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PANTHER TRACKS - JLS PTA eNews

Sun, Jan 8



Dear Scott

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Health Connected 7th grade parent night Jan 11th, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Connection Parent Coffee Jan 12th, 8:15 - 9:15 AM
Choir performance at Stanford basketball Jan 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
8th grade Parent Network meeting Jan 13th, 8:30 -10:00 AM

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

Wed, Jan 11, 7:00-8:00 PM, Cafetorium

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.

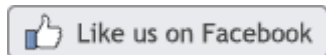
To ensure that PAUSD is in full compliance, PAUSD has contracted with an outside organization to be guest teachers in February, 2017. These guest teachers from Health-Connected.org will deliver all the curriculum during Science7 classes under the supervision of your child's regular Science7 teacher.

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

### **8th grade Parent Network meeting**

Fri, Jan13, 8:30-10:00AM, Room 730

Meet and mingle with parents of current Gunn and Paly Students, as well as an 'in the know' JLS administrator. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the transition to high school!



### **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:

[juliacjacsoben@gmail.com](mailto:juliacjacsoben@gmail.com)

### For Incoming Gunn Students, **Gunn World Language Placement Tests!**

If your student is a native speaker or heritage language learner of **Chinese, Spanish, French, Japanese, or German**, and you would like them to study that language, we need them to take a WL Placement Test so that they can be enrolled in the appropriate WL course for the 2017-18 year. The test will be given Thursday, January 19th at 3PM in Room G5 at Gunn High School. The test takes about an hour. Please contact Krissy Ludemann ([kludemann@pausd.org](mailto:kludemann@pausd.org)) to reserve your spot, or if you need more information. Placement tests for non-native/heritage speakers will be given later in the semester.

### 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](mailto:leif@youthcommunityservice.org)), 650-858-8061.

[www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org)

### PAUSD / PTAC News

#### Strengthening Families Program

This is an evidenced-based parent, youth and family skill building program designed to prevent substance use and other behavior problems as well as improve parent/child relationships. The Strengthening Families Program will be held at Paly **beginning on January 11th from 5:30-8:30pm for 11 consecutive weeks**. Dinner and childcare is provided for each class session. Attached please find the flyer with detailed information. Space is limited. Please register [here](#).

#### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **1st Annual PAUSD Middle School Honor Band Concert**

Sun, Jan 22, 3:30 PM ,Paly Performing Arts Center

Donations accepted at the door. See flyer [here](#).

### **Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair**

Sun, Feb 12, 2-5 pm, Mitchell Park Community Center (3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto)

The Palo Alto Chinese Community cordially invites you to join our 2017 Chinese New Year Fair, which will feature performances of Chinese folk music, instruments and dances by local talents as well as students from Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD). Many Chinese culture will be exhibited such as Chinese brush painting, Mahjong, dumpling-making, fung shui, board games and crafts. The event is free to all Palo Alto residents, and food will be sold for fund-raising to support Palo Alto schools. This event is co-sponsored

by City of Palo Alto and the PTA Council, and the goal is to promote friendship among residents of different cultures and contribute to the vibrancy and health of our diverse community. Hope to see you all there! Questions please contact Hannah Lu(hannahlu00@gmail.com) or Sheena Chin(sheenachin@gmail.com).

### **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](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](#).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.selpa1cac.org)

### Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions

Fri, Jan 6 - 13, and 20 by appointment, Palo Alto

Auditions for the spring semester are held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto (600 Homer Ave). Open to 2nd-5th grade boys. High school and middle school boys with experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-singing, and provides flexible scheduling for busy families. In addition to their own winter and spring concerts, SVB performs for local events including performances with Stanford University, West Bay Opera, singing at sporting events, retirement homes, and local churches.  
Email [info@svboychoir.org](mailto:info@svboychoir.org), call 650-424-1242 or visit <http://svboychoir.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/>

**Children's Concert with Red Grammar**

Sun, Jan15, 10:00 -11:30 AM ,

Woodside High Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave, Woodside, CA 94062

Grammy nominated Children's Recording Artist Red Grammar will have a concert celebrating our shared human values and honor World Religion Day & Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday. Tickets are \$5 per seat (children in laps free). Parking is free. Accessible seating available. Reserve tickets here: <http://bit.ly/2h5bCPV>

**Julie Lythcott-Haims Parent Ed Talk**

Thurs, Jan 19 6-8PM , Jordan Middle School Multi Purpose Room

Please join Julie Lythcott-Haims as she shares insights into how to raise children without over parenting. Julie shares her wisdom gained from research, conversations with admissions officers, educators, and employers, and her own insights as a mother and student dean to highlight the ways in which overparenting harms children, stresses parents, educators, and society at large.

Julie will also discuss the importance of promoting children's self-advocacy and encouraging parents to play an active role in teaching their children how to cope with disappointments and setbacks. She will also share insights into respectful interactions and asking for help.

Julie lives in Palo Alto with her husband and teenage children. She is the author of the book "How to Raise An Adult". Books will be on sale on the 19th in the Jordan MPR room.

**EN UNA NUEVA ERA (Immigrants and Allies in 2017: Feeling Safe in a New Era)**

Jueves 19 de enero de 2017, 19:00 a 21:00 hr.

Teatro Cubberley, 4000 Middle eld Rd., Palo Alto

Thurs, Jan 19, 7-9 PM

### Habrán Intérpretes y Niñeras

La política actual nos exige estar siempre vigilantes para asegurar que no haya ningún lugar para que la intolerancia o el prejuicio anti-inmigrante existe en nuestros vecindarios de los condados de Santa Clara y San Mateo. Hay miembros de nuestra comunidad que no se sienten seguros y eso es inaceptable. Por favor, únase con nosotros para una tarde importante mientras nos reunimos.

We must be ever vigilant in ensuring that there is no place intolerance or anti-immigrant bias exists in our neighborhoods of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. There are members of our community who do not feel safe. That is unacceptable. Please join us for an important evening as we come together.

### 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.siliconvalleyyouth.com/classes/2017/taichi.php>. Contact: [svyouth1@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

### New Year, New Nails (Palo Alto Library Event)

Tue, Jan 10, 4:30-6:30 PM, Teen Center, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Teens, we are having a nail painting party! Get inspired with a new look for the new school year with lots of colors and designs to choose from. Nail polishes and decals provided. Registration required.

### Meditation & Watercolor (Palo Alto Library Event)

Sun, Jan 15, 4-5 PM, Midtown Room, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Artist Lisa Solomon will engage local teens in one-hour artmaking and visualization workshop. In this workshop, Lisa will discuss cultural, scientific, and historical ideas about color, then lead participants in a Color Meditation exercise. Registration required.



**Blind Date w/a Book (Palo Alto Library Event)**

Month of February, Teen Zone, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

If your blind date with a book doesn't work out, then check out a new one. No hurt feelings! Review your book date for a chance to win prizes.

**Anti/Valentine Party (Palo Alto Library Event)**

Tue, Feb 7, 4:30 p.m. Midtown Room, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Join us for lit up cards, button making, pencil duct tape roses, contests, and chocolate! Whether you loathe the holiday or not, there is something for you to make for everyone. Registration required.

**Tween & Teen Art Classes at The Palo Alto Art Center**

Unleash the creativity in your student by signing up for one of our Teen & Tween Art Classes. We have several classes with openings for students ages 11-18. Online registration at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Home> is open for classes focusing on Ceramics, Drawing, Photography and Watercolor. Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello ([rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-617-3509).

**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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