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Dear Scott

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Field Trip - Connections overnight camping trip (McKenna/Luu) Wed, Mar 29 - Thu, Mar 30
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Author Visit Thu, Mar 30, 2:05 - 3:00 PM
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Disneyland choir, band and orchestra trip
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Wed, Mar 29 - Sat, April 1
<b>Spring Break</b>
Mon, April 3- Fri, April 7

## JLS Service Day!

THANK YOU to all 200 JLS volunteers who enthusiastically participated in 13 service projects on Service Day!

The 9th annual JLS Service Day was a great success, and everyone is to be thanked -- the adult chaperones, the JLS teachers, staff, and administrators, and of course all of the student volunteers!

We hope the community service experience was a fulfilling and fun one, and we hope to see everyone next year.

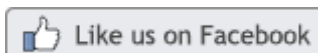
JLS PTA and YCS

## Author Visit!

Thu, Mar 30, 2:05 - 3:00PM, Cafetorium

Lynda Mullaly Hunt's books include: Fish In A Tree (2016 Schneider Family Book Award Winner and NYT bestseller) and One For The Murphys (Tassy Walden Award-Best New Voices in Children's Literature Winner). Purchasing these titles will help support the author's visit and enrich your home library collection or that of a friend! Here is the link to the order form. Please return the completed form with payment to the JLS library at your earliest convenience.

Michael Ambrose, Teacher Librarian

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## PTA LATTE CART FOR STAFF!

Thu, April 13, 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. 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](#)

## FREE LECTURE: MEDIA MOMS & DIGITAL DADS!

Thurs. April 27, 7 PM JLS Cafetorium

Yalda UHls, Ph.D., author of Media Moms & Digital Dads, will talk about the digital media landscape in which our kids live, learn, and play. She'll discuss media usage, social science research, opportunities and challenges presented by digital media, and how parents can navigate this rapidly evolving landscape with their kids. And she will offer expert advice on how parents can guide their kids to make responsible, respectful, and safe media choices. Open to all PAUSD parents, guardians and caregivers, especially of students currently in or entering middle school. See [flyer](#) for the detail.

Books will be available at the event or at [Books Inc.](#)

Sponsored by PTAC, JLS PTA and Ohlone PTA.

## PAUSD / PTAC News

### **Community Forum for Immigrants and Allies**

Moderated by Adriana Flores, PAUSD Parent and Education Advocate

Mon March 27, 7 to 9pm, Palo Alto High School Theater, 50 Embarcadero Rd

Please join us for this important PAUSD forum to learn about the many issues currently affecting our immigrant communities. Our esteemed panelists will discuss: the school board resolution to protect immigrant students; your legal rights, including ICE raids and recent Executive Orders; how to talk to your children who may be experiencing fear and distress; and how we can all come together as immigrants and allies to support one another and keep our community welcoming and safe for all. High school students welcome and childcare provided. Spanish and Mandarin translation.

Questions: please contact Michelle Higgins [mich\\_higgins@hotmail.com](mailto:mich_higgins@hotmail.com).

Proudly sponsored by PAUSD & Palo Alto PTA Council.

### **Foro Comunitario para Inmigrantes y Aliados**

Moderado por Adriana Flores, Padre de PAUSD y Defensora de Educacion  
Lunes, 27th de Marzo 7pm a 9pm, Teatro de Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Rd

Venga a este importante foro del Distrito Unificado de Palo Alto (PAUSD) para aprender sobre los muchos asuntos afectando a nuestras comunidades de inmigrantes. Nuestros estimados panelistas discutirán: la resolución de la Junta de Directores de PAUSD para proteger a los estudiantes inmigrantes, sus derechos legales, incluyendo saqueos de ICE y las recientes Ordenes Ejecutivas, como hablar con sus hijos si están experimentando miedo y angustia, y como todos podemos juntarnos como inmigrantes y aliados para apoyarnos unos a los otros y mantener nuestras comunidades; que siempre de la bienvenida y segura para todos. Estudiantes de escuela superior están bienvenidos. Será traducido al español y mandarín.

Preguntas: por favor contacte al PTA Michelle Higgins [mich\\_higgins@hotmail.com](mailto:mich_higgins@hotmail.com) o en español contacte al PTA via Carmen Muñoz [carmenvmunoz@icloud.com](mailto:carmenvmunoz@icloud.com) o al telefono de la red de Hispanos del PTA (650) 427-0314.

### **SAFE Student Panel Discusses Self-advocacy, Learning & Attention Differences**

Thu, Mar 30, 7 - 8:30 PM, Palo Alto High School, Haymarket Theatre

This panel will discuss the challenges they face and strengths they bring as students with learning and attention difficulties. They will explain and demonstrate strategies for self-advocacy. Questions will be posed by a facilitator and by the audience. All panelists have learning and attention difficulties and are members of SAFE, the student branch of Parents Education Network. SAFE is a student community (between the ages of 13-19) which meets monthly to organize events, coordinate their mentoring program and prepare for presentations such as this. They strive to educate, mentor and support students, parents and teachers, and spread awareness on the importance of cognitive diversity.

Recommended for middle and high school students and their parents. This event is co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, the Parents Education Network, and PAUSD. For questions contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com).

### **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!

## COMMUNITY News

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:summercamp@palyrobotics.com). For further details, go to our [website](#).

### **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](http://pasdc.weebly.com)

### **Gunn Choir Guest Artist Concert**

Wed, Mar 29, 7:30 PM

St. Marks Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto

Gunn-bound JLS families - come take a peek at the musical options for your student! Experience the Gunn Choir program in this exciting concert featuring music from around the world. The choir will be joined by Dr. Jeffrey Benson, Director of Choral Activities at

San José State University. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students in high school or younger) and are available at the door.

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Auditions  
Apr 22 & 23, Mitchell Park Library, Palo Alto

Award-winning youth orchestra PACO's new member auditions will take place on April 22 & 23. Sign up: <http://pacomusic.org/auditions/>

El Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Auditions for New Members  
Mar/Apr, Palo Alto

Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2017-18 Season. Led by an internationally renowned faculty, ECYS offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. Members are challenged with professional-level repertoire, receive support from professional coaches, and perform in concerts throughout the Bay Area. Auditions are held in March/April for the season that begins in August/September. Apply online at [www.ECYS.org](http://www.ECYS.org). Call ECYS at 650-213-7111 for more information.

Tai Chi (Chinese martial art) Class  
Saturdays, Mar 25-Jun 3, 2:15-3:15 PM (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/Signup: <http://www.siliconvalleyyouth.com/classes/2017/taichi.php>  
Contact: [svyouth1@gmail.com](mailto:svyouth1@gmail.com)

MOAH Build your own crystal radio  
Sundays Apr 16-30, 1-3.30PM, MOAH, 351 Homer Av., Palo Alto

Join MOAH for a 3-day class and learn how to build your own crystal radio! Students (10y and above) will explore the history of radio dating back to Tesla and Marconi. Basic radio theory, modulation, headphone function, and reading radio schematics will also be taught. Cost: \$75 Museum Members/\$85 Non-members. Please register at [http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH\\_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf](http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf)  
Questions: [admin@moah.org](mailto:admin@moah.org) or fax 650-473-6950. We hope to see you there!

Come walk and be a part of the May Fete Parade!  
Deadline to sign up is April 19. Parade will be on May 6, 10:00AM

Calling all kids! It's time to sign up for the 95th Annual May Fête Children's. Don't miss this time honored Palo Alto tradition to showcase your school, neighborhood, team, youth

group or extracurricular activity. All children are welcome to walk in the parade-so if you don't have a group, come join the open categories. Dress up like your favorite hero! Build a float, march with your school band, decorate your bike, walk with your pet or bring a flag from your favorite place. Let's enjoy the day and celebrate our heroes! For more information, please visit [www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete)

### **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](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org) or contact Keri Tully at [keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com).

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.

March Madness of Books

Sun, Mar 26, 1-3PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Decorate your own cupcake with as much icing as you want while we watch a new movie. Bring your friends! Grades 6-12 only. Registration required. at <https://tinyurl.com/gmx84xt>

### **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](https://tinyurl.com/CIT2017) to

apply. Application closes on March 31, 2016. For more information, contact [ashabi.idris@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto: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>

### **Science Day at Museum of American Heritage**

Sat Apr 1, 1 - 2.30PM, MOAH 351 Homer Av., Palo Alto

This is a special family event. School-aged siblings, grade 1 and up, are welcome with parental supervision. The event will include an introduction and presentation, Q & A, and hands-on activities. MOAH will set up arrays of science gadgets and devices to let participants to try out. Children and adults will get to try out tesla coils, van der Graff Generator, Jacob's Ladder and electromagnet devices. Hands-on activities including static electricity, electromagnetic games & toys, theremins, tesla coils, and many more! For more information: <http://www.moah.org/children.html> Admission is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP: [admin@moah.org](mailto:admin@moah.org) or contact 650-321-1004.

### **Freshman Leadership Corps (FLC) - YCS**

Ready for High School? Spend two weeks building leadership skills, meeting new friends and helping create change in the community! For summer 2017, Youth Community Service (YCS) will offer the Freshman Leadership Corps Program for incoming ninth graders. Campers will learn about important issues that impact the physical and social environments in their communities. They will examine these issues from environmental, social and cultural perspectives and will gain understanding on how they can make a difference. In addition, campers will enjoy a fun BBQ day each session and prepare a multimedia presentation for the end-of-camp celebration! Freshman Leadership Corps has four 2 week sessions that run from June 12th through August 4th for students who will be entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2017. For more information visit the Enjoy Catalog online or contact YCS at [\(650\) 858-8019](tel:6508588019).

### **Summer Of Service (SOS) - YCS**

[Want to make a difference in the community? Join Summer of Service and develop leadership skills, meet new friends and have fun while helping out in the community - with Youth Community Service \(YCS\). Each day campers will go out in teams to local schools, senior centers, food pantries and parks for service. At Summer of Service you will have fun](#)



while learning how to tackle community issues. We also enjoy one fun BBQ day each session and an end of camp celebration. Summer of Service has four 2 week sessions that run from June 12th through August 4th for students who will be entering 6th - 8th grade in the Fall of 2017. For more information, visit the Enjoy Catalog online or contact YCS at (650) 858-8019.

### **Learn about All Students Matter**

Wed Apr 19, 11AM, email for venue

Learn about All Students Matter from current parent volunteers who work in the classrooms of K-5th grade students. You can make a true difference in the life of students in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park by volunteering for an hour a week in the same classroom to tutor students in reading, writing or math. Wednesday, April 19 at 11:00 am at a home in Palo Alto. A light lunch will be served. RSVP to Jeanette Kennedy at [jkc\\_kennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:jkc_kennedy@yahoo.com). To learn more about us, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org).

### **Sponsorship Director for Juana Run**

The Juana Run is looking for a Sponsorship Director. The Juana Run is the 5k/8k Race that runs through Barron Park Neighborhood in February. The proceeds usually benefit Gunn Sports Boosters, Terman PTA, Juana Briones PTA. We are looking for a new sponsorship director, and if you join our team, up to 30% of the JR proceeds will go to your school or PTA! Time commitment is about 20 hrs between August and February, and day of race help. Please email [heypalermo@aol.com](mailto:heypalermo@aol.com) if interested.

### **Distinguished Lecture Series: Courtney Martin "The New Better Off"**

Fri, May 12, 10-11AM

Li Ka Shing Conference Center, Paul Berg Hall, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford, 94305

Courtney Martin is an author, entrepreneur, and weekly columnist for On Being. Her latest book, *The New Better Off*, explores how people are re-defining the American dream (think more fulfillment, community, and fun, less debt, status, and stuff). The lecture is free and open to the public: <http://events.stanford.edu/events/673/67347/>

### **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. Registration is open for classes focusing on Jewelry Making, Ceramics, Drawing, Photography and Watercolor. Register at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Home>  
Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello ([rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-617-3509).

## **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](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

## 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](#).

### 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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