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PANTHER TRACKS - JLS PTA eNews Sun, April 2



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<p>Spring Break Mon, April 3- Fri, April 7</p>
<p>Connections Parent Coffee Wed, April 12, 8:15 - 9:15AM, Room 730</p>
<p>Viewing of "Screenagers" with discussion Wed, April 12, 7:00 - 8:30PM, Cafetorium</p>
<p>PTA Latte Cart for Staff Thu, April 13, 7:30 - 10:30AM</p>
<p>PTA General meeting Thu, April 13, 8:30 - 9:30AM</p>
<p>Connections overnight camping trip</p>

Thu- Fri, Apr 13 - 14
Student Store open Fri, April 14, 12:30 - 1:00PM

Screening of Screenagers!

Wed, April 12, 7:00 PM , JLS Cafetorium

Join us for a screening of the documentary Screenagers, Growing Up in the Digital Age.

From their Website: Award-winning SCREENAGERS probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

We hope you can join us in the Cafetorium where we will show the documentary and follow up with discussion. Click to see the [trailer](#).

PTA Latte Cart for Staff!

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](#)

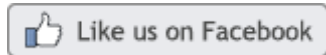
JLS Student Store OPEN!

Fri, April 14, 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



JLS WALK & ROLL DAY!

Wed, April 19

For Safer Streets, Healthier Bodies and a Greener Planet

JLS students will celebrate Earth Day by reducing car trips in our community. All students at JLS are encouraged to walk, bike, skate, ride the bus/shuttle or carpool to reduce the congestion in the school zone, making the streets safer for everyone.

Parent volunteers are needed April 17th and 19th, before school. Sign up [here](#) .

SAFE ROUTES TO GUNN AND PALY!

Thu, April 27, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Starting in Cafetorium and ending with informational table session in the breezeway

This workshop is for JLS students heading to Gunn and Paly and sponsored by the JLS PTA. The workshop includes break-out sessions, information tables, free pizza and a chance to win bike gear to help students think about how to get themselves to high school and educate them on their options: bike routes, bus/shuttle routes and schedules, or carpooling.

Parent volunteers are needed to make this workshop a success.

Contact [Lili](#) for more information or sign up [here](#) .

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.

MANY FACES INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK!

Wed, May 3, 5-7 PM JLS Cafetorium

Come help feed hungry students, staff, and parents at our Many Faces International potluck on Wednesday May 3rd, before the JLS open house. We would love to have food from many countries and cultures. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/HBc9Lh>

Ayudemos trayendo un platillo de su país para alimentar estudiantes, padres y maestros hambrientos en nuestro convivio internacional que se llama en Inglés, "Many Faces of JLS" y que se llevara a cabo el miércoles 3 de mayo; antes de que usted empiece su visita a los salones de su estudiante (Open House). Nos encantaría que hubiera comidas de muchas partes del mundo representando muchas culturas. Para subscribirse en traer un platillo visite <http://signup.com/go/HBc9Lh>

Preguntas en Español contacte a [Ana Perez-Hood](#)

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PAUSD / PTAC News

Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast

Wed, April 27, 8 AM

Each year, the Palo Alto CAC honors the bus drivers who play a vital role in transporting students to and from school. We will serve breakfast to the bus drivers at their office. If you want to show your support for the dedication and kindness demonstrated daily by your child's bus driver, please send a thank-you note with your message to CacBusDriverAppreciation@gmail.com. If you would like to donate a breakfast item or gift card/money, please let us know as well. Please send your messages by Sunday, April 23rd. Sponsored by <http://cacpalalto.org/>

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**Spring Break Activities**

Tue, Apr 4 & Wed, Apr 5, 3:30-5:30PM Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Watch a movie with popcorn on Tuesday, and then learn how to make roses, tulips and butterfly themed paper crafts on Wednesday. Bring your friends over your spring break to the Palo Alto Library. Register at:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3812&TargetID=161>

Boy Scout Troop 50 of Palo Alto Open House

Mon, April 10, 7 - 9 PM, Boy Scout Fire Circle at the Scout House
Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94301

For Kids Interested in Scouting and their Parents

For More Information About Troop 50: <https://sites.google.com/view/patroop50/home>

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](#).

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

Gunn High School Theatre Presents The Music Man

Apr 19, 7 PM; Apr 20-22, 7:30 PM; Apr 22-23, 2 PM, Paly Performing Arts

Meredith Willson's classic musical follows Harold Hill, a con man with a heart of gold, who poses as an inspiring musical professional. What's his line? He'll lead a Boy's Band, meant to keep the youth out of trouble. He tries his luck in River City, Iowa, circa 1912, and eventually wins over the cold-shouldered citizens. The Music Man was the sensation of Broadway when it opened in 1957 and went on to win five Tony Awards. People are highly encouraged to carpool or bike to the show. Tickets: <https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?domain=gunn&event>. Visit <http://www.paly.net/getting-to-paly> for directions and transportation information.

Narnia: The Musical is coming to a stage near you

Fri, 7:30 PM, Sat and Sun, 2 PM, Apr 20 - 30

Cañada College Theater, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd, Redwood City

Come experience the enchanted world of Narnia presented by Bay Area Educational Theater Company. As siblings travel through a magical wardrobe, they encounter mythical creatures, battle good vs. evil, and learn lessons of courage, unselfishness and wisdom. Tickets: www.bayareaetc.org/tickets. Student and Senior tickets only \$16; Adult tickets \$21.

Family Date Night at the Library

Fri, Apr 21, 7-8PM Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Join us for our annual May Fete float making party! This year's theme is all about heroes and we need help building a parade float worthy of representing your favorite Children's library. Registration required for each family member. All ages welcome.

Youth Speaks Out Art Exhibition

Mar 24 - Apr 17, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road

The Youth Speaks Out exhibition, in the Children's Wing of the Palo Alto Art Center, features written, visual and performance art by more than 200 Palo Alto teens who use art to address the question, "What's it like to be me?" The exhibition is free and may be viewed during the Art Center's regular business hours.

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. 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

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
 Questions: 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

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.

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.

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>

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](tel:6508588019).

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. To learn more about us, visit 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 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 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 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. 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](#).

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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