

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

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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, May 13



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

Volunteer Appreciation Coffee Mon, May 14, 8:15am - 9:15am, Library Courtyard
Homework Habitat Mon, May 14, 3:15pm - 4:30pm, Library
Site Council meeting Mon, May 14, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Room 40
8th grade Exit Interviews Tue, May 15, 8:15am - 3:00pm Gym, Wrestling & Dance Rooms
Homework Habitat Tue, May 15, 3:15pm - 4:30pm, Library
8th grade Exit Interviews Wed, May 16, 8:15am - 12:25pm Gym, Wrestling & Dance Rooms
Connections Board meeting Wed, May 16, 8:15am - 9:15am, Conf Room B
Spring Band Concert Wed, May 16, 7pm - 8pm, JLS Amphitheater

8th grade Exit Interviews Thu, May 17, 8:15am - 12:25pm Gym, Wrestling & Dance Rooms	<b>Message from the Principal</b>
Last day of Homework Habitat Thu, May 17, 3:15pm - 4:30pm, Library	We're almost halfway through the month of May. It's a busy and fun month at school with many activities happening before school ends. It's hard to believe that the last day of school is less than three weeks away.
JLS Orchestra Concert Thu, May 17, 7pm - 8pm	
Student Store Open during lunch Fri, May 18, 12:30pm - 1:00pm	8th grade exit interviews are next week (Tuesday-Thursday). We ask that students dress in business casual attire. Some options include a polo shirt, button down shirt, sweater, blouse, pants, or a dress/skirt.
Connections End of Year Picnic Fri, May 18, 6pm - 8pm, Mitchell Park	

Friday, June 1st is the last day of school and a minimum day, with school ending at 12:25 PM. The 8th grade promotion ceremony is the same evening, starting at 5:30 PM. We are asking students to line up in the driveway at 4:45 PM. The PTA-sponsored promotion party will follow the ceremony.

I want to wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday! Take time to relax and enjoy a special day that celebrates all that mothers do for their children. Mothers are amazing, loving, strong, selfless, and graceful. I believe this to be particularly true for mothers of adolescent children. While being the mother of a middle school student can sometimes be challenging at times, remember how powerful it is that your child is becoming more independent and finding their voice to express their thoughts.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Coffee**

On Monday morning, May 14, JLS will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Coffee to honor all parents who've contributed to our school this year. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who have given their time in a variety of ways from packet stuff and Jump Start Day all the way to the 8th grade promotion party. Please join us at 8:15 AM in the library courtyard for coffee and treats. We want all parents who have volunteered in any capacity at JLS to be there. You may have driven on a field trip, chaperoned a dance, helped in the library, volunteered at a PTA event, or contributed food to the monthly staff latte cart. We look forward to seeing you on Monday morning. Thank you.

### **Learn More About the Ross Road Bike Boulevard**

On Monday, May 14 during morning arrival time, stop by the front office to learn more about the new Bicycle Boulevard along Ross Road. For those with questions, Palo Alto City Staff will help explain how to use the new facilities and will share how research-based traffic calming safety enhancements along Ross Rd. will help encourage more students and families to choose bicycling as an option in Palo Alto. For more information, please check the [Safe Routes to School Education Resources page](#).

### **DEADLINE, 8th GRADERS: PLEASE PURCHASE PROMOTION PARTY TICKETS NOW!**

Come celebrate with your classmates on your final day of middle school - all JLS 8th graders are invited! There is still time to send in your form but you need to act fast!

This is not just your ordinary dance/party. There will be catered food, chocolate fountain, dancing with a fabulous DJ, photobooth, games and more. We encourage ALL 8th graders to attend - it's the biggest party of they year!

The party starts right after the promotion ceremony on Friday, June 1st and goes until 10:30pm. Tickets are \$25 per student, scholarships are available.

Invitations were sent home but you can also find a copy [here](#). Print the invitation and send the completed form with payment into JLS.

We need volunteers to help make this event awesome! [Sign up to volunteer here](#).  
Questions? Contact the promotion party team at [JLSpromteam@gmail.com](mailto:JLSpromteam@gmail.com)

### **8th Grade Promotion Flowers: Help Needed Thursday, May 31 (evening, after 8PM)**

We are looking for someone to pick up flowers after the Gunn High School promotion on Thursday, May 31 and transport them over to JLS. Volunteer will need a large vehicle like a minivan. Available? Please contact JLS PTA at [jlsptaemail@gmail.com](mailto:jlsptaemail@gmail.com)  
subject line: promotion flowers.

### **6th Grade Spirit Week, May 21- May 25**

The J.L.S. Sixth Grade Student Council is excited to announce a sixth grade spirit week taking place May 21st - May 25th. Sixth grade teams will participate in spirit day themes, selected by students, throughout the week. Thursday's spirit day, "Formal Day", will ask students to come to school dressed in attire fit for a fancy restaurant. To enhance the theme, students will have the opportunity to dine with their fellow peers in a formal, outdoor setting during lunchtime. We will have Buca di Beppo Italian restaurant cater the event. Students will be served salad and bread, order from a selection of pasta, and will have a choice of beverage. Donations of \$10 cover the cost of the lunch, as well as the cost of table rentals and formal luncheon tableware. Please have a conversation with your child about participating and then fill out the R.S.V.P. provided by your child's WIP teacher. We ask that students return their R.S.V.P. to their WIP teacher no later than Friday, May 18.

We would also appreciate your help in volunteering! We need approximately 35-45 volunteers between the hours of 10:45am-1:30pm on Thursday, May 24th. If interested, please contact the sixth grade student council advisor, Joe Yribarren, at [ryribarren@pausd.org](mailto:ryribarren@pausd.org). Thank you!

### **8th Grade Promotion Party**

It's almost time for the 8th grade promotion party! It's a celebration for all JLS 8th graders after the promotion ceremony on Friday, June 1, 2018. It is a JLS tradition that 7th grade parents help out during the 8th grade promotion party. In addition to giving the 8th graders "neutral" chaperones, it's not possible for 8th grade parents to get the party set up and started because they will be at the ceremony! Also, this gives 7th grade parents a sneak peek of what's in store for their future 8th grader (6th grade parents welcome too!). If you help out on the evening of June 1st, or are interested in helping by donating items or decorating, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/KwkzqiE>.

Questions? Contact Michelle Carrillo at [jlspromteam@gmail.com](mailto:jlspromteam@gmail.com) or 650-283-5493.

### Youth Art Show- Palo Alto Art Center

Art Education has been busy preparing for our annual Youth Art Show at the Palo Alto Art Center. The show features artwork from over 400 PAUSD K-12 students from all of our schools, and there are many JLS students with artwork in the show. We are proud of the creativity of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support we receive from the community! Click [here](#) for poster

The show runs April 28-May 20. We hope you are able to stop by before the show ends on May 20th.



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

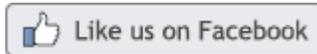
JLS PTA is having a special meeting to review/approve the proposed changes to its bylaws approved by the Executive Board on March 22, 2018. Changes are noted below:

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](#)



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## 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.

**\*\*NEW\*\*!! Parent Workshop for Immigrant and Refugee Families,  
Co-sponsored by PTA Council and PAUSD  
Wed, May 23rd 6:00 - 8:00PM (5:30PM Dinner,) Aspen Room, PAUSD District Office, 25 Churchill Avenue,  
Palo Alto**

This parent workshop is for families who are looking for information and resources to best support their family in the current immigration environment. Psychologist Jennifer Coloma, Ph.D., will provide parents with strategies to help their children who may be experiencing worry and stress in an uncertain environment, including how to talk about these difficult issues and where to go if you need further resources for your family. Attendees will also be provided with the most up-to-date information about their legal rights (including DACA, undocumented and uncertain status, TPV, and refugee status).

Dinner will be served from 5:30pm and the workshop will commence at 6:00pm. Childcare and Spanish translation provided. If you need translation for a language other than Spanish please contact [rshenlorenson@pausd.org](mailto:rshenlorenson@pausd.org) (or [familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org](mailto:familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org)) in advance so we can best provide for your needs.

**¡Nuevo! Taller de Padres para Familias Inmigrantes y Refugiadas  
Copatrocinado por el Concejo de PTA y PAUSD, Miércoles 23 de Mayo de 6:00-8:00pm (Cena a las 5:30pm), Aspen Room, Oficinas del Distrito Escolar, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto**

Este es un taller para familias que buscan información y recursos para poder apoyar de mejor manera a su familia en el actual entorno migratorio.

La psicóloga Jennifer Coloma, Ph.D., proveerá a los padres con las estrategias para ayudar a sus hijos los cuales pueden estar experimentar preocupaciones o estrés en este ambiente incierto, ella también hablara sobre como conversar sobre estos temas difíciles y donde acudir si usted necesita recursos para su familia. Se les proporcionará a los asistentes, la información más actualizada sobre sus derechos legales (incluyendo DACA, Indocumentados y estatus inciertos, TPV, y en estatus de refugiados.). La cena se servirá comenzando a las 5:30pm y el taller iniciará a las 6:00pm. Se proveerá cuidado de niños y traducción al español. Si usted necesita traducción en otro lenguaje por favor comuníquese con [rshenlorenson@pausd.org](mailto:rshenlorenson@pausd.org) (o [familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org](mailto:familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org)) por avanzado para servirle acorde a sus necesidades.

## 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/pta flyer](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/pta flyer) 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

## Stanford Soccer Club Tryouts Season 2018 - 19

Stanford Soccer Club tryouts for 2018-19 season are happening soon! Mark your calendars and click on the link below to find out what days/times to attend tryouts for boys and girls.

Stanford Soccer Club is a competitive youth soccer club serving Palo Alto and neighboring communities. Our teams compete in the CalNorth Soccer League (CCSL-CYSA) and NorCal Premier Soccer League across all competitive levels. Tryouts are open to all players regardless of past club or recreational affiliation.

Register online at  
<http://stanfordsoccerclub.org/tryouts>

### Community M

#### **\*\*NEW\*\*Mother's Day and Father's Day Design\_Code\_Build Events:**

**Sun May 12th, Jun 10th 9.30 - 4PM, Computer History Museum, Mountain View**

This spring, we are hosting special Mother's Day and Father's Day Design\_Code\_Build events.

These special events invite parents/guardians to participate with their student(s), promoting intergenerational exploration of computing history and encouraging students and adults to learn with and from each other. Through Design\_Code\_Build, we are excited to offer these opportunities to families throughout the many communities in and around the Bay Area. Register at: <http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/#designcodebuild-mothers-day-edition-featuring>

<http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/#designcodebuild-fathers-day-edition>

There is a \$15 non-refundable registration fee, however we are able to offer financial assistance as needed.

Contact Cate Robbins ([crobbs@computerhistory.org](mailto:crobbs@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\*\*For Book Lovers and Supporters of Children's Literacy: Access Books Bay Area Spring**

**Fundraising Event**

**Sat, May 19, 4- 6 PM, 1460 El Camino Real, 2nd Floor, Menlo Park (office of Shearman & Sterling)**

Have fun while supporting literacy in under-funded Bay Area schools! There will be wine and light appetizers along with a swing dance performance by the Someday Sweethearts, a visit from children's author Nadia Reddy and an exciting silent auction to benefit Access Books Bay Area. Tickets are \$75/person and will benefit projects to refurbish under-served Bay Area K-8 school libraries. Access Books Bay Area refurbishes by purchasing brand new books for the libraries, collecting gently used books for the classroom libraries, purchasing colorful new furniture for the library and painting bright cheerful murals on the library walls. Help us to make a difference in low-income under-funded Bay Area schools. Register:

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MzMzNTY=](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MzMzNTY=)

#### **\*\*NEW\*\*Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Spring Concerts**

Enjoy a series of Spring concerts (May through June) featuring winners of this year's PACO Concerto Competition. These talented young string players will perform music by Haydn, Bruch, Saint-Saens, Ravel and more. Don't miss the collection of works from Bach to Bernstein with violin soloist Robin Sharp in Senior PACO's last program of the season. If you do, you'll have a second chance on June 15 before they bring this winning collection on tour of Spain and Portugal. All concerts are FREE and for the entire family to enjoy. For more information about PACO and concert details, please visit [www.pacomusic.org](http://www.pacomusic.org) or email [info@pacomusic.org](mailto:info@pacomusic.org)

### **\*\*NEW\*\*Stanford Social Skills Study Recruitment**

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Center for Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences Research (CIBSR) is recruiting volunteers for a Social Skills study. We are looking for boys aged 8-18 diagnosed with a developmental or intellectual disability to take part in a research study investigating the effect of behavioral training methods on social skills. Participation includes a visit to Stanford for 3-4 days, cognitive testing, two optional MRI scans, and social skills training with a behaviorist. For more information, please go to: [www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills](http://www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills)

Contacts: Ellen Wilkinson, MA or Tobi Britton, BA,  
[BCaBA;ellen.wilkinson@stanford.edu](mailto:BCaBA;ellen.wilkinson@stanford.edu)/ [tobi.britton@stanford.edu](mailto:tobi.britton@stanford.edu); 650-736-0591  
Principle Investigator: Scott Hall, PhD, BCBA-D; [hallss@stanford.edu](mailto:hallss@stanford.edu)  
; 650-498-4799

### **\*\*NEW\*\*Parent Survey from Gunn's BEAM Program**

BEAM (Business, Entrepreneurship and Mathematics) is a Gunn HS program that strives to create a true public-private partnership by providing high school students the opportunity to connect with local innovation communities while gaining real world professional experience. We are working on a project with the City of Palo Alto to reduce the number of idling cars in Palo Alto in order to give back to the community. Idling cars have been an uprising problem with many negative effects on our environment. With more and more cars on the road, heavy traffic could lead even more people to waiting in their cars with their ignition on. Idling also contributes to an increased amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Our group will be researching what impacts on the environment idling cars have in terms of car emissions and what ways of communication to the public is the best way to spread awareness of the problem. Please take a moment to complete our survey; Idling Cars and Car Emissions Survey <https://goo.gl/forms/T8cP2DRt9YjeLShb2>

Thank you for your time.

### **Youth Mental Health First Aid**

**Thu, May 17 & May 24, 9 AM - 1 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center**

Learn important skills for promoting youth mental health and well-being! In partnership with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, Project Safety Net invites you to a training in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. This training requires attendance on both days.

RSVP at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\\_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL\\_h0h8d6kdI23Tlps0BrLm1IWocfKng/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL_h0h8d6kdI23Tlps0BrLm1IWocfKng/viewform)

**Project Safety Net Community Forum: Policy and Advocacy (Goal 4)  
Wed, May 23, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room**

You're invited to a special community forum meeting, as Project Safety Net will be focusing on Goal 4: Policy and Advocacy, as outlined in Project Safety Net's Three-Year Road Map:

<http://www.psnpaloalto.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/PSN-3-Year-Roadmap-Jul-1-2017-Jun-30-2020-12-2017-ver-10-summary.pdf>. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psn-community-forum-policy-advocacy-tickets-45533086688>

There will be a a discussion with advocates and community leaders regarding the current local, state, and federal landscape of youth well-being and suicide prevention policy. Presenters will outline best practices for weighing in with policy makers, and share future opportunities for supporting youth mental health and suicide prevention initiatives.

**Family Yoga every Saturday 10:30am at Blossom  
Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA (New location after May 28th)**

Family Yoga at Blossom is perfect for moms, dads or grandparents and their toddlers or preschool kids. Enjoy vitalizing yoga, playful meditation and singing as a sweet way to connect with your child. Have two or more? Bring them all, children join for free. Make this a joyful weekend family routine or drop-in whenever you need some vitalizing movement.

<https://www.blossombirth.org/mom--toddler.html>

**Downtown Palo Alto Farmers Market Opening**

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he Downtown Palo Alto Farmers' Market opens for 2018 on Saturday, May 12. The Market is a great place to get fresh local fruits, veggies, flowers, meats, cheeses, breads and more! Come hang out and listen to live music, while getting delicious brunch and coffee. The Market is located on Gilman St. between Hamilton and Forest.

Open every Saturday from 8am to noon. Market is open rain or shine through mid-December. More at [www.pafarmersmarket.org](http://www.pafarmersmarket.org)

**Community Service Opportunity: Volunteer on National River Cleanup Day**

**Sat May 19, 9AM - 12PM. Baylands (Matadero or Adobe Creek)**

The City of Palo Alto is hosting two Cleanup sites (Matadero: site 17 and Adobe: site 18) to clean up litter in the Baylands. Please go to

[www.cleanacreek.org](http://www.cleanacreek.org)

to sign up and be sure to bring your waivers. Three hours of community service will be available.

**Parent Chat: Support for Parents of Teens with Mental Health Challenges  
Tue. June 12, 7 - 8:30pm, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

**Let's Talk: Parent Spec Ed Support Group**  
**Mon. May 14, 10am -12pm, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos**

**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>

**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/>

**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.

**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**

**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**

**\*\*NEW\*\*Empowering Children & Young Adolescents Who Struggle with Stress, Anxiety & Depression  
Thu, May 17, 6:30 - 8 PM, Morrissey-Compton Educational Center, 595 Price Ave, Redwood City**

Parents of 2nd-8thgraders come join Shalini Verma and Kristin Lenart from Google for a free class that uses experiential techniques to increase mindfulness and reduce emotional charges, energy blocks and physical knots. Learn techniques that will help your family uncover the antidotes to stress, anxiety and depression. For more information and to pre-register go to [http://www.morrissey-compton.org/parent\\_education\\_rc.php](http://www.morrissey-compton.org/parent_education_rc.php)

**\*\*NEW\*\*Gain Confidence with a Public Speaking Class (Palo Alto Dept of Recreation)  
Sat; Jun 23 - Jul 28; 9 - 10:55 AM; Palo Alto Cubberley Community Center**

Improve your speaking skills with Public Speaking: Creative Interpretation for ages 9-11 or grades 4-6. Do fun activities, present regularly in front of the class, and gain confidence. Receive training and tips on vocal variation, nonverbal communication, and more. Class Fee: \$300. Material Fee: \$25. Register with Palo Alto Recreation at [apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto](http://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto). To learn more about the class, contact Communication Academy at 408-777-8876 or visit [www.communicationacademy.com](http://www.communicationacademy.com).

### **Community M, H**

**\*\*NEW\*\*Open Your Home and Hearts to An Exchange Student.**

Experience the authenticity of cultural exchange by hosting an AFS high school exchange student for a school year or sending your student abroad. AFS places about 2,200 screened and vetted students around the U.S.

annually and often places 30 of those right in the Bay Area. Both Gunn and Paly families have hosted students and sent their own students to study globally. Middle school families make excellent host families. Language of a foreign language not required. Just an open mind and a desire to succeed. Learn more at [www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org) Study abroad is a great way for your student to learn a culture, language, and to mature. Gap year programs also available.

## 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

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6th grade coordinators: Gerrie Phillips, Hue Tran, Suman Rangaswany  
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