

**Subject:** JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, April 29



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

6th Grade CAASPP Testing Mon, April 30- Fri, May 4
Staff Appreciation Week Mon, April 30- Fri, May 4
Homework Habitat Mon, April 30, 3:15 PM, Library
PTA Cinco de Mayo Staff Appreciation Lunch Tue, May 1, 12pm - 1pm, Room 730
Homework Habitat Tues, May 2, 3:15 PM, Library
PTA-sponsored Latte Cart (for Staff Only) Thu, May 3, 7:30am - 10:30am, Room 40
Homework Habitat Thu, April 26, 3:15pm - 4:30pm, Library

### **Staff Appreciation Week** **Mon, April 30 to Fri, May 4**

The PTA will be celebrating our teachers and staff all week long with lunch and

latte carts and so much more! Feel free to send a note or have your child write a note to a teacher or staff member to let them know how grateful you are for their hard work. Thank you JLS staff for all your do for our children!

### **Cinco de Mayo Staff Appreciation Lunch** **Tuesday, May 1**

JLS PTA is hosting a staff appreciation lunch on Tuesday, May 1. We are still in need of volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. This is great way to meet our wonderful JLS staff and let them know how much we appreciate them. If you are available, please consider helping out. Sign-up [here](#)

**Notice of special meeting: JLS PTA Association Meeting  
Tuesday, May 29, 8:30AM, Room 40**

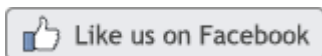
JLS PTA is having a special meeting to review/approve the proposed changes to its bylaws approved by the Executive Board on March 22, 2018. Changes are noted below:

1. Decrease membership dues from \$15.00 to \$6.00 per member  
Article IV, Section 4, p. 3

Each member of the association shall pay annual dues of ~~fifteen dollars \$15.00~~ **six dollars (\$6.00) per member (also means per capita) to the association.**

**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](#)



## PAUSD/PTAC

**PAUSD E, M, H**

**\*\*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.

## PTAC E, M, H

### Click My Cause

Speak up now for PAUSD students! Take action with a fast click of a button. Your voice needed to advance 3 critical CA education bills:

- Increase funding for K-12 education (AB 2808). CA schools are funded far below national average (cost-of-living adjusted)
- Pupil suicide prevention and training (AB 2639, Asm Berman)
- Invest in Pre-K education (AB 1754). Every dollar invested in early education saves CA many, many more dollars later
- Download the Click My Cause iPhone app (with download instructions) at <https://clickmycause.com/download/> Select "Palo Alto PTA Council" to send your alerts. Look for repeated alerts through September 30, 2018 Click "Ok" to allow notifications. You must do this to receive your mobile alerts

### LEGOLAND

Enjoy a day at LEGOLAND on us! PTA Family Field Trip: Visit LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium for only \$55 per adult or child. That's half off the regular price! Must be reserved and pre-paid by phone. Call (760) 438-5346 and have your school name ready (minimum purchase 6 tickets).

PTA Kids Go Free (Online): Visit [www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscout](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscout) to purchase one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium and receive one free child admission. Enter discount code 15031.

PTA Kids Go Free (Flier): Visit [www.LEGOLAND.com/ptaflyer](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/ptaflyer) to print your own flier and bring it to a LEGOLAND California ticket booth to receive one free child with one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium.

### 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.

## COMMUNITY

**Summer Math Camp provided by Nonprofit Classic Math School.**

We would like to invite parents and students to our annual Summer Math Camp OpenHouse which will be held on May 8th, Tuesday, at 7:00 pm in Jordan Middle School (750 North California Ave, Palo Alto).

This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, learn more about Classic Math School overall teaching principles and ideas as well as School-Year-Round programs.

After live presentation, your questions will be answered, while your students will be offered a free Interactive Placement Test.

Light refreshment will be served.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child on May 8th!

**Community M****\*\*NEW\*\*Special Editions of Design\_Code\_Build @CHM**

**Sat, May 12 & Sun, June 10, 10 AM - 4 PM, Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View**

These special events welcome middle school students (grades 6 through 8) and their parent/guardian to take part in an intergenerational exploration of computer programming concepts. Families will work hands-on with Raspberry Pi technology, write detailed instruction sets to "program" each other through a life-size maze, and learn about the relevance and impact of computer history. There is a \$15 registration fee per student; contact Cate Robbins (crobbins@computerhistory.org) for financial assistance or to sign up a group. Learn more and register here: <http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/>

**Community E, M, H****\*\*NEW\*\*Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk**

**Sat, May 5, 9 AM, Byrne Open Space Preserve Los Altos Hills**

Come out for the 17th Annual Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk, and make Los Altos Hills Pathways your home run! This year's event will enjoy a special Cinco de Mayo theme so wear your favorite festive running attire. Free sombreros for interested participants will be available at packet pickup and race day while supplies last. This fun annual event begins at the Westwind Community Barn, runs through the Byrne Preserve and extends into the Los Altos Hills Pathways system. The run features a hilly and challenging 5K and 10K Pathways Run/Walk and a 1-Mile Fun Run. Special comfy Home Run race shirts will be provided along with finisher medals to those who register. To register, volunteer or for more race information contact Sarah Robustelli 650-947-2518, [srobustelli@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto:srobustelli@losaltoshills.ca.gov) or visit the event website at [www.lahpathwaysrun.org](http://www.lahpathwaysrun.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\*Magical Strings West Spring Concert 2018**

**Sun, Apr 29, 3:30 - 5 PM, Menlo-Atherton Center for Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Rd, Atherton**

Reserve your tickets at [magicalstringswest.eventbrite.com](http://magicalstringswest.eventbrite.com). Free Admission. Magical Strings West, a group of talented young violinists from age 3 to 18, once again will present a wonderful program this year, with music by Bach, Vivaldi, Bartok, Telemann, Brahms, Veracini and more.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Tangos De Concierto: Tango Music for the Concert Hall  
Sun, May 6, 7 PM, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, SecondStage, Mountain View,**

Virtuosic Argentinian pianist, Pablo Estigarribia to tango his way into your hearts! An alluring night of musical passion and classical elegance. The skillful blend of tango colors with classical virtuosity and jazz flavor hits the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts stage with Maestro Pablo Estigarribia from Buenos Aires. Come and delight in his award winning piano solos, Tangos De Conciertos, and the debut of exclusive works with local guest artists. The program highlights Pablo's original tango music with brief narratives. <https://tickets.mvcpa.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=214> \$35 Adults/Seniors, \$26 Students (21 & Under), \$19 Children (12 & Under). Ticket price includes \$3 Facility Use Fee. Other fees, depending on method of purchase, may apply

**\*\*NEW\*\*Grace Lutheran Preschool Community BBQ and Silent Auction  
Sun Apr 29 4-7pm at Grace Lutheran Church**

Join us for an evening of old fashioned BBQ and fun with Zuc's Frontyard BBQ, a jumpy house, face painting, and a silent auction with offerings for the whole family. Proceeds support the Grace Lutheran Preschool scholarship fund and Grace Lutheran Church Youth Group.

Purchase tickets in advance at [gracepre.org](http://gracepre.org). \$15 for adults/\$10 for children under 10. Questions? 650-493-8942

**\*\*NEW\*\*Paly Theatre Annual One Acts Showcase May 3-5  
Thu-Sat May 3 - 5, 7.30PM, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School**

Paly Theatre is hosting their annual One Act One Acts which are a student produced and directed performance of a variety of short shows. Some of these shows were written by students, and all of them are directed by students. These shows are unique and it's not every day you get to see work that's created almost entirely by high-school students - don't miss out! Tickets will be sold at the door -- \$5 for students; \$10 for adults; cash only. More details available at <https://www.palytheatre.com/>

**\*\*NEW\*\*Parent Chat: Support for Parents of Teens with Mental Health Challenges  
Tue. May 8 & Tue. June 12, 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: Parent Spec Ed Support Group  
Mon. May 14, 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. Organized by SELPA 1 CAC <http://www.selpa1cac.org/>

**\*\*NEW\*\*Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment for 2018-2019,**

Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 55 years, and is accepting new enrollment. School year starts on 8/17/2018. Class meets every Friday 7-9 PM at JLS Middle School. There are two tracks. The Mandarin track is offered from Preschool to Grade 12, for students from heritage families. The Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) track is offered from intro, beginning, intermedia to advanced level for students with various exposure to Chinese language. Please join us for a school open house and classroom visit on 4/27 and 5/4. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email [contact@paloaltochineseschool.org](mailto:contact@paloaltochineseschool.org).

**Volunteers Needed!**

Host families needed for exchange students in the Bay Area. Currently, FLAG, a U.S.-based nonprofit international exchange organization with more than a 25 year history, is seeking host families in the Bay Area. Please contact Janine at 408-505-2353 for more information or visit: <https://www.flag-intl.org/host.html>

**\*\*NEW\*\*Palo Alto World Music Day 2018 10th Anniversary Save the Date, Musicians and Volunteers Wanted  
Sun, Jun 17, 3-7:30 PM, University Avenue from Webster-High St.(closed to traffic and open for pedestrians)**

The City of Palo Alto has declared Sunday June 17 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 tenth 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.

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. For more info: [www.pamusicday.org](http://www.pamusicday.org) or [info@pamusicday.org](mailto:info@pamusicday.org). Volunteer please visit; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaba72ea5fc1-paworld1> Please invite all your Facebook friends to go to Palo Alto World Music Day 2018 10th Anniversary <https://www.facebook.com/events/141970819972338/> For more info on Make Music Day <http://www.makemusicday.org/>

**Family Fun Day - FREE Preschool/Elementary Event @ Parents Place  
Sun, Apr 29, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave.**

Celebrate families and young children at Parents Place Family Fun Day! Bounce in our toddler fun zone, rock out to live music, sample a tasty treat, and play at one of the many children's activity tables, sponsored by our community partners. Meet parenting experts and pop into a 20-minute mini-workshops on everything from mindfulness to toileting tips, while your children enjoy our playroom. FREE for kids of all ages (and their grown-ups too!). Free Community Event! Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parents-place-family-fun-day-2018-all-ages-registration-39100005168>

**LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY SURVEY**

In order to better gauge the experiences and needs of the LGBTQ+ community, the Human Relations Commission(HRC) of the City of Palo Alto has created a survey. Friends, family members and allies are also welcome to complete the survey. The HRC wants to learn what it can do to better support the LGBTQ+ community in Palo Alto and establish priorities for future projects and initiatives. The survey is located at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQS](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQS) survey. The deadline to respond is June 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Minka van der Zwaag, Human Services Manager at [minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-463-4953.

**Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Auditions for New Members  
Sun, Apr 29, Mitchell Park Community Center**

PACO invites young string musicians (elementary through high school age) to audition for the 2018-19 season. For more information and to schedule an audition please visit [www.pacomusic.org/auditions/](http://www.pacomusic.org/auditions/). Email [info@pacomusic.org](mailto:info@pacomusic.org) or call (650) 856-3848 for questions.

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### **Learn about Girl Scouts April 30**

**Mon, Apr 30, 7-8pm Girl Scout House (In Riconda Park near the Junior Museum)  
1120 Hopkins Ave Palo Alto 94301**

Come learn about Girl Scouts while having fun with games, songs, and activities. Learn how troops are formed, how to register, and meet with other interested families. Girls are welcome but not required. If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please contact [ddrummond@girlscoutsnorcal.org](mailto:ddrummond@girlscoutsnorcal.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](http://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  
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](mailto:dcamner@pausd.org), for more information & dates

## **Community E, M**

### **Incoming 6th Grade Families to Terman/Fletcher! Welcome!!**

Please Help with One Thing at Terman/Ellen Fletcher Next Year. We need you! We are lucky to have such a strong community of volunteers at this school. Volunteers help ensure that our children feel safe, happy and welcome, and that our staff feels appreciated. There are many traditions that our school looks forward to celebrating: the school dances, the School carnival, the science fair, etc. If you wish to keep these events in the 18/19 year, please get involved. You may help with a single event or co-chair with a friend. We also welcome new ideas.

You can join at [https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?\\_flowId=directOpportunity-flow&path=HzuhWZnEioEMWYwVjRuuWn1v0QNGPkW1QrFs5tPc8Eo=](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=directOpportunity-flow&path=HzuhWZnEioEMWYwVjRuuWn1v0QNGPkW1QrFs5tPc8Eo=) or contact Audrey G for more information ([audreygold@gmail.com](mailto:audreygold@gmail.com)). We also have PTA board positions open: Co- VPs of School Activities and looking for a co-VP of Community Activities.

## **Community M, H**

### **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](http://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](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](#) 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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