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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Sep 17



### IN THIS WEEK

Homework Habitat Mon Sept 18, 3:15 PM, Library
7th Grade Parent Network Meeting (canceled) Tues Sept 19, 8:15 am- 9:30 am, Rm 730
Homework Habitat Tues Sept 19, 3:15 PM, Library
Inclusion and Special Ed Parent Coffee Wed Sept 20, 8:15-9:45 AM Room 730
PTA General Meeting, Rm 40 Thursday, Sept 21, 8:30 AM- 10 Am
Homework Habitat Thurs Sept 21, 3:15 PM, Library

### 7th Grade Parent Network Meeting Canceled

This meeting has been canceled. We are working to reschedule the parent coffee. Please watch this space for information on the 7th grade parent network meeting.

**Parent Coffee for Families of Students with Learning Differences, Special Needs & Social Challenges**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 8:15-9:45, in room 730 at JLS**

Welcome to all parents interested in understanding more about Special Education and Inclusion at JLS. Do you have a child with an IEP or 504, or learning and social challenges and are interested in meeting other parents, building community and learning more about special education services and inclusion at JLS? Spanish and Mandarin translation provided.

Join us. Meet other parents and discuss your challenges and joys in an understanding atmosphere. Connect with local resources and get information. And discuss how we can make JLS a school for every child. For questions please contact your PTA Special Ed/Inclusion Representatives: Yael Naveh - yaeluziyel@hotmail.com or Christina Schmidt - cschmidt.cac@gmail.com

Please click [here](#) for a flyer in English and Spanish

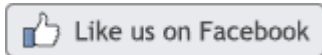
**JLS PTA Association Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 21, Room 40, after drop off**

Please join us for our first PTA general meeting of the 20172018 school year. We will present the new budget for the year, approve the calendar and talk about plans for the upcoming year. We welcome all who want to join us that morning in Room 40. See you Thursday  
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**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."

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## JLS Online and Printed Directory

### JLS ONLINE DIRECTORY

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 any time. 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".

- 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.

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.

### JLS PRINTED DIRECTORY

JLS PTA is working on creating a printed copy of the directory based on the PAUSD database using subsequent edits made by you on UpToUs. Please read below on how information will be published:

- (1) If you added information to UpToUs, but were not included in the PAUSD database, your family information will not be included in the printed directory. However, if you would still like to be included in the printed directory, please contact PTA directly at [jlsptaemail@gmail.com](mailto:jlsptaemail@gmail.com) (subject line: family name - PRINTED DIRECTORY - ADD IN). Please clearly describe what information can be included.
- (2) For families included in the PAUSD database, any subsequent edits made by you on UpToUs (edits to address, telephone, nicknames, etc...) will be included in the printed directory. However, any additional information not in the original PAUSD data will not be included. If you would like any of the additional information in the printed directory, please contact PTA directly at [jlsptaemail@gmail.com](mailto:jlsptaemail@gmail.com) (subject line: family name -

PRINTED DIRECTORY - ADDITIONAL INFO). Please clearly describe what new information can be included.

Information will be downloaded from UpToUs for the printed directory on October 2nd. If you still have questions? Please contact PTA directly atjlsptaemail@gmail.com (subject line: family name - PRINTED DIRECTORY - OTHER).

## JLS Student Store

JLS Student Store Open Friday, September 22nd, during lunch

Is your teen interested in buying a JLS hoodie, t-shirt or sweatpants 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 store will be open ones a month: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 23, April 20 and May 18.

If you ordered with an ordered online before Friday, the order can be picked up at the store.

Some articles might still be temporarily out of stock, if ordered they will be on back order.

If you signed up to volunteer you will receive a separate email about this.

The JLS Store Folks

JLSStudentStore@gmail.com  
www.JLSStudentStore.com

*The JLS Student Store is a small store on the JLS campus and is a joint cooperative effort by the Student Council, parent volunteers and the JLS administration. The JLS Student Store sells at cost.*

## Support JLS by Shopping Online

Dear JLS parents,

Did you know that you can do your normal shopping and help fundraise for JLS at the same time?

Here's how:

## **EScrip**

Please take a moment to update your information at [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and verify that your contributions are going to JLS (Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School, Group ID # 130315138). If you are new to eScrip, sign-up can be done online or at eScrip @ 1-800-400-7878. Urge your friends and relatives to sign up eScrip and make JLS their supporter group. You can support up to three schools.

## **Amazon.com**

If you shop online at Amazon.com, be sure to start every time by clicking on this [link](#) or make sure your bookmark has the exact url as this active link)

<https://www.amazon.com/?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=jp009-20>  
if you do, then at least 4% will be donated to JLS PTA.

## **Kepler's Books**

Shop at <http://www.keplers.com> , then 10% of your Kepler purchases will be donated to the JLS library. Support JLS by purchasing Kepler's Gift Cards. They NEVER expire and can be used at the JLS book fair OR at Kepler's book store anytime. They make terrific gifts for teachers and friends! Available in \$10, \$25 and \$40 denominations.

You can go to school website at <https://jls.pausd.org/contribute/donate> or at the PTA page <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/> to get more detailed information on how to support JLS by shopping online. Thanks a lot for your supporting to JLS !

## **PAUSD/PTAC**

Notice of Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials  
Tue Sep 26, 6:30 PM, Board Room, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto

The Board of Education will receive input from the public relative to certification that students have sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials for the 2017-18 school year. Additional information available through Educational Services at 650-833-4242.

Healthy Habits, Healthy Lives  
Wed, Oct 4, 6:30-8:30PM, SDC Room, District Office, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto

Navigating and understanding nutrition guidelines can be challenging and confusing. At this talk, Dr. Rosner will help to clear up some of this confusion. She will discuss healthy eating guidelines, as well as, healthy habits. Finally, she will provide ways to incorporate these suggestions into our daily lives and leave us empowered with the knowledge to lead a healthy life. Jeanne Rosner is a board certified anesthesiologist who practiced at Stanford Medical Center for nearly 20 years. Since retiring from anesthesia, she has

been a nutrition educator at local middle schools throughout the Bay area and started a venture called SOUL (seasonal, organic, unprocessed, local) Food Salon (<http://www.soulfoodsalon.com>).

## COMMUNITY

**\*\*NEW\*\*"Like" Your Favorite Photos in the Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest  
Vote until Monday, September 25th at [http://bit.ly/ EnjoyContest](http://bit.ly/EnjoyContest)**

Vote for your FAVORITE PHOTOS that were submitted to the Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest hosted by the City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department (<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/default.asp>). The "Overall Audience Favorite" winner will be chosen based on the number of "likes." Enjoy and Happy Voting! Quick tip: Scroll down the page at <http://bit.ly/EnjoyContest> to see photos.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Paly Theatre presents: The Miracle Worker  
Thu, Sep 28, 7:30 PM, Fri, Sep 29, 4 PM, Sun Oct 1, 2 PM & 7 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd.**

Please join Palo Alto High School Theatre as they present their first play of the year, the 1960 Tony Award for Best Play, The Miracle Worker. Immortalized on stage and screen by Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke, this classic tells the story of Annie Sullivan and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller. Tickets are \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 students/seniors. Reserved seating can be purchased online at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/> or at the Box office one hour prior to curtain.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Celebration of Oneness Art Exhibition  
Deadline: Sun, Oct 1**

Call for submissions of original artwork on the theme of the oneness of humanity. Entries open to students and residents of Palo Alto of all ages and artistic levels. Selected artwork will be displayed at the Rinconada Library and other Palo Alto venues, including an opening reception on November 5th. Submission details available at: [www.celebrateoneness.com](http://www.celebrateoneness.com), deadline October 1, 2017.

Email: [celebrateoneness@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateoneness@gmail.com) . Event sponsored by the Palo Alto Baha'i Community.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Connecting Palo Alto Workshop #2  
Sat, Sep 16, 10 AM - 2 PM, Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road**

The City of Palo Alto is hosting a community workshop to address longstanding challenges associated with the four grade crossings on the Caltrain rail corridor that runs through Palo Alto. Parking spaces (94) and bike racks (6) are available on site. Parking spaces (82) are also available at the Rinconada Library. Public transit accessible via VTA bus line 35. Lunch will be provided. For more information, visit [www.cityofpaloalto.org/connectingpaloalto](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/connectingpaloalto)

**Palo Alto Library -- Day of the Dead Altar**  
**Sun, Oct 15 - Sun, Nov 5 Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto CA 94306**

Submit a photo of a loved one whom has passed on to honor them at the entrance of the library's altar. Display created by Teen Library Advisory Board (TLAB).

**FREE Mindful Moms Class with Krassi Harwell**  
**Tues Sep 26 12-1:30PM, 67 Encina Ave, Palo Alto, CA**

Join our community of wise and caring moms as we navigate the rich and rewarding journey of raising kids into adults. We will practice yoga, meditate, and tap into the healing power of togetherness as we share stories, strength and support. This FREE class is for moms who have kids of all ages - particularly helpful for moms who have toddlers thru teens! Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited! <http://mindbodymoms.com/free-introductory-classes/>

**Titans Youth Cheer Clinic**  
**Sat, Sep 30, 10AM-2PM, Gunn High School Titan Gym.**

Come join the Gunn High School Varsity Cheerleaders for a fun-filled Cheer Clinic for kids K-8th grade. Kids will learn cheers and a dance that they can later perform alongside the cheerleaders at the Gunn HS Football game on Friday, Oct. 13. Lunch, water and snacks are provided at the clinic. Check-in time is 9:30AM, cost is \$40 per child (\$30 for siblings after the first registration), cash or check payment at the door. Email [gunntitans.cheer@gmail.com](mailto:gunntitans.cheer@gmail.com) to reserve your spot with "Youth Clinic" in the subject line and include the child(ren)'s name, age and grade.

**Volunteers Needed for Adopt-a-School and Adopt-a-Teacher Programs at the Ravenswood School District!**

Be a part of the exciting new things happening in Ravenswood! The Ravenswood Education Foundation (REF) is kicking off its annual Adopt-a-Teacher program for the Ravenswood City School District! The program offers the opportunity for individuals or small groups to help teachers in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park purchase much-needed supplies. REF is also launching a teacher appreciation program with an opportunity for volunteers to provide two meals honoring faculty and staff at a school. If interested, please contact Jazmin Sosa at [jsosa@ravenswoodef.org](mailto:jsosa@ravenswoodef.org) or visit REF's website to learn more about other volunteering opportunities at [www.ravenswoodef.org](http://www.ravenswoodef.org).

**Ride, Drive & Be Green: A National Drive Electric Week Celebration**  
**Sun, Sep 17, 1-4 PM, 3921 E. Bayshore Rd, Palo Alto (Park on Elwell Ct.)**

Take a FREE Test Drive in an Electric Vehicle on September 17! Did you know that the single biggest way to lower your personal carbon emissions is to drive an electric vehicle? Find out more by taking a FREE electric vehicle test drive on Sep 17. This is your chance to view and drive several models all at once, without having to visit multiple dealers. Participating vehicles will include the Chevy Bolt, Kia Soul EV, Nissan Leaf, Tesla S, and more! Adults and students 17+ years with a valid driver's license may take test drives; younger students may ride as passengers (please bring car seats if required). Contact [arianee@acterra.org](mailto:arianee@acterra.org). RSVP at [tiny.cc/PA-NDEW2017](http://tiny.cc/PA-NDEW2017). Pre-registration is not mandatory but appreciated!

**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.

**Family Date Night - PLAY! Fort Building  
Fri, Sep 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

**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](mailto:PalyFieryArts@gmail.com) or go to <http://tinyurl.com/PaloAltoHighGlass>

**The 8th Annual Bike Palo Alto, Sunday, Oct. 1 from 1:00-4:00pm**

Explore Palo Alto's enjoyable bike byways from Los Altos to Menlo Park to the Baylands! Free treats are offered at rest stops along each route. Originated and organized by neighborhood green team volunteers, this free event provides a fun way for the



community to learn about Palo Alto's great bicycling routes and resources. Bring your helmet, a water bottle for filling at water fountains, and a small pack to hold your maps and other bike goodies. Free registration is from 1-3 at El Carmelo Elementary along with any sort of bike help. Riders choose among three self-guided routes of various distances and can start filling up a Frequent Rider Card that is redeemed later for a reward. Preregistration is recommended at <https://bikepaloalto.org>.

### **Stanford ADHD Study:**

Looking for children ages 7-11 with a diagnosis of ADHD or with no diagnoses to participate in a study exploring changes in brain function in response to a novel neurofeedback training. Participation involves 6 sessions of cognitive training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at [lchromik@stanford.edu](mailto:lchromik@stanford.edu) or 650-724-2939 for more information or to enroll. For general information regarding participant rights, contact 1- 866-680-2906.

### **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.

### **\*\*NEW\*\*Free Community Service Activity for Teens (Sponsored by Get Involved Palo Alto)**

**Thu, Sep 21 3-6 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center (Matadero Room); Tue, Sep 26 3 - 6 PM, Rinconada Library (Embarcadero Room); Thu, Sep 28, 3 - 6 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center (Matadero Room)**

Help Get Involved Palo Alto meet its goal of making 1000 bookmarks for local Meals on Wheels clients. Drop in, learn about issues facing the elderly and earn up to 12 service hours making a difference. Have a snack, have some fun! For more information go to [getinvolvedpaloalto.org](http://getinvolvedpaloalto.org)

### **Tween & Teen Art Classes at the Palo 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. Register online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Home> for classes focusing on Ceramics, Drawing, Photography and Watercolor. Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello ( [rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-617-3509).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Palo Alto Library Teen Maker Tuesday @MP**

**Tue, Sept 19, 4:30-5:30PM, 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>

### **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.

## **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](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 [Lili Nova-Roessig](mailto: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](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: 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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Notify your employer of your donation to the JLS PTA, to activate their Corporate Matching Program. And THANK YOU for taking this extra step to contribute JLS Middle School!  
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