
Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sunday, March 13



Dear Scott



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for STUDENTS SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The JLS annual Service Day is just around the corner on Wednesday, March 16 starting at 1:00pm.

[Sign up here!](#)

Projects include:

- Making fleece animal blankets to benefit Animal Services
- Gardening at Mitchell Park for draught tolerant plants
- Preparing snacks for the homeless clients of Hotel de Zink
- Organizing books at the Mitchell Park Library
- Making posters to promote disaster preparedness
- Habitat restoration at the Badlands
- Tie-dye gift bags to benefit the women clients of My New Red Shoes
- Spring cleaning at Haven Family House homeless shelter

An after school snack will be served to student volunteers and stay after the project to celebrate an afternoon of giving back to the community! **Your student can [sign up here](#), as well as parents who want to chaperone!**

If you see seven exchange students from Japan on the JLS campus this week, please tell them "Yokoso" or welcome. The seven students will be visiting from Tsuchiura Japan, Palo Alto's Sister City. They are part of the Neighbor's Abroad exchange student program. They will be hosted by seven JLS families. In June the seven JLS students who hosted, will be traveling to Tsuchiura as part of the program.

They will be on campus on Monday, Tuesday and part of Wednesday. They will be attending the Japanese World Languages classes for two periods as well as regular classes with their JLS student hosts.

Yearbook order forms are available in the office. Please check the list to make sure that your book order has not already been placed. THANK YOU!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Student Store Open Friday 3/25, Friday 4/29, Friday 5/20
Service Day March 16
8th Grade Parent Network Meeting March 17 8:30am
6th Grade Band Concert March 17
Parent-Child Communication Workshop March 21

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!

8th Grade Parent Network Meeting!

Principal Kim Diorio discusses Paly Campus Life, Beyond Academics
Choose one of the following events. Evening sessions are provided for parents unable to attend a morning session so there is no need to attend both sessions.

- Thursday, March 17, 8:30 - 10:00am, JLS Cafetorium
- OR
- Thursday, March 17, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Jordan MP Room

To attend this event, please [RSVP HERE](#). Parents only, please! Your students will have opportunities to meet the principals at other events.

SAFE ROUTES TO GUNN AND PALY!

About 25 parent volunteers are needed to help with a special afternoon workshop for JLS 8th graders on how they can travel safely to Gunn and Paly High Schools.

Parent Volunteer Sign-up: www.tinyurl.com/SafeRoutesToGunnAndPaly

The JLS, Gunn and Paly PTA Traffic Safety committees and the City of Palo Alto are organizing this informational and fun workshop.

This event will take place after school in the JLS Cafetorium on Thursday, April 28 from 3:20pm to 5:30pm. This is a free event. No RSVP is necessary. Families are also encouraged to attend. There will be pizza, refreshments snacks and hundreds of dollars in prizes.

Need parent volunteers for five different jobs between 2:30pm to 5:30pm. You can volunteer for as short as 30 minutes to as long as 1.5 hours

What: Safe Routes To Gunn and Paly

Where: JLS Cafetorium

When: Thursday, April 28

Time: 3:20pm to 5:30pm

Who can attend: JLS 8th graders and their families

RSVP: none

Cost: none

Volunteer: www.Tinyurl.com/SafeRoutesToGunnAndPaly

Questions: JLSPTAemail@gmail.com

More information will be coming out on eNews, Schoology and KJLS. Thank you for helping to keep our kids safe while traveling.

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](#).

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

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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

Kick-off Meeting to launch the new Continuing the Conversation Series

Mon, Mar 14, 7 - 8 PM, Mitchell Park Library, Midtown Room, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo

Alto

Who do you talk to about the joys and challenges of parenting our teens? Would you value exploring new perspectives from nationally recognized experts, while fostering a stronger community with other parents within Palo Alto? Please join us for a one-hour meeting to launch Continuing the Conversation Series.

Please complete https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mVxrDj6zXkGkmZF-M7xkoeniBRtS_I_XhySggqBLa24/viewform to let us know about your interest in

the Continuing the Conversation Series -- Parenting our Teens. This opportunity is being offered by the collaborative PAUSD Parent Ed Committee. Please email Kirsten Daehler (krdaehler@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the Continuing the Conversation Series or the March 14th meeting.

Gunn High School Theater Department Presents William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," set in 1996 Los Angeles Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto

Opening Night Gala (Lecture and Reception): Mar 17 at 6:00 pm, all tix \$20;

*Other performances: Mar 18,19, 24,25,26 @7:30 pm, \$10.00 Students/\$12.00 General;

*Matinees: Wed. March 23 @ 4pm and Sat. March 26 at 2 pm, all tix \$5.

TICKETS available at gunntheatre.org, at the Gunn Student Activities Center, or at the door (until they sell out!).

Paly Journalism Summer Camp

August 1-5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for rising 8th and 9th graders

After a hugely successful debut last summer, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again with its second year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center). Camp MAC introduces students to journalistic skills through interactive and collaborative workshops while building friendships across schools. All proceeds support Paly's Media Arts Boosters Program. For registration, prices, and more information, visit <http://paly.io/campmac> or contactpalyjournalismcamp@gmail.com

EI Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Auditions **Mar/Apr Palo Alto**

Palo Alto-based EI Camino Youth Symphony invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2016-17 Season. Led by an internationally renowned faculty, ECYS offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. Auditions are held in March and April. Apply online at www.ECYS.org.

Art Poster Contest on Emergency Preparedness for Grades 1-8

Submission Deadline: April 11, 2016

For additional information, go to <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3486&TargetID=75>

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

Jul 18-22, Jul 25-29, Aug 1-5; 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? Paly Robotics will be hosting our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th). For more information about our camp and the different sessions, visit our website at palyrobotics.com/summercamp.

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 Kimer, 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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