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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Feb 26



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MS Choice Program lottery & notification Wed, Mar 1
7th/8th grade Choir Festival Palo Alto High PAC(Performance Art Center) Wed, Mar 1, 7:00-8:00PM
PTA Latte Cart for Staff Thu, Mar 2, 7:30-10:30AM

PTA Exec Board meeting Thu, Mar 2, 8:30- 10:00AM
8th grade Parent Network meeting w/Paly Principal Thu, Mar 2, 8:30- 9:30AM
Student Store open Fri, Mar 3, 12:30- 1:00PM
Music Teachers' Scholarship Concert Sat, Mar 4, 4:00- 5:00PM

PTA Latte Cart for Staff!

Thu, Mar 2, 7:30- 10:30AM, Room 40

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.

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!

Questions? Contact our Latte Cart coordinators, [Ivan Hom](#) and [Grace Downer](#)

8th grade Parent Network Meeting with Paly Principal!

Thu, Mar 2, 8:30- 9:30AM, Cafetorium

Gunn Principal, Dr. Kim Diorio, discussing "Fostering Connection: Paly Campus Life, Beyond Academics" for JLS and Jordan parents of students attending Paly in the fall. Choose one of the above sessions. The evening session is provided for parents unable to

attend the morning session. This is Parent Only event. Your students will have opportunities to meet the principal at other events. For your information, please see [JLS middle transition file](#) for transition dates, meetings and course selection for 2017-18 school year.

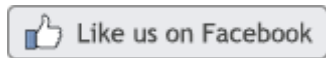
JLS Student Store OPEN!

Fri, Mar 3, 12:30 PM

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 Store Folks

www.JLSStudentStore.com



2017 JLS YEARBOOKS!

Don't miss out! Yearbook prices go up after Wednesday, March 1. Bring \$35 (check to JLS, or cash) to the Front Office through March 1 to ensure your student receives a yearbook at promotion time. After March 1st the price is \$40 and availability is not guaranteed. Students should check the listing in the Breezeway to see if a yearbook already has been reserved for them!

MUSIC TEACHERS' SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT!

Sat, Mar 4, 4:00PM, Palo Alto High Performance Art Center

Tickets are: \$15.00 adult (\$20.00 at the door) / \$5.00 student/senior

Pre-sale: send check and Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Music Office, 25E Churchill Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306 or call 329-3944 or email

music@pausd.org. Tickets will be available at the door as well.

Proceeds from the Music Teachers' Scholarship Concert will be awarded to PAUSD music students for the purpose of attending summer music camps, workshops or lessons, or for the purchase of instruments and supplies.

Auditions for scholarships will be held on:

Tuesday, March 7:30-5:00 Jordan Middle School Room L23

Wednesday, March 8:20-5:00 JLS Middle School Room 50

Tuesday, March 14:30-5:00 Jordan Middle School Room L23

Wednesday, March 15:20-5:00 Terman Middle School Room C3

To schedule an audition time: sign up at the Music Teachers' Concert on MARCH 4 or call the Music Office, 329-3944, on the Monday following the concert (3/6) on a space available basis. Auditions will be no longer than 5 minutes and should include: (scales are not required for 4th and 5th grades)

- 1) Suggested Scales: Grades 6-7-8 ~ 2 scales, two octaves
- 2) Solo, maximum 4 minutes (accompaniment is not necessary)

Auditions are open to all students in PAUSD in 4th-8th grade who are continuing in a school music program. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students must be enrolled in music the next year to receive a scholarship. Students MUST audition on the instrument/voice they play in their school performing ensemble. 4th grade General music students may audition on any instrument or voice, only one pianist will be chosen to receive a scholarship. Contestants are compared with students of the same age/grade and/or ability level.

SCIENCE FAIR RESCHEDULED: NEW DATE - MON, MAR 20!

The JLS Science Fair will be held Mon, Mar 20, 7:00 p.m. in the JLS Cafetorium. Join the entire JLS community for a fun-filled evening of science, with students proudly showing off their work in poster sessions and some fabulous science and technology-related demonstrations. All JLS students are invited to participate. Register [here](#) by Thur, Mar 16.

The Science Fair is a great way for students to develop and apply an interest in science and the scientific method. Participants will exercise their curiosity, approach real world problems in a systematic and scientific way, and apply creativity towards questions that interest them. Students should be hearing more details about the fair from their science teachers, and begin thinking about their experiments. Once experimentation is complete, students will present their work in poster format (poster boards generously donated by Synopsys). Each participant will be interviewed by a JLS parent or other member of our community, and participate in peer reviews. All student presenters will be able to exchange their peer reviews for a participation prize, and will be entered into a prize drawing for a number of terrific items.

The Science Fair cannot happen without lots of parent (and other community) volunteers, especially interviewers who are willing to listen to students sharing their projects and provide constructive positive feedback during a brief non-competitive, informal interview. Want to help? Sign up [here](#).

In addition to Synopsys, the Science Fair is sponsored by the JLS PTA, and also supported by donations from a number of local businesses.

Questions? Contact [Maria Derrick](#), Science Fair Chair.

JLS DAY OF SERVICE!

Wed, Mar 22, 1:45-5PM

Want to feel more connected to our local community and make a difference by lending a helping hand? Join JLS volunteers for an afternoon of community service on Wed, Mar 22.

Service activities include:

- creating no-sew blankets for shelter animals
- engaging in small group activities with adults with disabilities
- working on a school farm
- assembling toiletry kits for veterans
- building picnic tables for a school
- interacting with senior citizens
- cleaning and organizing a school library
- cooking a meal for individuals who are homeless
- helping teachers prepare classroom materials
- mulching, weeding, and performing other tree care tasks
- packing up canned goods at a food bank for needy families

Sign-ups for student volunteers and adult chaperones will begin during the week of Feb. 27. Detailed instructions including links to the sign-up forms will be sent out shortly. Please note that student volunteers must turn in a signed PAUSD permission slip to the JLS main office in order to participate in JLS Service Day.

The JLS Day of Service is organized and sponsored by the JLS PTA and Youth Community Service (YCS). Questions? Please contact [Maria Chow Zajac](#) .

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACH POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

For Track and Field and Boys Volleyball, paid positions ranging from \$11.24 per hour to \$16.00 per hour depending on experience. We also offer volunteer positions too.

Track and Field will have practices on Monday through Friday from 3-4:30 pm. Meets will be held on Fridays from 4-6 pm at local high schools in Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo, San Carlos, Belmont and Half Moon Bay.

Boys Volleyball: Practices Monday through Thursday from 3-4:30 pm or 4:30-5:45 pm. Games twice a week throughout the week at 4 or 5 pm start times. Games will be played in Palo Alto, San Jose, San Mateo, Half Moon Bay areas.

Contact [Chase Hartmann](#), Middle School Athletic Coordinator of City of Palo Alto Recreation, if you are interested in coaching any of the sports above.

PAUSD / PTAC News

Stanford Parent-Teen Communication Workshop

Thurs, Mar. 2, 7:00-8:30 PM, Haymarket Theatre at Palo Alto High School

Please join the Stanford Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for a fun, interactive workshop addressing difficult, real-life scenarios faced by parents and their teenage children. A specific emphasis will be placed on challenges occurring in Asian-American households, but all parents are welcome. Mandarin, Spanish, and Korean interpretation will be provided. Please attend without children to create a more honest and comfortable dialogue.

Free and open to all middle school and high school parents. Registration is NOT required, however, if you can, please register at: <http://tinyurl.com/StanfordCHIPAO>
Questions or concerns? Please contact Jonathan Frecceri at jfrecceri@pausd.org.

Taller Stanford sobre Comunicación de Padres-Jóvenes

Jueves 2 de marzo, 7:00-8:30 de la noche, Teatro Haymarket, Escuela Preparatoria Palo Alto

Favor de acompañar al Departamento de Psiquiatría y Ciencias Conductuales de Stanford para un divertido e interactivo taller abordando situaciones difíciles de la vida real que se enfrentan los padres y sus hijos jóvenes. Un énfasis específico será asignado a los desafíos que ocurren en familias asiáticas-americanas, pero todos los padres son bienvenidos. Se proporcionará interpretación al mandarín y coreano. Favor de asistir sin los hijos para crear un dialogo más honesto y cómodo.

Gratuito y abierto a todos los padres de hijos en escuela secundaria y preparatoria. NO se requiere inscripción, sin embargo, si puede, favor de matricularse en:

<http://tinyurl.com/StanfordCHIPAO>

¿Preguntas o inquietudes? Favor de comunicarse con Jonathan Frecceri en jfrecceri@pausd.org.

斯坦福家長-青少年溝通研討會

3月2日星期四晚上 7:00-8:30, Haymarket Theatre Palo Alto 高中

請來斯坦福精神病學與行為科學系參加一場趣味的互動研討會，共同解決家長及青少年面對的現實困境。研討會將围绕亞裔美国家庭中出現的問題展開，但也歡迎所有家長參加。將提供普通話和韓語翻譯。請不要帶孩子前來，營造更加坦誠輕鬆的對話環境。歡迎所有初中和高中家長參加。無需登記，但如果可以，請在下面的地址登記：

<http://tinyurl.com/StanfordCHIPAO>

問題或意見？請聯絡 Jonathan Frecceri, jfrecceri@pausd.org。

How Does Sugar Affect Your Health and What You Can Do About It

Wed, Mar 1, 6:30-8:30PM, SDC Room, District Office, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto

Join us for an educational night on sugar. Learn how sugar came to be ubiquitous in everything we eat, and became a number one health issue due to its harmful effects on the human body. As parents, you will also get some great tips on how to combat sugar in your

household and diet, and reintroduce great nutrition to your kids. Patricia Caldera, Ph.D. will be presenting on behalf of the Institute of Responsible Nutrition, an organization dedicated to changing the way food is produced and marketed and distributed and end food related illnesses and promote good health. We encourage parents to bring their children.

Free Parent/guardian Technology Education

Wed, Mar 22, 10 - 11:30 AM & 7 - 8:30 PM, Jordan Middle School Multipurpose Room

Free parent/guardian technology education event in partnership between PAUSD and Common Sense Education. This event will cover the realities of parenting in the digital age, bigger issues and data as well as tools and resources for families. Two identical sessions are available for all PAUSD parents, however due to adult content, this is an adult only event. Babysitters and translators will be available. Contact Emily Garrison, Coordinator of Educational Technology and Libraries with question. Please register at: <https://goo.gl/kbqhR7>

Opa! GiveBack Campaign

Opa! Authentic Greek Cuisine, 140 University Avenue, Palo Alto

Opa! Authentic Greek Cuisine in Palo Alto is proud to invite you and your family to dine at the Opa! location in downtown Palo Alto as a part of the Opa! GiveBack Campaign. When one hears the word Opa!, it usually brings with it a sense of excitement and happiness! When dining at Opa! Palo Alto, mention your relationship to the Palo Alto School District to your server and a percentage of your bill will be given back to the Palo Alto Council of PTAs (<http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/>). At the end of each month, Opa! Palo Alto will write a check to PTAC! Dine out, and help GiveBack to the Palo Alto PTA community at the same time!

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>

Help Bring Back the Arts to your School

Fri, Mar 10, 10 AM - 2 PM, San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St., San Jose

Come for a day of arts training, panels, table talks, & networking! Panels on successful local arts partnerships: how they serve students, integrate the arts, maximize existing

relationships, & work with local schools & districts. Learn how to use your school district's LCAP to increase arts education. FREE. Lunch included. For more information: <http://downloads.capta.org/arts/Arts%20Convenings2017-Northern.pdf> Presented by California State PTA. RSVP by Mon, Mar 6: arts@capta.org, or 916-440-1985 x123.

COMMUNITY News

Join the Gunn PTSA

Will you have a child at Gunn High School next year? Consider joining the Gunn PTSA as a volunteer. It is a great way to get involved and meet other wonderful Gunn parents. Click here (<http://gunn.paloaltopta.org/>) for more information about the PTSA and PTSA volunteer positions. If you are interested in a position, would like more information or know of someone we should contact please let us know!

Gunn PTSA Nominating Committee 2017:

Sonya Bradski: sonyangary@gmail.com

Olivia Viveros: oviveros@comcast.net

Liz Dong: lizdong@yahoo.com

Ann Xu: ann_xu@yahoo.com

Mindful Moms Group for Moms of Kids with Special Needs

Group 1: Every other Thurs (12:30-2:30pm Mar 3 thru Jun 8)

Group 2: Once a month on Sat (1:30-3:30pm Mar 18 thru Jul 15)

St. Mark's Church, 600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto

Join our nurturing group for moms who have kids (of all ages) with special needs, from sensory processing challenges, to dyslexia, to Asperger's or autism. Moms will gather together for 2 hours on a regular basis to support each other, learn mindfulness practices, and practice mindful yoga together. Mindfulness and yoga have been shown to reduce stress, boost mood, improve overall wellbeing, and studies show that a central factor in maternal wellness is social and emotional support - in particular, having a sense of belonging. Join our Mindful Moms group today by emailing jaclyn.k.long@gmail.com or visit <http://www.mindbodyspiritmoms.com> to find out more.

Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2017

Week 1: July 24 - 28, Week 2: July 31 - August 4, 9AM-3PM

Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, 94301

This year, Paly Robotics will be offering two different weeks of our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th). We hope to spark interest and start future high school students on a path in science, technology, engineering, art or math (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Sun, Feb 12. Campers will be able to sign up for one session per week. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at summercamp@palyrobotics.com. For further details, go to our [website](#).

Camp MAC

Mon, Jul 31 - Fri, Aug 8, Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, 94301

For rising 8th and 9th graders. An opportunity to give your child an introduction to journalism and advance his or her writing skills by signing him or her up for Camp MAC, a five-day summer camp held at the state-of-the-art Media Arts Center at Palo Alto High School! All proceeds of the camp go to support Paly's Media Arts program. Camp MAC is taught exclusively by student journalists from Paly's award-winning publications. Campers will write news stories, sports features and food reviews, as well as learn 21st century journalism skills like video broadcasting. At the end of the week they will work with their counselors to make their own printed publication! Early bird ends March 1, so sign up now! Signups, prices and more information at <http://paly.io/campmac>!

Paly Speech and Debate Summer Camp

Session 1: June 13-17; Session 2: July 31-Aug 4

The Paly Speech and Debate camp centers around providing students with an introduction to speech and debate. The goal of our camp is to prepare students for competition in these activities once they go to high school. On top of that, speech and debate are both life skills as they teach students to express themselves and be more articulate. Second year campers have the opportunity to be placed in a more advanced classroom setting, while first year campers will be given more of an introduction to speech and debate. To register go to: pasdc.weebly.com

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Questions or concerns? Please contact Jonathan Frecceri (jfrecceri@pausd.org).

Closure of East Meadow Caltrain Crossing: 3/10-3/13 and 3/17-3/20

Caltrain needs to perform track maintenance work over two consecutive weekends at the East Meadow Grade Crossing in Palo Alto. In order for this work to occur, Caltrain will close the grade crossing down for an approximately 56 hour window. This closure would not allow vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian traffic to cross the tracks during this outage. Caltrain has identified the following times as to when these closures would take place.

[Closure 1 - March 10, 2017 at 8:00pm until March 13, at 4:00am](#)

[Closure 2 - March 17, 2017 at 8:00pm until March 20, at 4:00am](#)

Classroom Volunteers Needed Next School Year

In East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park (Run on 15 feb too)

Have you enjoyed helping in your child's classroom? Consider volunteering in a classroom in eastern Menlo Park or East Palo Alto where there are virtually no parent volunteers.

You'll help tutor kids in grades K-5 where 88% are low income and 40% are homeless. Work once a week in the same classroom for about an hour, with students on reading, writing or math. All Students Matter provides training and coordinates everything. Sign up now to start in September. For more details or to sign up, visit www.allstudentsmatter.org or contact Keri Tully at keritully@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/>

Gott's Roadhouse Fundraising Dinner for Friends Nursery School

Wed Mar 1, 5-9PM, Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

This event is open to anyone who would like to eat out to support a wonderful local school. Palo Alto Friends Nursery (the preschool right next to Ohlone Elementary) will receive 10% of all money that Gott's collects during the hours of the event. Gott's serves variety of food including burgers, friends, tacos and shakes. <https://gotts.com/menu-mobile/> Please invite friends, neighbors and family.

Paly 5K Fun Run & Walk

Sat, Mar 25, 8AM registration; 9AM race starts

Sign ups now open for Paly's first 5K Fun Run & Walk! Sign up online at <http://palysportsboosters.org/paly-5k-fun-run/> Proceeds benefit Paly Athletics. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning! Questions? PAHSsportsboosters@gmail.com

Being Different Together Taking the conversation deeper

Thu, Mar 2, 7 - 9PM, Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto

Please join us as we bring together a cross section of people who live, work or worship in Palo Alto to have a series of active and thought provoking conversations on building and nurturing a community that models respect for differences. The second forum in the four-part series will focus building authentic engagement across differences. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you did not attend the first forum. Moderated by Dr. Joseph Brown, Associate Director, Diversity & First Gen Office at Stanford University and Rev. Kaloma Smith, pastor at University AME Zion Church. RSVP's required to attend - Space is limited. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/zjp9nm3> Questions: Contact Mary

Constantino (mary.constantino@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-463-4906. Sponsored by the City of Palo Alto.

Musical Group Charged Particles

Wed, Mar 1, 3:30-4:30PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto

Charged Particles blends jazz styles with elements from Latin music, classical music, funk, and more. No registration required.

STEAM Lab Saturday

Saturday, March 4, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto

Each month we'll engage in maker projects utilizing Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math concepts. See the library website or calendar for details. For grades 1-6.

Registration required at:

<http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventcalendar.asp?dt=mo&Lib=ALL>

Community Arbor Day Festival

Sat, Mar 11, 10 AM - 2 PM, Mitchell Park Bowl, 600 E Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

This free outdoor family festival will include roped tree climbing with The Tree Circus, live music by AndyZ, and School of Rock, workshops, fine arts and crafts, art show, exploration stations, food trucks, and a variety of local partners. It's going to be a fun, family-friendly event with something for everyone! You can check out more details on Canopy's website: www.canopy.org.

KidPower: Keeping Kids Safe (5 - 12 years)

Sat, Mar 18, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto

Learn how to discuss and practice important, age appropriate "People-Safety Skills" with your children. Help them. Follow "Stranger Safety" rules (not "Stranger Danger" rules which are least effective): Use safety plans if lost, set clear boundaries, deal with other kids bullying behaviors, be and act aware and confident,and much more. With Staff from KidPower. Child must be a minimum of 5 years old to be eligible to participate in the Workshop. Fee is per child. Each additional child will require their own separate registration. Only 20 spots are available. Fee: \$80

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kidpower-keeping-kids-safe-5-12-years-registration-31239300589>

Paly Theatre And Music Programs Presents: Disney's Beauty and the Beast

For performance dates and times: <http://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto

Beauty and the Beast, the internationally beloved, classic musical fairy-tale, hits the boards at Paly's Performing Arts Center stage. Bring your whole family and be swept away by the

story of Belle, her dream of finding something more exciting than her small town life, and how it lands her captive inside the dark walls of a hideous beast's magical castle populated by living, talking knick-knacks including the beloved teapot, Mrs. Potts. Do come and "Be Our Guest." Let this potent tale of the transformative power of love touch you as it has touched countless audiences worldwide.

Tickets are \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 students/seniors. Reserved seating at <http://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/> or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to curtain.

Turning Craziiness Into Calmness: Avoiding Power Struggles: (9 - 14 yrs.)
Tue, Feb 28, 7:15 - 9:15 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto

Discover how to defuse your intensity so you can turn a potentially crazy time into a calm one. Learn from brain research the keys and solutions to your emotional turmoil. Take control of yourself so you can create the cooperative and harmonious family you desire. Fee: \$45

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/turning-craziiness-into-calmness-avoiding-power-struggles-9-14-yrs-registration-28014722790>

Effective and Joyful Discipline with Your Strong-Willed Child (9 - 12 years)
Wed, Mar 8 & Mar 15, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo

Strong-willed children want to cooperate, yet they need to be approached differently than easygoing children. Rather than ending up in power struggles, break this cycle and learn how to win cooperation effectively. You can bring out the best in yourself and your children. Fee: \$90 for 2 sessions.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-and-joyful-discipline-with-your-strong-willed-child-9-12-years-registration-31239151142>

Stop Struggling - Learn How to Turn Conflict Into Cooperation (5 - 14 years)

Tue, Mar 21, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto 94301

This workshop, based on Cynthia Klein's new book Ally Parenting, will teach you how to pick the most effective parenting strategy for each parent-child conflict. Once you have the right solution, then voila! You'll know exactly what to do and improved cooperation is only a few actions away. Fee: \$50

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stop-struggling-learn-how-to-turn-conflict-into-cooperation-5-14-years-registration-31266313385>

Counselor-In-Training Applications are now open

Fri March 31, Mitchell Park Community Center

The CIT (Counselor-in-Training) program is a fun and exciting experience for teens ages 13 and 14 who are interested in working with children. The CIT Program emphasizes leadership, community service, safety, and initiative. If your teen will be 13-14 during Summer 2017 and is interested in becoming a CIT, please visit tinyurl.com/CIT2017 to

apply. Application closes on March 31, 2016. For more information, contact ashabi.idris@cityofpaloalto.org.

Palo Alto Art Center Summer Counselor-in-Training Application

The Counselor in Training applications for the summer of 2017 are now available. Summer Camp Counselors in Training (CIT) are volunteers (12-17 years old) who assist professional art instructors in the day-to-day running of the Children's Fine Art summer camps. The Lead Counselor in Training (LCIT) program builds on experience as an Art Center CIT and provides opportunities for volunteers to help lead the CIT training, enjoy mentorship from college Children's Fine Art (CFA) interns, manage camper recreation, and take responsibility as the LCIT for one week of camps. More information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/getinvolved/overview/program.asp>.

Summer 2017 Counselor in Training Application & Information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56059>

Summer 2017 Lead Counselor in Training Application & Information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56060>

Attendance Procedure for 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](#) 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, 650-856-5179

WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED at JLS NEXT YEAR? JOIN 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

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6th grade coordinators: Anjani Sarma
7th grade coordinators: Claire Kimer
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