <http://ragazzi.org/join-us/book-audition/>

The 21st Annual Juana Run 8k/5k Run & Walk RACES!

Early online registration discount! Get \$5 off any race registration with promo code EARLY2017 now until December 31. Go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10852/juana-run-2017> The race is Saturday February 25, 2017. You can choose from 8K run, a 5K fun run & walk (costumes encouraged!), a 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 West Valley Track Club, Gunn High Sports Boosters, and Juana Briones and Terman PTAs. For other race info <http://www.juanarun.org>

Tai Chi (Chinese martial art) Class

Sat, Jan 7-Mar 11, 2:15-3:15PM (10 classes total), Dance Studio, Gunn High School

This course is taught by a junior at Gunn High School. As a member of the US team, she won two gold medals and one silver medal at the 2nd World Taijiquan Championships in Warsaw, Poland. She will teach 24 simplified Tai Chi styles. All profits will be donated to the Ravenswood City School District, East Palo Alto. Details/Sign up: <http://www.siliconvalleyyo.uth.com/classes/2017/taichi.php>. Contact: svyouth1@gmail.com

Tickets Now Available for Anne Lamott

Sat Mar 4, 9:30am-12:30PM, Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University, Palo Alto

Join us in conversation with award-winning author Anne Lamott. Tickets on sale now for the 2017 Mothers Symposium, a morning retreat for mothers with children of all ages to reflect on the profound undertaking of motherhood. Special Early Bird pricing: "Bring a Friend" and save \$20 when you buy two tickets. Co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. For tickets and information visit <http://www.motherssymposium.org/>

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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