
Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sunday, Feb 28



Dear Scott

Safety is a top priority at JLS and as of late, drivers in the drop off and pick up areas are showing poor judgement when it comes to student safety. **PLEASE** slow down and follow the very clear rules about how to conduct yourselves!

- **Observe the 25 mph speed limit in school zones at all times. Avoid making U-turn and other illegal or unsafe maneuvers on East Meadow.**
- **Be alert. School commute routes carry hundreds of pedestrians, skateboarders, bicyclists, and cars. When preparing to turn right, always look for cyclists in the bike lanes.**
- **Be aware of all school commute routes. Watch for sudden movements of bicyclists, pedestrians and scooters onto the roadway from the sidewalk.**
- **Be especially alert for young children. JLS abuts an elementary school. Young children cannot judge speed or distance of vehicles moving toward them, and they think cars can stop suddenly. Young children also have a narrower field of vision than adults do, about one-third less.**
- **Yield right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks, which exist at all intersections - even when crosswalks are not marked.**
- **No right turn on red at Waverley and East Meadow when children are present.**
- **Obey Crossing Guards. They help students cross safely and reduce driver confusion during peak congestion hours.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Joint Middle School Choir Concert March 2
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Connections Coffee March 2
Latte Cart March 3
Mindfulness and Parenting Class March 3
Student Store Open Friday 3/25, Friday 4/29, Friday 5/20
Tri-school Musical: Beauty and the Beast Thursday, MAR. 3 - 7:00 PM Friday, MAR. 4 - 7:00 PM Saturday, MAR. 5 - 2:00 PM Saturday, MAR. 5 - 7:00 PM
Orchestra concert March 9

Final JLS PTA Assoc. Meeting Rescheduled!

RESCHEDULED!!

Final JLS PTA Association Meeting - April 14, 8:30am

The final JLS PTA Association meeting of the year has been rescheduled from March 17 to Thursday, April 14, 8:30am - 10:00am (JLS main office conference room B).

Join us as we wrap up this year and plan for next year by electing new Exec Board officers!

PAUSD All-Middle School Musical Beauty & the Beast, Jr.



Thursday, Friday & Saturday, March 3, 4, and 5

Jordan, Terman and JLS Middle Schools have teamed up to present Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Jr. as their winter musical. The cast and crew is comprised of over 150 students in grades 6-8 to bring this timeless tale of the true meaning of beauty to life.

Performances will be at the JLS Middle School Cafetorium:
 Thursday, March 3 at 7:00pm
 Friday, March 4 at 7:00pm
 Saturday, March 5 at 2:00pm & 7:00pm.

Tickets will be on sale during lunch at each school the week of the play or may be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$5 for kids (8th grade and under) and \$10 for adults (high school and

up).

THANKS A LATTE!



Thursday, March 3

It's Latte time! The PTA hosts a monthly LATTE CART at JLS, where coffee and morning treats are served to our wonderful JLS staff as a thank you for all they do. On these Latte Cart mornings, we ask our parent community for contributions of breakfast items.

Our next Latte Cart date is THURSDAY, MARCH 3.

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) that morning between 7:15 and 9:00 am. Non-perishable items may be brought ahead of time to the main office on Wednesday, March 2. You can sign up here: www.tinyurl.com/JLSLatte

Here is a list of suggested items:

- quiche and other egg dishes (heated; store bought is fine)
- breakfast sausages
- fresh whole fruit, e.g. bananas, mini-tangerines, berries
- fruit salads
- homemade scones
- homemade muffins
- homemade breads, e.g. banana, zucchini, pumpkin
- homemade coffee cakes
- granola, homemade or store bought
- yogurt, all sizes, all kinds
- other breakfast items, be creative!

Future Latte Cart Breakfast schedule:

Thursday April 14

Tuesday, May 3 (last one)

Anyone interested in taking over Latte Cart organization duties for next school year, please let us know.

Thank you so much. Questions? Contact our Latte Cart coordinators, Ivan Hom, Patty and Paul Sakuma

MANY FACES OF JLS POTLUCK!

We hope you can contribute a dish from your home country to the **"Many Faces of JLS"** potluck on May 4. [Sign up here](#), find your country and add your name. The "table lead" will contact you as the date draws near to decide with you what dish to provide.



Or, you can sign up for serving, set-up, clean-up, or Hydration team member - or be a Table Lead!

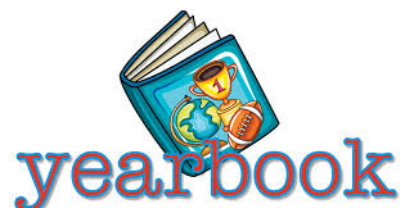
The "Many Faces" potluck is one of two large JLS PTA events that bring the community together, and it is the same night as the JLS Open House. So help out if you can, and grab some dinner at the potluck before you head to your student's classrooms to review your student's learning and accomplishments.

Questions, or for more detailed information, contact [Barbara Stroud](#).

Order Your Yearbook today!

Attention Panthers! If you have not purchased a yearbook, you will want to do so this month.

We will place our final order at the end of February, so in order to make sure you receive a copy of our book in May, you need to place your order now. The cost is \$35 until March 1st. After the first of March the cost goes up to



\$40.

You can still put in a request after March 1st, but there is not a guarantee that you will receive a book. We did sell out last year. So please get your order in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Used Recorder Instruments Needed!



A group of sophomores at Palo Alto High School are looking for used recorder instrument donations for children in the Ravenswood City School District (RCSD). The goal is to collect 82 recorders, so that RCSD can offer recorder lessons to all 4th and 5th graders. A donation bin will be located in the front office.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact atcynthialiu.825@gmail.com, or Chloe Hong at chloe@zhaoyu.org and Emily Yu at emilyyu1030@gmail.com.

SUPPORT HOOPS!



The JLS boys and girls 6th grade basketball season has just begun.

[Click here for the schedule](#) and come out and support our Panthers! If you are interested in the complete schedule, scores and statistics: <http://teamsideline.com/adal> Go Panthers!!

JLS Track Coaches Needed!

JLS Track and Field team is looking for a few assistant coaches -- high schoolers or parents - paid or volunteer. If you're interested, contact Kelly Calica.

Kelly Calica

Athletic Director, MSA @JLS

Middle School Athletics, City of Palo Alto, Community Services Department

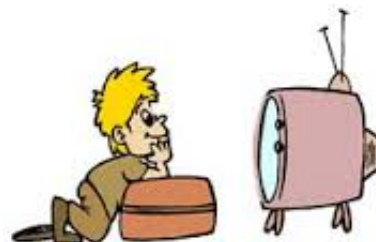
email: kelly.calica@cityofpaloalto.org

phone (mon-fri, 2-6pm): 650-444-3367

Tune into KJLS!

Find out what's going on daily at JLS, club meetings & Special events!

Did you know that you can watch the daily KJLS live broadcast? Tune in every day (except Wednesday) at 9:13am for the 10 minutes of JLS Morning Announcements, produced by the students of Ms. Buddle's elective class "Broadcast Media:"



* Comcast channel 30 LIVE or streaming www.midpenmedia.org/local-tv/watch-now/ (Tune to channel 30)

Not only will you learn what's happening at JLS, you'll see the variety of skills students learn in this class: journalism; pre-production including planning, logos, jingles, public service and special reports; and a variety of production jobs in both the studio and control room.

JLS Student Directory - Printed copies ... just a few left!

We still have a few printed directories available. You can pick one up in the school office. You can also access the directory online at <http://jls.tangledir.com/>

Thank you!

JLS PTA has Vacancies!

We need your help!

Looking for ways to participate? Here are a few jobs for which the JLS PTA is recruiting:

Student BBQ (May 2016): recruit and direct volunteers on tasks of grilling and serving food to students. Food and most prep to be provided by PAUSD Food Services staff.

Advocacy Chair: work with Palo Alto PTA Council to advance advocacy efforts; inform JLS membership of major advocacy issues and events. More info here: <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/current-efforts/>

Ways and Means Chair: manage all aspects of donation partnership programs such as corporate matching, eScrip, Amazon Smile and Amazon Affiliates, etc. Promote and communicate details to membership to maximize donations.

HOMEWORK HABITAT

Homework Habitat and late bus service occur during regular (e.g. non-early-release) Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Homework Habitat occurs in the library and runs 3:15-4:25. The late bus will depart from the main parking lot at approximately 4:30. Please note that students who leave campus after school are not permitted to return to JLS to ride the late bus home; they must find alternative transportation.

JLS Writing Center

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15 to 4:15

Do you have writing homework or an essay that needs some attention? Check out the brand new (awesome) JLS Writing Center! This twice a week program is held in Room 113 after school and includes a snack (bonus!) and writing support. Laptop access is included! See you there!

PTA Membership Cards

Calling All JLS PTA Members!

Pick up your membership card at the JLS main office and enjoy "perks" such as discounts at Staples, California Academy of Sciences, Legoland, and more:<http://downloads.capta.org/mem/PerksFlier.pdf>

Next to the membership card, pick up a few Baskin Robbins coupons as a "thank you" for your PTA membership!

Attendance Email

Email jlsattendance@pausd.org for your attendance-related information and requests.

Please note that messages must originate from the parent email address on record in Infinite Campus. You can still contact the attendance office at 650.856.5179

Community News

Join the City of Palo Alto at one of two community meetings as we share your feedback on our Fall 2015 **Palo Alto Shuttle Community Survey!**

Choose from TWO Meeting Times on Thursday, March 10th, 2016

When: 3:00-4:30 pm, Where: Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library, 1213, Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301

When: 6:00-8:00 pm, Where: Community Room, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Some of the items we will discuss:

- * New service concepts for Palo Alto Shuttle Program
- * New or modified shuttle routes
- * Possible shuttle rebranding & awareness campaign
- * Possible renaming of routes

For more information, please contact shuttle@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-329-2442, or view our website at www.cityofpaloalto.org/shuttle .

The Palo Alto Council of PTAs is looking for a few good candidates to help fill some vacancies on our roster for the 2016-17 school year. The Council works with the district staff, the Board of Education, community partners and the PTAs at all 17 schools to support the students and families of our district. It offers a great opportunity for individuals to get a broader view our district and build bridges between schools/PTAs in service of the broader community. The current 2016-17 roster is posted at <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/2016-17-ptac-board-nominees/>

If you are interested in any of the open positions, send an email to ptacouncil@paloaltopta.org and specify the position that you are interested in.

City of Palo Alto Community Meetings (Fall 2015 Palo Alto Shuttle Community Survey)
Thurs, Mar 10, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library, 1213, Newell Road, Palo Alto or 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Community Room, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Some of the items to be discussed:

- New service concepts for Palo Alto Shuttle Program
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If you have any questions please contact Ruchika Aggarwal at 650-617-3136 or at Ruchika.aggarwal@cityofpaloalto.org.

The Anxious Worried Child - Parent Education Event Sponsored by SELPA 1 CAC
Wed, Mar 16, 6:45 - 9 PM, Santa Rita School Multi, 700 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos

Challenging academic expectations, advances in technology, and social pressure are all contributing to an increase in anxiety among our children. As a result, we are seeing a rise in behavioral issues, poor social interactions, and an inability to function at school. What are typical worries for children and when should you be concerned that your child is worrying excessively? There are several strategies that can help relieve stress, decrease anxiety and increase calm feelings. In a world that is constantly evolving, having the ability to manage the anxiety that comes with change is becoming an essential life skill. Free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. Led by Dr John Brentar, a licensed psychologist who conducts evaluations and provides therapy to children and adolescents, and Amy Keezer, a licensed marriage and family therapist. Sponsored by SELPA 1 CAC, an all-volunteer group of parents of children with special needs whose service area includes all public school districts in Los Altos, Mountain View, and Palo Alto.

Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2016 (for middle school students, incoming 6th - incoming 9th)

July 18-22, July 25-29, Aug. 1-5, The Paly Robotics Lab (Room 903 at Palo Alto High School)

Do you want your child to experience what it is like to design and build robots? Or how about learning how to program and create 3D animations? What about creating a business plan and promoting it with a website? This year, Paly Robotics will be hosting our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th). There are three sessions to choose from - Robot Design and Hardware; Programming and 3D Animation; and Entrepreneurship and Website Design. For more information about our camp and the different sessions, visit palyrobotics.com/summercamp .

World Water Monitoring Challenge

Thur Mar 3, 4-5:30 PM, Bol Park, Palo Alto

Come join Acterra Stewardship to learn more about the watershed in which you live, how watersheds work, and what you can do to protect important creek habitat. Volunteers are invited to come test the quality of water in Matadero Creek and have the opportunity to learn about watersheds and do a bit of biomonitoring by looking at which aquatic bugs live in this part of the creek.

Let's Talk

Mon, Mar 14, 1 - 9 PM, Orchard Community Room, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd., 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. Sponsored by SELPA 1 CAC, an all-volunteer group of parents of children with special needs whose service area includes all public school districts in Los Altos, Mountain View, and Palo Alto. All are welcome and participants must respect confidentiality.

Friday Fun (Palo Alto Library)

First Fri/Month, 3:30-5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd. AND Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto
Drop in for board games, simple crafts, and Bingo!

Saturday Board Games (Palo Alto Library)

First Sat/ Month 10 AM - 6 PM, Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto
Enjoy a day of modern board-gaming in the Library! Teens and adults welcome-and bring your own snacks to keep fueled throughout the day!

Opera San Jose presents "The Barber of Seville" (Palo Alto Library)

Wed, Mar 2, 3:30 PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto
A condensed one-act production of The Barber of Seville.

Knack-4-Knitting (Palo Alto Library)

Weekly on Wednesdays, 4 - 6 PM. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
Share & learn knitting skills at this weekly program!

Auditions --Palo Alto Children's Theatre Production of James And The Giant Peach

Mar 1 or Mar 2, 3:45 - 6:00 PM, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

Announcing auditions for James and the Giant Peach, part of the 2015 - 2016 Main Stage Season at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Auditions are open to youth ages 8 - High School. For more information about what to prepare, rehearsal and performance dates, as well as FAQ's, please visit: www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre and click the AUDITIONS link. The Palo Alto Children's Theatre is a program of the City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department, Arts and Sciences Division.

Robotics Workshop (Palo Alto Library)

Sat, Mar 26, 7 - 8 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
Learn how to build and program robots in this 3 week session through 4/16. Grades 4-8 only.

Society of Bookworms: Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea (Palo Alto Library)

Wed, Mar 16, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto
Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6.

STEAM Lab Saturday (Palo Alto Library)

Sat, Mar 5, 2:30 - 3:30 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto

Try a new maker project each month! March: Things that Move. Grades K-6.

Parenting Program: Birds and the Bees: Know What You'll Say Before They Ask (Palo Alto Library)

Thu, Mar 3, 7-8:30 PM. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

Learn effective ways to provide your kids with age appropriate answers to those uncomfortable questions about our bodies and sex. Our Parenting Programs are held the first Thursday of every month through May.

COMPOSE YOURSELF - New Teen Program at Palo Alto Art Center

Thurs, 6-8:30 PM, through April 21st

COMPOSE YOURSELF is a new teen initiative structured in modules that offer participants access to a range of workshops around a central theme or concept over a two-month period. The first Compose Yourself module, Shape Your Story, focuses on visual storytelling and provides workshops in photography, book-making, graphic novels and more. The module is comprised of seven art-making workshops Thursday evenings at the Art Center, a weekend fieldtrip, an artist statement workshop, and an opportunity to display work at a public reception at the Art Center. Students can enroll in the entire module or pick and choose the workshops that interest them! Students must be at least 13yrs old and enrolled in 8th grade to participate in the current module. For more information or to register, please visit

http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/classes/teens/classes_n_workshops.asp

March Madness Book Edition (Palo Alto Library)

Month of March. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

In the Teen Zone, we will be having a book competition where you can vote for your favorite YA book for a chance to win prizes! Teens in grades 6-12.

Bay Area Quiz Club (Palo Alto Library)

Second Sunday/Month, 2 - 6 PM. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto

Join the Bay Area Quiz Club! Please arrive promptly at 2pm, so that we can draw lots and form teams. Students 8th grade and up are welcome to join!

ACT Practice Test (Palo Alto Library)

Sat, Mar 5, 1 - 5 PM. Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Students in 7th grade and up are invited to come and take a practice ACT test.

Become a Summer Camp CIT

Applications to become a Summer Camp Counselor-in-Training (CIT) will be available beginning Feb. 24, and spaces fill quickly! CITs are volunteers, 12-17 years old, who assist art instructors in the day-to-day running of the Art Center summer camps. They offer support in classroom management, encouraging campers, prepping art supplies, and more. This is a great way for teens to earn service hours and develop leadership skills. For more information, contact Grace Abusharkh at grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org.

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: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

7th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin, Nirmala Patni, Stephanie Compton, Rebecca Thompson

8th grade coordinators: Aviva Saitz, Patricia Stayte

Would you like your employer to DONATE to JLS?

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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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