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| Labor Day, No School Mon Sept 4 |
| Homework Habitat Tues Sept 5, 3:15 PM |
| 6th Grade Parent, Math Information Night, JLS Cafe Wed Sept 6, 6 PM- 7 PM |
| PTA Executive Board Meeting Thurs Sept 7, 8:30 AM-10 AM |
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| PTA General Meeting, Rm 40 Thursday, Sept 21, 8:30 AM- 10 Am |

From Principal Lisa Hickey

Homework Habitat and Writing Center

Homework Habitat and Writing Center are now open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays after school in our library from 3:15 PM-4:30 PM. No registration or sign-up are needed. Homework Habitat and Writing Center are staffed by teachers and instructional aides who provide students with academic support. Students are welcome to navigate back and forth from Homework Habitat and Writing Center, depending on their own needs. If they need assistance specifically with writing (in any subject), they can seek help in the Writing Center. In addition, students who stay in either program for the whole duration will receive a "ticket" which they can put in a raffle for a prize.

Lunchtime Activities

JLS offers over 30 different clubs during lunchtime. Students should watch the daily announcements on KJLS for reminders about the day and location for each club. JLS' Calming Garden is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, located next to Room 730. This is a quiet space where students can come to relax. Some of the activities include reading in a beanbag chair, playing with kinetic sand, water painting on a stone, or coloring. Encourage your child to come check it out!

6th Grade Math Nights

Please mark your calendar for upcoming 6th grade math informational nights to be held on Sept 6th and Sept 7th at 6 PM in the Cafetorium. We will have Mandarin and Spanish translators available for the evening. Come learn about math in 6th grade as well as the math pathways through middle school.

We recommend parents attend as follows:

If your child's math teacher is McKenna, Piedrahita, Constant or Salzman, we recommend attendance on Sept 6th.

If your child's math teacher is Yribarren, Ogle, Berghout or MacMillan we recommend attendance on Sept 7th.

The presentations are the same both evenings so if you cannot attend on the recommended night, please feel free to attend the other night.

Last Days of PiE Challenge Grant

The PiE 2017-2018 fundraising campaign is happening now. Please join us in making a difference in the education of all kids in our community. PiE funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. PiE's funding provides enrichment and support in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology,

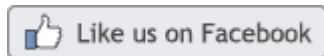
Engineering and Math), the Arts, and Wellness and Support. PiE-funded staff make a positive impact on our kids every day. Take two minutes to see (<http://papie.org/video/>) how the enriched education we want for our kids is only possible with PiE.

Every gift counts. Gifts and pledges made by Sept 5 will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. Please donate today at <http://papie.org/donate/>.

PTA membership cards and BOGO Baskin Robbins cards available for pickup in the Main Office

JLS PTA Members for 2017-18 can now get their membership cards in the Main Office. As a perk, members can also pick up a BOGO Baskin Robbins ice cream coupon. Your membership card will be blank; please sign and write in our National PTA Identification number: 00028722.

It's never too late to join the PTA! Members receive additional benefits such as discounts for Google Express, California Academy of Sciences, Aquarium of the Pacific, Legoland, and Enterprise car rental. You can see the full list of membership perks [here](#). To join, stop by the Main Office for a form; \$15 dues can be paid by a check made out to "JLS PTA."



JLS UpToUs!

Dear JLS Parents:

Looking to connect with an old friend, or a new parent you just met?

JLS PTA is using [UpToUs](#) for its electronic Directory and community messaging (via grade-specific parent networks). [UpToUs](#) is password protected and you have control over the information you want viewable by others. You may change your information, preferences or privacy settings at anytime. Additional features include the 6th, 7th and 8th grade parent networks, volunteer signups and events. When registering your student this year, you indicated via Infinite Campus your preference to be included in emails from

the PTA or in the school Directory. Subsequently, PAUSD has only given us your information if you answered "YES". So, these are the only names in our directory.

- If you are not getting any communications from PTA, cannot sign into the directory or still want to participate, let us know.
- If you want to check or change information seen in the directory, then sign in to hide/delete/update what's associated with your account. Those who already indicated "No Directory" have been hidden.
- Any emails sent via [UpToUs](#) always include the option to "Opt Out" at the bottom.

To sign in to the JLS eDirectory (optional):

1. Go to www.uptous.com
2. Login using the email address provided to PAUSD (the same one you use for Infinite Campus)
3. Password:
 - For existing [UpToUs](#) members - No change in password
 - For new [UpToUs](#) members - Click the "Forgot Password" option and Reset Password
4. If something goes wrong, send an email to support@uptous.com

eDirectory information is replaced each year, so any modifications you make are not shared with PAUSD's database. To make permanent changes to your information or preferences, please change it by logging in to Infinite Campus and making changes there. The volunteers who produced the directory have made every attempt to ensure the data are accurate, reliable, timely and authorized to be published. Information in the directory is available to families and staff of JLS Middle School and may only be used for school related activities. It may not be used for commercial, political or marketing purposes or otherwise distributed/shared.

In addition, [UpToUs](#) has smart phone apps:

iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/uptous-for-iphone/id434277330?mt=8>

Android phones: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.uptous&hl=en>

What about eNews? JLS PTA will continue to use eNews to push out school information, district and community news. UpToUs will serve as our eDirectory and (moderated) platform for our grade-level parent networks.

If you have any concerns or comments, send an email to jlsptaemail@gmail.com.

Lili Nova-Roessig
JLS PTA President/Directory Administrator

Clare Kirner
JLS PTA VP of Communications

COMMUNITY

****NEW****Volunteer Opportunity for Parents & Grandparents at Palo Alto Art Center!

Palo Alto Art Center (1313 Newell Road), September 2017

The Palo Alto Art Center is excited to announce that we will be holding new docent training sessions this September. Training will take place September 5, 8, and 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Docents help lead school tours for the Project Look program.

Project Look serves K - 8th graders and includes an interactive tour of our galleries and hands-on art activities. Our docent community is a vibrant one, committed to lifelong learning and inspiring a love of art in all children. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parents, especially art lovers and those that enjoy working with children! Please see the attached flyer for more information and contact Grace Abusharkh, Director of Volunteer Engagement, at grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org for more information or to sign up.

****NEW****Let's Talk, A SELPA 1 CAC Support Group

Mon Sep 11, 10AM-12PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality. For more information, see www.selpa1cac.org.

****NEW****Parent Chat, Mental Health Subcommittee SELPA 1 CAC event

Tue Sep 12, 7-8:30 PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

Are you concerned about the emotional well being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

****NEW****Challenges of Dyslexia, SELPA 1 CAC Parent Education Event

Wed Sep 20, 7-9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary, Los Altos

Join Lindamood-Bell Center Director, Leila MacCurrach, for a conversation about how intensive instruction that builds the imagery-language foundation can enable students of all backgrounds and prior diagnoses to learn to read and comprehend to their potential.

Lindamood-Bell's intensive, one-to-one, process-based instruction has been used to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension. The method has been proven successful for individuals with learning challenges, including dyslexia, hyperlexia, ADHD, and ASD.

****NEW****Family Date Night - PLAY! Fort Building

Fri, Sept 22, 7:00-8:15 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Join your friends and neighbors at the library for an evening of fort building fun. In collaboration with The Art Center's PLAY! exhibit. Please register each family member separately. Sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Library

****NEW**5th Annual Fiery Arts Fall Glass Sale at Palo Alto High School**

Fri Sep 15, 3-6 PM, Palo Alto High School Between Old and New Theatres
Sat Sep 16, 11 AM - 4 PM, Palo Alto High School Next to the Performing Arts Center.

Come see exquisite new glass designs hand-blown by instructors, alumni and students. Over 1000 unique glass pieces - pumpkins, pears, seashells, elephants, acorns, vases and more on sale to benefit Paly's Fiery Arts program. Come learn about the craft with live glass blowing demonstrations. Fall Sale flyer. For more information, contact PalyFieryArts@gmail. com or go to <http://tinyurl.com/PaloAltoHighGlass>

****NEW**Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Sponsored by Project Safety Net and the Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Program**

Wed, Sept 13, 8:30 am- 4:30 pm, Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help care. All materials will be provided.

Space is limited, so please register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL_h0h8d6kdI23Tlps0BrLm1IWocfKng/viewform .

Spectra Art Teacher Wanted

Duveneck Elementary (which has a dedicated art room), for Grade 2 - three classes every other Friday. 16 art sessions per school year TBD with classroom teacher. Classified position, credential not required. Artist with teaching experience preferred. Paid training available. Sept start time
\$30.95/hour, plus 1 hour paid prep time for each 3 hours of teaching time
Contact- PAUSD Art Coordinator Li Ezzell lezzell@pausd.org 650-329-3939

Beginning Sanskrit Classes

St. Marks Episcopal church, 600 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto CA 94306

Sanskrita Bharati Palo Alto is organizing Sanskrit Classes for children (K-3rd grade) and adults for the school year 2017-18. Beginners are welcome. Classes will begin Sunday, September 10th at 3pm.

For more info: <http://www.sanskritabharatieastbay.org/en/>

Community E, M

****NEW****Society of Bookworms - The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Levy

Wed, Sept 20, 4:00-5:00 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.
Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6. Sponsored by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

Effective Discipline with Your Strong-Willed Child (2 Sessions)
Thu, Sept 7 & Sept 14, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301

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. With Cynthia Klein, BA. Fee:\$90 for 2 sessions. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-discipline-with-your-strong-willed-child-elementarymiddle-2-sessions-registration-35886929773>

Community M, H

****NEW****Blind Banned Books
Month of September, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Zone

Banned Books Week in the Teen Zone! YA books wrapped in black paper on display in the Teen Zone have been banned or challenged. Celebrate your freedom to read by checking out banned or challenged books, and taking them home to rate your blind date for chances to win prizes. Grades 6-12.

****NEW****Banned Book to Teen Movie
Tue, Sept 26, 4:30-6:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Midtown Room

Celebrate Banned Books Week with a movie and snacks! We will be watching a movie based on a banned book. Bring your friends. Registration Required. Grades 6-12.

****NEW****Palo Alto Library Teen Maker Tuesday @MP
Tues, Sept 19, 4:30-5:30 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

An interactive program for teens featuring different Maker related projects. Registration Required. For more information, go to: <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

****NEW****Classes for middle and high school students
Saturdays, Sep 9 - Dec 2, Gunn High School

Outstanding high school students are teaching classes to raise funds for the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto. For the fifth session, Silicon Valley Youth is offering classes in Business and Entrepreneurship, Competition Speech, AMC 8/Mathcounts, Game Design, and iOS App Development classes on Saturdays at Gunn High School. Sign up starting now online at <http://siliconvalleyyouth.com/classes/>. Contact:svyouth1@gmail.com.

****NEW****How to foster the Essential Skills Adolescents Need to Thrive in College and Life

Sun, Oct 29. 10AM-4PM. Stanford University, Lathrop Library, Room 299.

This workshop focuses on the key emotional skills that parents must foster in middle-school and high-school students to prepare them for the challenges they will face when they leave home. Enrollment limited to 25 parents. Fee: \$245. Taught by child & adolescent psychiatrists Bina Patel, MD and Sujata Patel, MD, from Stanford University's Counseling & Psychological Services. Visit <https://continuingstudies.stanford.edu>, course # WSP 323, for further information.

13 Conversations About "13 Reasons Why"

Wed, Sept 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301

The Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" is an unflinching look at suicide, teen cruelty, rape culture, and adolescent emotional turmoil and trauma. Teens and tweens are entrenched in a world of social media that may give the illusion of connectivity, but can just as easily be isolating. Although the series advocates for communication and basic human decency, it doesn't explore the role of depression and other underlying mental health concerns. Join us for an important discussion about how to talk with your teen or tween about these topics in a way that is approachable, informed, and open. With Havi Hall. Fee: \$45 Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/13-conversations-about-13-reasons-why-middlehigh-school-registration-36449330930>

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE FOR 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 [Lili Nova-Roessig](#), JLS PTA President 2017-2018

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: Gerrie Phillips, Hue Tran, Suman Rangaswany
7th grade coordinators: Anjani Sarma , Mei-Hsia Tan
8th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

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