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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, June 4



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Panther Camp Counselor Training Tue Aug 8, 8:30AM- 12:00PM

Jump Start Day/Photo Day Tue Aug 8, 2:00 - 4:30PM
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JLS Volunteers are Fabulous!

Thanks to all the volunteers who made so many events happen at JLS this year! Thanks to the 8th grade Promotion Party committee, Seema Arun, Grace Downer, Jennifer Mutz, Deborah Bundy, Alli Wong, Susy Kim, Mary Catherine Williams, Anne Marie Hallada, and so many others who decorated, helped with food, games and music. It was a night to remember for all the 8th graders as they head off to high school. Thanks to Lili Nova-Roessig and Mel Froli for running our Panther Pride parties. Thanks for a great end of the 2016-2017 school year for all our JLS children and families.

Special Projects that the JLS PTA funded this year!

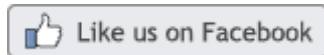
Thanks to all the parents for the generous donation to the JLS PTA this year. We had enough money to fund a few special projects!

JLS PTA

helped to purchase the new projector in the Cafetorium
purchased new Chromebooks for JLS students
finished the Sound System in the Cafetorium
will be purchasing new tables, umbrellas and benches for the school
will be helping start a Calming Garden this summer that will be a place for JLS students to use at their breaks
gave teacher grants for each teacher
and so much more!

We are grateful for your support of the PTA through funds and time and volunteering. We hope you have a wonderful summer and see you next year!

Julia Jacobsen
JLS PTA President



JLS PANTHER CAMP VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

JLS 6th Grade Orientation Volunteers Needed. Incoming JLS 6th graders have a super fun two-day orientation program called Panther Camp on Aug 17 & 18. Sign up now to get involved! Sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/4dEvYxTvU87cAxMo2>
Questions? Contact [Keva Dine](#) or [Maria Abilock](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET STUFFING AND MORE!

We need many hands to start up the new school year! JLS is looking for parent volunteers to help stuff flyers into the Back To School packets, start preparing for Jump Start Day, first day coffee, Back to School Pizza Dinner, etc.... This valuable work is needed to help our JLS events run smoothly while building community.

If you can spare a few hours on July 25 or in early August please sign up [here](#) (and feel free to sign up for as many sessions as you like!).

PAUSD / PTAC News

Be a PTA Special Ed/Inclusion Representative

All Schools/For the 2017-18 School Year

The Palo Alto CAC for Special Education and PTA Council are seeking parent volunteers at each school to facilitate parent-to-parent support and networking among parents of students with IEPs, 504 Plans, or special needs. We are especially looking for parents at JLS, Jordan, Addison, Palo Verde, El Carmelo, Duveneck, Briones, Nixon & Greendell. Small time commitment, no experience necessary, training and support provided. To volunteer or get more information please contact palaltoaac@gmail.com.

Join the Palo Alto Special Ed Discuss Group

All Schools/Ongoing

Have a child with an IEP, 504 plan, special need, disability or learning difference? Join the discussion group at <https://tinyurl.com/PaloAltoSpecialEd> The list is a forum for families to share resources and experiences, ask questions, and learn about relevant events. Hosted by the Palo Alto CAC, www.cacpaloalto.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

Order Promotion LEIS today

Leis symbolize affection and are presented to students as they are leaving their current school and arriving at a new chapter in their life. Choose from fresh Hawaiian orchid leis or yummy candy leis. Go to www.palycheer.net to place your order today. Pick up is on promotion day, Thursday, June 1st from 4-5:50pm at Jordan, which makes celebrating easy and convenient. This is an important fundraiser for the Spirit Team at Paly, accounting for a significant portion of our budget. We are non-profit. If you have any questions, contact Hilary McDaniel at hmcdaniel@pausd.org.

Help Kids in Grades K-5 with Reading, Writing, Math Next Year - You Could Change a Life

Please join other parents volunteering with All Students Matter in grades K-5 in eastern Menlo Park and East Palo Alto schools. You'll work for an hour in the same classroom once a week, building a relationship with students eager to work with you. You'll have real impact in a community where over 80% of students are performing below grade level in reading and math. Sign up now to start in September - we provide training and coordinate everything. See our recent Almanac article. To learn more or to sign up, please visit our website www.allstudentsmatter.org or contact Keri Tully keritully@gmail.com.

iSing Auditions for girls in grades 1-12

iSing is hosting auditions throughout the summer. We are specifically hoping to meet girls who love to sing in grades 1-4 but auditions for all ages welcome. iSing is an arts organization committed to the music education of girls in grades 1-12. We believe that singing teaches young people to strive for excellence, to work collaboratively with others, and to become passionate members of their communities. For questions contact info@isingsv.com Details at: <http://isingsv.com/auditions/>

Build a Smart Robot

Sun Jun 4 & Sat Jun 10, 4-6pm, Mitchell Park Library 3700 Middlefield Road

Have you wondered how drones and self-driving cars work? Do you want to try something more advanced than Lego? Join your local award-winning robotics team hosted by Inobotics to create unique, sophisticated robots that solve practical problems. Learn about engineering process, creative design, and competitive robotics in this 2-part free course. Grades 6-8. Registration required. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/lcpor4e>

Design for Superheroes

Sun Jun 4 & Jun 11, 1 - 3PM

Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave, Palo Alto, CA

This workshop by Jeff Riseberg focuses on "Why do things look the way they do? Beginning with some of the first industrial designs, such as for cars and trains from nearly 100 years ago, students discover the continuing influences of design in today's world. We will find that many of today's videogame designs and superhero characters were actually created some 70 years ago! Get ready to work on design challenges for objects such as

banks, lunch boxes, bridges, and even secret enemy bases! This class is for students ages 10 and up. Admission is \$30 for members \$40 non-members. Registration is required and can be found at http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf. Email: admin@moah.org

Middle School Bicycle Skills Classes for rising 6th - 8th grade students

Sat Jun 17, July 15 & 29, Aug 5; Sun July 9, 8.30AM - 1PM
Mitchell Park Community Center

Build your student's independent bicycling safety and handling skills. The Palo Alto Safe Routes to School program has partnered with Wheel Kids Bicycle Club to offer on-bike safety classes for middle school students and their parents throughout the summer. Each one-day class runs at Mitchell Park Community Center from 8:30am-1pm. For more details or to register, visit: <http://wheelkids.com/palo-alto/middle-school/> Taught by League of American Bicyclists Certified Instructor. Everyone must bring a helmet and a bike that is ready and safe to ride. A parent/guardian must attend to observe and participate with each student.

Palo Alto World Music Day: Save the Date, Musicians and Volunteers Wanted

Sun June 18, 3-7:30 pm, University Avenue (closed to traffic).

The City of Palo Alto has declared June 18 as World Music Day. World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year around the Summer Solstice. Now for the eighth year in Palo Alto, 50 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres: jazz, pop, rock, classical, world music, choral, etc. All performances are free and open to the public. This is a fun and unique family event not to be missed. Book the date now and tell your friends. The organizers are also looking for musicians and event volunteers from our community, including students from our schools. Info: www.pamusicday.org or info@pamusicday.org. World Music Day is presented by the Stanford Federal Credit Union and organized by the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation. Event sponsors include: The City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association, Live SV, and News for Chinese.

Paly Cheer & Dance Little Vikes Summer Camp & Arts and Crafts Camp

June 5-9th: Sessions for PreK, K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th available, Full Day 9-3, Half Day 9-12, and Extended Care 3-5 options!

Cheer/Dance Camp- Campers will be taught cheerleading motions and technique, cheer jumps, stunts, gymnastics, sideline cheers, dance technique and a dance routine. There will also be games and crafts. Lunch is provided for full day campers. All campers receive a t-shirt. Campers should also wear athletic shoes and clothing. Sunscreen is also recommended, as some of our sessions will take place outside.

Our Arts & Crafts camp focuses less on cheer and dance and more on fun creative activities, such as friendship bracelets, face painting, poster making, slime/playdough and will also include fun games for all. This camp is an important fundraiser for the Spirit Team

at Paly, accounting for a significant portion of our budget. We are non-profit. For more information, find us on Activity Hero at <https://www.activityhero.com/biz/paly-cheer-dance-little-vikes-summer-camp> or go to palycheer.net. Questions: Contact Hilary McDaniel at hmcdaniel@pausd.org.

Camp MAC

July 31 - Aug 4, 9AM - 3PM, Paly Media Arts Center

Don't miss out on an opportunity to experience Palo Alto High School's state-of-the-art Media Arts Center facilities this summer by participating in Camp MAC! Led by students of Paly's nationally recognized journalism program, Camp MAC is a great introduction to journalism for rising eighth and ninth grade students. Campers will learn 21st Century literacy skills while building friendships across schools. All proceeds support Paly's Media Arts Boosters Program. For more information visit: <http://palyjournalismcamp.wixsite.com/camp-mac> or contact palyjournalismcamp@gmail.com.

Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp

Mon June 26 - Fri June 30, Palo Alto High School

Morning Session: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Afternoon Session: 1:30PM - 4:30PM

This summer, take part in Paly's fourth annual Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp! With activities designed for interested rising 7th through 9th graders, this camp-led by Paly Science Olympiad team members-includes demonstrations and hands-on activities, such as analyzing crime scenes, dissections, and engineering projects. The camp will be held June 26th-30th at Palo Alto High School, and will cost \$225. There are only 30 available spaces per session, so visit palysciencencamp.com for more information, and to sign up!

Stanford University Boys Basketball Camp

Stanford Men's basketball has openings for its summer day and overnight camps beginning in mid June. Coach Haase is looking forward to seeing you at our camp this summer! The Stanford Men's Basketball Staff is committed to instructing boys of all ages how to develop and master the skills of this wonderful game of basketball.

The staff is outstanding, knowledgeable and eager to help expand young players' basketball skills, combined with having fun with Fundamentals! For detail, please go to: <http://www.stanfordboysbasketball.com/>

Looking for families to host exchange students from Europe for 2017/18

GBE Foundation ("GBE"), a non-profit organization that works with students from Central & Eastern Europe, provides scholarships to talented, underprivileged high school students from Central & Eastern Europe. GBE has three scholarship winners for the next year - two boys, one girl. All three are rising juniors, academically gifted, talented from truly humble backgrounds. They are looking for a chance of their lives to study at a high school

in California. GBE is looking for a host family willing to host the student for 10 months.

GBE will arrange logistics and visa via a partner student agency. For more information, please call (919) 308-4932, email to info@gbefoundation.org or visit website www.gbefoundation.org.

Foreign Exchange Students - Host Families Wanted

Is your student interested in studying abroad? Is your family interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? AFS is the largest student exchange organization in the US, with 1,100 US high school students currently studying abroad, and welcoming 2,300 foreign exchange students to the US this year (39 in the Bay Area. Learn more at www.afsusa.org

Summer Math Camp provided by Nonprofit Classic Math School

Mon- Fri, June 26 - July 21, 750 N. California Ave, Jordan Middle School, N-Wing
 Half-day (8:30AM - 1:30PM academics only)
 Full-day (8:30 AM- 4:30PM academics plus recreational sport activities) options

Unique Math centered curriculum with Math, English, Science , Art, and Coding lessons (K-8) is designed to boost each student's Math potential and prepare for the next school year. Geometry, Algebra II Crash courses and SAT I Prep offered to qualified 7-10 grades students. Free interactive Placement Test by appointment.

Free application period ends June 1st. More info: www.classicmath.org , 650-224-4226

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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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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