

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, April 8



IN THIS WEEK (<https://jls.pausd.org/calendar>)

Homework Habitat Mon, April 9, 3:15 PM, Library
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PTA-sponsored Latte Cart Thu, April 12, 7:30am - 10:30am, Rm 40
Connections Coffee Thu, April 12, 8:15am - 9:15am, Room 710
Homework Habitat Thu, April 12, 3:15pm, Library
Spring Sports Parent Night Thu, April 12, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Cafetorium

JLS PTA General Meeting and Elections **Thursday, April 19th 8:30AM, Room 730**

Please join us for coffee at the JLS PTA General Meeting and Elections. We will be voting in the new Executive Board for 2018-2019, reviewing financials, calendar, by-law updates and more.

The JLS PTA Nominating Committee submits its report of 2018-2019 Nominations for Office to the PTA membership:
JLS PTA 2018-2019 Proposed Executive Board
President- Lili Nova-Roessig

Executive VP- Julia Jacobsen
1st VP (Programs)- Janet Owen
2nd VP (Membership)- Bryna Chang
3rd VP (Communications)- Christy Moision
4th VP (Community Service)- Christine Hodson
5th VP (School Support)- Tiffany Aubin
Secretary- Claire Kirner
Treasurer- Maria Derrick
Auditor- Emily Jaquette
Historian- Devony Sofia Taylor

Joint Middle School Parent Ed: Screens and Memes: Understanding Your Child's Digital Life

Wednesday, April 25th from 7-8:30 PM, JLS Cafetorium

Our kids are "digital natives" - they have grown up in a world of online access and ever changing media devices. Do you wonder how to teach your child responsibility and ethics online, how to ensure they are aware of their actions, and how to best parent them in the digital age? Come join My Digital TAT2 for a highly engaging and informative presentation on Wednesday, April 25th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the JLS Cafetorium. Recommended for anyone interested in an overview of the digital landscape and learning about thoughtful ways to navigate media with your children. You will come away with strategies that support both you and your child. It is an event you will not want to miss! For more information about My Digital TAT2, please visit: www.mydigitaltat2.org or (link to the event flyer...see attached PDF)
Refreshments and Spanish/Mandarin translation will be provided. Please RSVP here: <https://goo.gl/forms/mtYj878CevOeIIDZ2>

JLS WALK & ROLL DAY!

Wednesday, April 18

For Safer Streets, Healthier Bodies and a Greener Planet, JLS students will celebrate Earth Day by reducing car trips in our community. All students are encouraged to walk, bike, skat, ride the bus/shuttle or carpool to reduce congestion in the school zone, making the streets safer for everyone. Look for Green Team and Leadership Volunteers passing out a little gift to thank you for Walking and Rolling.

Update: Neighborhood Traffic Safety & Bicycle Boulevard Project- Phase 1

Over the next week, the Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Bicycle Boulevard Project will wrap up construction of the new roundabout at E. Meadow Drive and Ross Road to help improve the safety of student cyclists. Flaggers will be present to direct student cyclists, pedestrians, and vehicular traffic during construction. Construction work hours are between 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday - Friday. It is important that school staff, parents, and students review the educational materials that the Safe Routes to School Team has available including how to navigate the new infrastructure. Please direct questions to Sarah Ratliff, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Bicycle Boulevard Community Relations Manager at sarah.ratliff@gcinc.com, (669) 225-1617. More information about the Neighborhood Traffic Safety & Bicycle Boulevard Project, including FAQ's, are available [here](#).

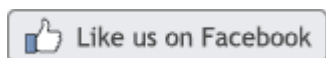
Earth Day's Great Race for Saving Water: Will you join the JLS Team? Saturday, April 14, at 9 am , Baylands Athletic Center

JLS would like to form its own team to do the 5K run/walk, but 15 students and/or parents are needed to create a team. By forming a team, members will have their own race expo space at the start/finish, receive a goody bag, and have a reduced registration price of \$15(note: that the regular cost is \$25 for those 13 years and older). More event details can be found at cityofpaloalto.org/EarthDay. Interested in joining? Please contact Helen Li at helenhuili@gmail.com before next Friday April 13.

Or you can sign up JLS 5K run/walk team at the link <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RznsN2wecAlqxImPesITgVHmVWJNKzeMYdP7aVRnB2c/edit#gid=0>

Help Raise Money for JLS While You Shop

You can do your normal shopping and help raise funds for JLS at the same time. Learn more by visiting the JLS PTA website at: <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/finances>



PAUSD/PTAC

PiE Seeking Parent Input

Please check your inbox for the Partners In Education (PiE) annual parent survey! Every spring, PiE collects input from the parent community. This information, coupled with input from each principal, determines where PiE dollars are spent in our schools the following year. Please complete the brief survey to give PiE feedback and communicate what is most important to you.

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****NEW** Read the current message from our Interim Superintendent**

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' communications here each week, in case you missed it on her Friday Infinite Campus email to you. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/news> for the latest message from Karen Hendricks.

**Proxima junta del Latino Parent Network, Ohlone Elementary School co-patrocinado por PAUSD y el concilio del PTA
Martes, Abril 17, 6 - 7:30 PM, Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue**

El Latino Parent Network se enfoca en incrementar el número de estudiantes hispanos que están completamente preparados para entrar a la universidad o carrera a la hora en la que se graduen.

Conozca al coordinador de equidad del distrito, Keith Wheeler, quien aboga por aumentar el acceso y el éxito de nuestros niños. La presentación y la discusión se llevarán a cabo en español con traducción en inglés disponible. Cuidado de niños y pizza.

**Latino Parent Network meeting at Ohlone Elementary School co-sponsored by PAUSD and PTA Council
Tue, Apr 17, 6 - 7:30 PM, Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue**

The Latino Parent Network aims to increase success for Hispanic students and ensure that 100% are college and career ready by the time they graduate. Meet the district's Equity Coordinator, Keith Wheeler, who is advocating to increase access and success for our children. The presentation and discussion will be conducted in Spanish with English-translation available. Childcare and dinner provided.

PAUSD Secondary Art Exhibition

JLS, Mar 13 - Apr 13,

Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM, Closed Sat-Sun, Main Hallway, 25 Churchill Avenue

This exhibition features artwork by PAUSD 6-12. Visual Art students in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, Graphic Design, sculpture, ceramics, and glass.

Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, April 26th, 8 a.m.

Each year, the Palo Alto CAC honors the bus drivers who play a vital role in transporting students to and from school. The event will be on April 26th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., when 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@gm ail.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 22nd. Sponsored by <http://cacpaloalto.org/>

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2018-19 PTA Council Executive Board (<http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/>)

Congratulations to the recently elected 18-19 PTA Council (PTAC) Board. We have an amazing group of talented volunteers. PTAC is the umbrella organization of the 17 unit PTAs of the Palo Alto Unified School District and works to improve the education, health and welfare of all children and youth.

Board Position	Name
President	Jade Chao
EVP	Christina Schmidt
Historian	Lilli Nova-Roessig

Secretary	Heather Sahami
Treasurer	Meilani Hendrawidjaja
Treasurer	Shweta Choudhry
VP Advocacy	Sara Armstrong
VP Communications	Greta Olbrich
VP Communications	Gabrielle Conway
VP Community Outreach	Michelle Higgins
VP Education	Beth May & Sara Woodham
VP Health & Wellness	Dave Shen
VP Health & Wellness	Sumita Vasudeva
VP Parent Education	Charu Gupta
Auditor	Appointed
Parliamentarian	Appointed
Immediate Past President	Audrey Gold

****NEW** Take It Personally: Project Cornerstone's Engaging Workshop for Parents and Caregivers
Wed Apr 11, 18, 25, May 2, May 9 (5 weeks), Jordan Middle School, MP Room, 750 N California Av.**

A strong family is the best predictor of children's success. Join us to discover tools for strengthening your relationship with your children in this 5-week workshop. Each week we will discuss and practice ways to show caring, giving support, setting boundaries, and building strong relationships that help youth succeed in school and life! You do not need to be a parent from Jordan, just an adult who cares about helping kids thrive. Language Translation available upon request. Workshop paid for by PAUSD / Suggested donation for workbook & materials: \$20.00
Sign Up today: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945aba72d6-take>
Questions? Contact Mary Crum at Mary@projectcornerstone.org

****NEW**Sun safety and skin health: Parent talk by PAMF Dermatologist Dr. Amy Adams
Tue, Apr 24, 6.30PM, Fairmeadow Elementary School, MP Room, 500 E. Meadow Dr. Palo Alto**

Join PAMF Dermatologist and parent Dr. Amy Adams for a brief informative talk on sun safety. With warm sunny days just around the corner, kids will be spending more time outside. This means more exposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays, which increase the risk of skin cancer. It's time to get prepared! Amy's talk will cover: why kids' skin needs protection from the sun, why sun protection isn't only for people with pale skin, how to get adequate vitamin D, how to choose a sunscreen for your family, how to recognize skin cancer. Parents and caregivers, children and staff are all welcome. Please RSVP at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d2c5joMquZQQw-ICpKYuEYBSqPVa0k0RqJaVEe0qqOI/edit#gid=0>
For any questions, please contact Belinda Ryan at belinda.ryan@gmail.com.

**How we do know what's true anymore?
Mon, Apr 9, 7 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center**

Democracy requires well-informed voters to thrive. Yet truth and facts are under assault from misinformation, disinformation, propaganda and fake news. Learn strategies, tips and tools to gauge the credibility of information from experts at Snopes, Data for Democracy, Google, Facebook, Stanford University, and the Institute for the Future. Event is designed for high school students, parents and all other adults, and co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Palo Alto and the Palo Alto PTA Council. Registration (free) & information: <https://goo.gl/SHLwmm>

Summer Camps Held at PAUSD Sites

Looking for a summer camp in your neighborhood or at one of our Palo Alto Unified school sites? Now you can find it at the PTAC website at <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/2018-summer-camps/>.

Camp providers listed on this page host activities/summer camps at PAUSD Schools, and pay rental fees to our district. These rental fees help to defray the cost of running our schools while providing local opportunities for our kids. PTA Council does not endorse one camp over another. This service is offered to give parents an easy way to find out what is being offered and where. Please contact the PTAC Webmaster to recommend updates to this information. There is no charge to providers to be listed.

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****NEW**SAVE THE DATE!! All parents are invited to a presentation by Jackson Katz, Ph.D., co-founder of Mentors in Violence Prevention
Wed, Apr 11, 7 - 8:30 PM, Media Arts Center (MAC), Palo Alto High School**

Watch Dr. Jackson Katz Ted Talk "Violence against women: it is a men's issue": https://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_katz_violence_against_women_it_s_a_men_s_issue/up-next To learn more about Dr. Jackson Katz: <http://www.jacksonkatz.com/> This presentation is an initiative of the Interim Superintendents RISE Taskforce. <https://www.pausd.org/committees-task-forces/responsive-inclusive-safe-environment-rise> This event is suitable for parents and guardians. Spanish and Mandarin translation available. Childcare provided.

****NEW**One on One Aides Needed at School Sites
Mon-Fri, 4-6.5 hrs hours per day at a number of our schools**

The PAUSD Special Ed Department has a critical need for Student Attendants (one on one Aides) to provide classroom support to students with learning and behavioral needs for the remainder of this school year. If you have some extra time, and would be interested in working in the schools, apply on line at www.pausd.org/explore/pausd/human-resources/jobs You may also call Anne Le, PAUSD Classified HR, 650-329-3957 for more information.

****NEW**Parent Chat****Tue. Apr 10, 7 - 8:30pm, 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**Let's Talk****Mon. Apr 16, 7pm - 9pm, 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. Organized by SELPA 1 CAC <http://www.selpa1cac.org/>

****NEW**Taking Care of You: Mindfulness and Parenting with Challenges****Wed Apr 18, 7-9 pm, Santa Rita Elementary School, 700 Los Altos Road, Los Altos**

With Dr. Linda Lotspeich, Child Psychiatrist and Clinical Professor. Parenting a child with disabilities can lead to difficult emotions and stress. The practice of mindfulness, including meditation, can reduce stress, improve self-esteem and allow you to better manage these emotions. Learn to move from coping to living a more meaningful life in the present moment, while still planning for the future.

****NEW**Wildflower Yoga Women's Circle at Blossom****Tue, Apr 17, 7:45-9:15pm, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA**

This 6 week series invites women of all ages to treat yourself to a unique offering of vitalizing yoga, inspiring meditation, self-love journaling followed by a sharing circle nourishing your soul and body with laughter, tea and divine treats. By making the time to nourish yourself and cultivate your own wellbeing, you will plant joyful seeds of more self-care and regain more energy and inspiration to nourish your loved ones. Register now for this 6 week series as space is limited!
<https://www.blossombirth.org/wildflower-yoga-womens-circle.html>

****NEW**Gunn High School Guest Artist Concert featuring JLS Choral Director, Angelina Fitzhugh****Wed Mar 28 at 7:30pm, St Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Av., Palo Alto**

Each year the Gunn Choir features a different guest conductor or soloist in their March concert. This year we feature the amazing choral director from JLS Middle School, Angelina Fitzhugh. It is a fun and eclectic program with contemporary choral works by Stephen Paulus, Shawn Kirchner, Rollo Dillworth and Kim Andre Arnesen. Admission: \$7 Adults, \$5 Students

Mindful Moms Yoga Class with Krassi Harwell**Tues Apr 10-Jun 12, 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 ongoing group is for moms who have kids of all ages - particularly helpful for moms who have toddlers thru teens!

Registration is required for this group offered by Mind Body Moms, in partnership with the Palo Alto Medical Foundation.
<http://mindbodymoms.com/schedule/>

Help Students Who Need You Most - Learn about All Students Matter on April 25 or 26

Come learn about volunteering next school year, once a week in a K-5th grade classroom in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park where students face many challenges and are eager for your support to build academic and social/emotional skills. Hear about the impact you can have by joining us 10am on Wed, Apr 25 in Atherton or Thurs, Apr 26 in Palo Alto at the home of a current volunteer. Contact Jeanette Kennedy at jkc_kennedy@yahoo.com to receive details. Learn more about us at www.allstudentsmatter.org.

**Grassroots Ecology and Watershed Stewards Program Volunteer Opportunities
Sat Mar 31, 9am-1pm, Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley Street**

Please join Grassroots Ecology and the Watershed Stewards Program for this fun and family-friendly two-part event! Help install rain barrels and a native plant rain garden and learn how to use rainwater in your own home! Wear work clothes and sturdy shoes.

To register, visit: gamblegardenpart1.eventbrite.com (3/17) and gamblegardenpart2.eventbrite.com (3/31)
questions: devon@grassrootsecology.org

**FREE Women's Wellness Workshop: A Taste of the Season
Fri Apr 13, 10-11AM, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA**

In this FREE workshop, Jalene Salus will offer an introductory taste of Integrative Nutrition as she shows you some sweet and simple ways to nourish your mind, body and spirit. Enjoy a little taste of some seasonal spring bites while you discuss foods to support your unique body - and your family - this spring. Jalene will show you how aligning your self-care with the rhythm of the season can guide you on your path of women's wellness as she engages you in fulfilling dialogue with other thoughtful, wise women. Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited!
<http://mindbodymoms.com/event/tasteoftheseasonforspringfree/>

****NEW**Spring Women's Wellness Group with Jalene Salus
Fri Apr 20 - Jun 15, 9:15-11:15am. Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA**

In this nourishing group, Jalene Salus will share the wisdom of Integrative Nutrition as she introduces sweet and simple ways to nourish your mind, body and spirit. Enjoy a little taste of organic, local, seasonal winter bites while you discuss foods to support your unique body - and your family's health - this winter. Jalene will show you how aligning your self care with the rhythm of the season can guide you on your path of women's wellness as she engages you in fulfilling dialogue with other thoughtful, wise women. Registration is required as space is limited! <http://mindbodymoms.com/wellness-groups/>

**Terrariums & Movie
Tue, Apr 3, 3-5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd**

Make your own mini-world succulent terrarium to keep in your garden or give away to a loved one. We will also be watching a movie. Grades 5-12 only. Please register here <https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739e7c09f5a63400f8ce33> for this event.

**Cupcake Wars & Movie
Thu, Apr 5, 3-5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd**

Decorate your own cupcake with as much icing as you want and then compete in Cupcake Wars! We will also watch a movie. Grades 5-12 only. Please register here <https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739fed09f5a63400f8ce4e> for this event.

Friday Fun @ MP

Fri, Apr 6, 4-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Drop in for Legos, board games, and crafts. All ages are welcome!

Family Film Festival @ MP

Sat, Apr 14, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Enjoy a movie with your family at the library. See library website for movie title. All ages are welcome!

Family Date Night - The Children of the World

Fri, April 20, 7:00-8:15PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Bring your imagination and help us create decorations for our May Fete Parade "float." All ages welcome! Please register for this event. Sponsored by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

El Camino Youth Symphony Annual Benefit Concert: A Celebration of American Composers

Sat, Apr 7, 7:30 PM, Flint Center, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino

Joining the Symphony for Rhapsody in Blue is Bay Area native and award-winning pianist Taylor Eigsti. Program: Rhapsody in Blue, "Symphonic Dances" from West Side Story, and Lincoln Portrait narrated by Maestro Michael Morgan, Conductor of the Oakland Symphony. ECYS will also debut a commissioned work by composer and SF Symphony violinist Mark Volkert!

2018 Palo Alto Middle School Math Summer Program

Terman Middle School; 6/11-15 (Session 1) or 6/18-22 (Session 2); 1-4pm

Run by the Palo Alto and Gunn high school math clubs, the Palo Alto Middle School Math Camp aims to foster incoming 6th through 9th grader students' passion for mathematics through individually paced training and one-on-one teaching. Students will learn problem-solving techniques geared towards the MathCounts and AMC 8 competition series. MS Math Camp will be suitable for any student who enjoys math and will be fun for students of all grades and math levels. We suggest a donation of \$300-350 for new students or \$250 for returning students, siblings, PAUSD Middle School Summer School students, and/or those also attending Paly Science Camp (<https://palyscioly.org/paly-science-camp/>). All income from the camp goes towards supporting the Palo Alto High School and Gunn High School math clubs for the following year, in order to allow high school students to attend math competitions. If you are interested in registering, please fill out the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/MSMathCamp2018>. Contact palymathclub@gmail.com for any questions.

City of Palo Alto Earth Day Event: Participate or Volunteer

The City of Palo Alto is seeking participants and event volunteers of ALL AGES for their upcoming Earth Day event. The event will be held at the Baylands Athletic Center on April 14th, 2018. The event kicks off with the Great Race for Saving Water, a 5K run/walk and kids 1K fun run to raise awareness about water resources, conservation and environmental health. The fun continues with an Earth Day festival offering team awards, raffle prizes, live music, food trucks, electric vehicle ride &

drive, guided bird walk, group bike ride, nature walks, zoo animals, arts & crafts, library book mobile, Smokey the Bear, community booths, environmental and public safety resources. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIcrQQWNHHWwgvVgt7uJaDLun1eVp5hcO8P2subD0dHa17bA/viewform> to volunteer, and register <https://www.sweattracker.com/Registration/SavingWater> for the race. Questions? Contact PAUSD Sustainability Program Manager Rebecca Navarro at rnavarro@pausd.org

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

Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony (soon-to-be Golden State Youth Orchestra) invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2018-19 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 experienced coaches, and perform in concerts throughout the Bay Area. There are openings for all instrumentalists, though the most in-demand instruments are: Percussion, Bassoon, All Brass, String Bass, Viola, and Saxophone. Auditions are held in March/April for the season that begins in August/September. Apply online at www.ECYS.org. Call ECYS at 650-665-9046 for more information.

Youth Community Service Seeking Program Coordinators for Youth Initiative

Youth Community Service (YCS) is a community-based nonprofit that engages our PAUSD students in meaningful service-based learning that builds leadership and life skills. YCS has been funded by local government grants to launch a Youth Connectedness Initiative in Palo Alto. YCS is hiring two coordinators for this Initiative: a Parent Program Coordinator to help facilitate parent workshops and activities on youth connectedness; and a Youth Program Coordinator to work with YCS staff to help adolescents develop protective factors, such as positive perception of self, service to others, and caring developmental relationships with peers and adults. YCS seeks candidates - either recent college grads, or professionals who have stepped away from the workplace to raise a family or run a household. For more information and how to apply, visit: <http://youthcommunityservice.org/careers/>

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School April 7-8, 21-22; May 5-6, 19-20; June 2-3; and summer too. 9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto

These 2 day workshops are open to the public, students and parents. You learn glass blowing technique in this hands-on 2-day weekend workshop. Advanced Sign up is required. Class limit is 4. Teens and adults. \$425 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School Fiery Arts Boosters.

Contact: David Camner, founder of Paly Glass, dcamner@pausd.org, for more information & dates

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Society of Bookworms - A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle Wed, Apr 18, 4 -5 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

Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2018

Sessions: Robot Design & Hardware, Programming, Entrepreneurship & Website Design, Animation & Graphic Design

July 23 - 27; July 30 - August 3

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 mathematics (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Saturday, Feb 3, at 10AM. Campers will be able to sign up for one of four sessions per week. This camp will be hosted at Palo Alto High School. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at summercamp@palyrobotics.com. For further details, go to <http://palyrobotics.com/summercamp/>.

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****NEW**Teen Wellness Group with Danielle Seybold, Associate MFT Sat Apr 14 - May 12 3-5pm 4966 El Camino Real ste #115, Los Altos, CA**

Teens will have the opportunity to explore a fulfilling mixture of mindfulness, community, and expressive arts activities. Activities include gentle movement warm-ups, sensory-awareness mindfulness practices, creative arts and a dialogue about common sources of stress to help normalize the challenges teens face. Teens will also learn practical, simple & straightforward techniques to increase resilience during challenging times.
http://mindbodymoms.com/event/teen_wellness_spring_2018/

Host Families Wanted for 2018-19 Foreign Exchange Students

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 about 1,000 US high school students currently studying abroad, and 2,200 foreign exchange students studying in the US this year (30 in the Bay Area). Currently AFS has 1 student at Paly, and typically hosts 1 or 2 students at Gunn. Study abroad is a great way for your student to learn a culture, language, and to mature. Hosting a student builds bonds that can last a lifetime, and is a great way to broaden your student's horizons. Learn more at www.afsusa.org

Teenpower Safety and Self Defense Workshop Sun, Apr 15, 1-6 PM, 3900 Ventura Court

Designed for teens ages 13-17, this workshop gives teens focused practice in using boundary-setting, conflict resolution, self-protection, and self-defense skill. Includes physical skills with a padded instructor. \$140 per teen. Pre-registration required. For more information, contact safety@kidpower.org or call (800) 467-6997. www.kidpower.org

****NEW**Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp June 4-8 and June 11-15**

For the past 14 years, students have left Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp with improved public speaking, research skills, critical thinking abilities, and self-confidence. Taught by Paly's nationally ranked speech and debate team, the camp offers an unmatched 4:1 student-to-counselor ratio that provides students with individualized support. Whether a student is a first-

time camper with a fear of public speaking or a seasoned competitor, PASDC offers customized curriculum for students of all experience levels with our basic and advanced tracts. Register or learn more at pasdc.com.

Palo Alto Art Center Summer Counselor-in-Training Application Now Available

The Counselor in Training applications for the summer of 2018 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. CITs offer support through classroom management, encouraging campers, prepping art supplies and more. 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. Applications must be returned to the Palo Alto Art Center via mail or in person drop off. Only complete applications will be considered. Spots fill up fast, get your application in as soon as possible! Summer 2018 Counselor in Training Application & Information: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63786> Summer 2018 Lead Counselor in Training Application & Information: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63787>

March Madness of Books Month of March, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

The Teen Library Advisory Board have come up with 16 book titles all competing to be 2018's Book Champion! Play along and fill out a bracket to see which YA book wins it all for a chance to win prizes!

Palo Alto Youth Journalism Summer Camp Mon July 30 to Fri Aug 3 in the Media Arts Center at Palo Alto High School

After three hugely successful summers, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again this summer with its fourth year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center) on July 30th - August 3th. A new leadership team and with a plethora of journalism experience is in place and eager to educate new campers on a variety of journalistic skills including critical thinking, research, graphic design, and expository writing techniques. Counselors are the fun and qualified students of Paly's seven publications. The camp is open to all rising 8th and 9th graders, all proceeds support Paly's journalism program for the following year. Registration and more information can be found at this website: paly.io/campmac.

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!

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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: 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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