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Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School Jan 16h
Connection Board Meeting Jan 18th, 8:15 - 9:45 AM
6th Parent Night Jan 18th, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
PTA General Meeting Jan 19th, 8:30 -9:30 AM
Local Control Accountability Plan Jan 19th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Connection Ice Skating Party Jan 20th, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

PTA General Meeting

Thur, Jan 19, 8:00 - 9:30 AM

Please join us for the General PTA meeting. We will update you on budget expenditures and vote in the Nominating committee! All are welcome!

Palo Alto Local Control Accountability Plan Committee Meeting

Thur, Jan 19, 4:00 PM, JLS Cafetorium

The Palo Alto Unified School District is updating our Local Control and Accountability Plan as required by the California Department of Education. Development of the plan must include input from our key stakeholders. At this meeting we will share progress on this year plan and solicit feedback on 16-17 goals, actions, and measurements as we began to develop the 2017-18 plan. Click here to learn more about LCAP.

Presentation will be in English with simultaneous translation in Spanish and Mandarin. you have any questions please contact <u>Judy Argumedo</u>.



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For Incoming Gunn Students, Gunn World Language Placement Tests!

If your student is a native speaker or heritage language learner of **Chinese**, **Spanish**, **French**, **Japanese**, **or German**, and you would like them to study that language, we need them to take a WL Placement Test so that they can be enrolled in the appropriate WL course for the 2017-18 year. The test will be given Thursday, January 19th at 3PM in Room G5 at Gunn High School. The test takes about an hour. Please contact Krissy Ludemann to reserve your spot, or if you need more information. Placement tests for non-native/heritage speakers will be given later in the semester.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Celebration!



Mon, Jan 16, Mitchell Park Community Center

Join YCS and the City of Palo Alto in celebrating diversity through the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be music and dance, entertainment, guest speakers, service organizations, youth and teen activities, MLK Legacy Walk Display and Stanford King Paper's Project.For more information, contact <u>Leif Erickson</u>, Executive

Director, 650-858-8061. www.youthcommunityservice.org

College for Students with Special Needs: What You Need to Know

Wed, Jan 18, 7-9pm

Santa Rita Elementary School (MP Room), 700 Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos

Many high school students with special needs, learning challenges, or disabilities (on an IEP or 504) will consider post-secondary education. Options include community college, 4-year college, and universities with a variety of options and support. It can be overwhelming at first. Come find out more about what's available and how you can help prepare for your student's education after high school. Panelists: Sandra Cernobori (counselor from Paly), Foothill Community College and Kevin Shields, (disability services at UCB). Jointly sponsored by SELPA1 CAC and Palo Alto CAC. www.cacpaloalto.org

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COLEGIO PARA ESTUDIANTES CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES: LO QUE NECESITA SABER

Miércoles, Enero 18, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Santa Rita Elementary School, salón MP, 700 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos

Únase a nosotros! Muchos de los estudiantes de la preparatoria con necesidades especiales, retos de aprendizaje, o discapacidades (en un PEI o 504) van a considerar educación postsecundaria. Opciones incluyen colegio comunitario, colegio de 4 años, y universidades con una variedad de opciones y apoyo. Ven infórmate mas sobre lo que esta disponible y como puedes ayudar preparar la educación de tu estudiante después de la preparatoria. Panelistas: Sandra Cernobori (consejera de Paly), Foothill Community College, Kevin Shields (servicios de discapacidades en UCB).

1st Annual PAUSD Middle School Honor Band Concert

Sun, Jan 22, 3:30 PM , Paly Performing Arts Center

Donations accepted at the door. See flyer here.

PTA Parent Conference Hosted by California Sixth District PTA (Free Event)

Sat, Jan 21, 1380 Rosalia Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Workshops include The Pitfalls of Social Media, Mastering Emotionally-Intense Conversations, Improving the Community By Expanding Early Quality Learning, How to Work with Principals & Superintendents, Post Election Workshop-Power of Parents in Era of Common Core Standards, and Supporting Schools with Quality Early Childhood Education. Registration/Continental Breakfast is from 8 to 9:15 AM with workshop sessions beginning at 9:30. To register go to www.capta6.org.

Inclusive Resource Fair of Summer Camps, After-School Activities & Educational Resources

Thur, Feb 9th, 6:30 - 8:30pm,

JLS Middle School Cafetorium, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

Join us to meet 30+ providers of summer camps, after-school activities, and in-school programs who will present information about their programs and be available to talk 1:1 with parents. All providers can accommodate some students' special needs, either in an inclusive environment or a special program, and can discuss specific accommodations. Some offer on-site enrollment. Information on financial assistance available, and many providers offer fee waivers based on need.

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Organized by the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, and cosponsored by Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS), and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. Childcare and snacks for kids will be provided, please RSVP for childcare to paloaltocac@gmail.com. For more information, including the complete list of vendors as it is finalized, go to www.cacpaloalto.org.

Feria de Recursos de Campamentos de Verano, Actividades Después de Clases y Recursos Educativos

Jueves, 9 de febrero, 6:30 - 8:30pm, En el cafetorio de la Escuela Media JLS, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

Acompáñennos a conocer a más de 30 proveedores de campos de verano, de actividades para realizar después de clases y de programas dentro de la escuela quienes estarán brindando información sobre sus programas y que también estarán disponibles para hablar 1:1 con los padres. Todos son proveedores que pueden admitir a niños con algunas necesidades especiales ya sea dentro de un ambiente incluyente o dentro de un programa especial y podrán conversar sobre ajustes especiales que su hijo/a pueda necesitar. Podrán existir opciones de inscribirse en el lugar. Habra información sobre asistencia financiera y muchos proveedores ofrecen becas que se adaptan a sus necesidades.

Se contará con servicio de guardería y refrigerios para niños, por favor RSVP para el cuidado de los niños a paloaltocac@gmail.com. Para mayor información, incluyendo la lista de proveedores cuando está esté completa, ingrese a: www.cacpaloalto.org. Organizado por el Palo Alto Comité Asesor Comunitario para la Educación Especial y copatrocinado por Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS) y el Consejo de Palo Alto de PTAs.

Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair

Sun, Feb 12, 2-5 pm, Mitchell Park Community Center (3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto)

The Palo Alto Chinese Community cordially invites you to join our 2017 Chinese New Year Fair, which will feature performances of Chinese folk music, instruments and dances by local talents as well as students from Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD). Many Chinese culture will be exhibited such as Chinese brush painting, Mahjong, dumpling-making, fung shui, board games and crafts. The event is free to all Palo Alto residents, and food will be sold for fund-raising to support Palo Alto schools. This event is co-sponsored by City of Palo Alto and the PTA Council, and the goal is to promote friendship among residents of different cultures and contribute to the vibrancy and health of our diverse

community. Hope to see you all there! Questions please contact Hannah Lu(hannahlu00@gmail.com) or Sheena Chin(sheenachin@gmail.com).

2017 Annual Sweetheart Awards - Call for Nominations

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, administrator, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, coach, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something (however large or small) for your special needs child with an IEP or 504? Honor that person by nominating him or her for a Sweetheart Award. Submit nominations using this online form by February 10th: http://tinyurl.com/ 2017Sweethearts. The Awards Ceremony will be on Wednesday, February 22nd from 6-8pm at Nixon Elementary School. For more information or questions email: sweethearts.award@gmail.com or go to www.cacpaloalto.org. Co- sponsored by Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs.

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Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) and Special Olympics Northern California

Basketball Tournament, 9.30AM - 12PM, Mar 15 (Elementary) & Mar 22 (Secondary), Terman Middle School 655 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto Track & Field Event: TBD, Gunn High School 750 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto

PAUSD and Special Olympics Northern California have joined forces together in a new Special Olympics Schools Partnership program. Through sports, the program aims to provide opportunities for PAUSD special education students and their peers to work together as teammates and to create inclusive opportunities in the school community. More info: https://www.pausd.org/explore- pausd/news/pausd-partners- special-olympics-schools- program

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Children's Concert with Red Grammar

Sun, Jan15, 10:00 -11:30 AM,

Woodside High Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave, Woodside, CA 94062

Grammy nominated Children's Recording Artist Red Grammar will have a concert celebrating our shared human values and honor World Religion Day & Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday. Tickets are \$5 per seat (children in laps free). Parking is free. Accessible seating available. Reserve tickets here: http://bit.ly/2h5bCPV

Julie Lythcott-Haims Parent Ed Talk

Thurs, Jan 19 6-8PM , Jordan Middle School Multi Purpose Room

Please join Julie Lythcott-Haims as she shares insights into how to raise children without over parenting. Julie shares her wisdom gained from research, conversations with admissions officers, educators, and employers, and her own insights as a mother and student dean to highlight the ways in which overparenting harms children, stresses parents, educators, and society at large.

Julie will also discuss the importance of promoting children's self-advocacy and encouraging parents to play an active role in teaching their children how to cope with disappointments and setbacks. She will also share insights into respectful interactions and asking for help.

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Julie lives in Palo Alto with her husband and teenage children. She is the author of the book "How to Raise An Adult". Books will be on sale on the 19th in the Jordan MPR room.

EN UNA NUEVA ERA (Immigrants and Allies in 2017: Feeling Safe in a New Era) Jueves 19 de enero de 2017,19:00 a 21:00 hr.
Teatro Cubberley, 4000 Middle eld Rd., Palo Alto
Thurs, Jan 19, 7-9 PM

Habrán Intérpretes y Niñeras

La política actual nos exige estar siempre vigilantes para asegurar que no haya ningún lugar para que la intolerancia o el prejuicio anti-inmigrante existe en nuestros vecindarios de los condados de Santa Clara y San Mateo. Hay miembros de nuestra comunidad que no se sienten seguros y eso es inaceptable. Por favor, únase con nosotros para una tarde importante mientras nos reunimos.

We must be ever vigilant in ensuring that there is no place intolerance or anti-immigrant bias exists in our neighborhoods of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. There are members of our community who do not feel safe. That is unacceptable. Please join us for an important evening as we come together.

Tai Chi (Chinese martial art) Class

Sat, Jan 7-Mar 11, 2:15-3:15PM (10 classes total), Dance Studio, Gunn High School

This course is taught by a junior at Gunn High School. As a member of the US team, she won two gold medals and one silver medal at the 2nd World Taijiquan Championships in Warsaw, Poland. She will teach 24 simplified Tai Chi styles. All profits will be donated to the Ravenswood City School District, East Palo Alto. Details/Sign up: http://www.siliconvalleyyouth.com/classes/2017/taichi.php. Contact: svyouth1@gmail.com

Perform with the Paly Cheer & Dance Teams After Participating in Winter Clinics Mon, Jan 16, 9AM - 2 PM, Tue, Jan 17, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Thu, Jan 19, 3:30 - 5:30 PM; Performance at game on Fri, Jan 20, 7 - 9 PM

The Palo Alto High School Dance & Cheer teams are fundraising for their Nationals competitions in March. Three clinics are offered: a one-day clinic for beginners who want to learn how to Cheer & Dance (grades K-5), and 2 three-day middle school clinics for cheerleaders and dancers with some experience (grades 6-12) who want to experience what it's like to be part of a high school Varsity team. Participants will be invited to cheer and perform at the Varsity basketball game following the clinics at the end of the week. \$100 per clinic; please signup through Activity Hero at

https://www.activityhero.com/ widgets/935 or email Alanna Williamson (awilliamson@pausd.org) for questions.

Palo Alto Art Center Children's Fine Art Classes

Children's Fine Art Classes begin on January 19, and there is still space available in several courses, including Storybook Art, Clay for Preschooler and Parent, Drawing Discoveries, and Drawing Comics. For more information and to register, go to http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/classes/children.asp

Tickets Now Available for Anne Lamott

Sat ,Mar 4, 9:30am-12:30PM, Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University, Palo Alto

Join us in conversation with award-winning author Anne Lamott. Tickets on sale now for the 2017 Mothers Symposium, a morning retreat for mothers with children of all ages to reflect on the profound undertaking of motherhood. Special Early Bird pricing: "Bring a Friend" and save \$20 when you buy two tickets. Co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. For tickets and information visit http://www.motherssymposium.org/

Meditation & Watercolor (Palo Alto Library Event)

Sun, Jan 15, 4-5 PM, Midtown Room, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Artist Lisa Solomon will engage local teens in one-hour artmaking and visualization workshop. In this workshop, Lisa will discuss cultural, scientific, and historical ideas about color, then lead participants in a Color Meditation exercise. Registration required.

Blind Date w/a Book (Palo Alto Library Event)

Month of February, Teen Zone, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

If your blind date with a book doesn't work out, then check out a new one. No hurt feelings! Review your book date for a chance to win prizes.

Anti/Valentine Party (Palo Alto Library Event)

Tue, Feb 7, 4:30 p.m. Midtown Room, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Join us for lit up cards, button making, pencil duct tape roses, contests, and chocolate! Whether you loathe the holiday or not, there is something for you to make for everyone. Registration required.

Tween & Teen Art Classes at The Palo Alto Art Center

Unleash the creativity in your student by signing up for one of our Teen & Tween Art Classes. We have several classes with openings for students ages 11-18. Online registration at https://apm.activecommunities. com/paloalto/Home is open for classes focusing on Ceramics, Drawing, Photography and Watercolor.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello (rebecca.passarello@ cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-617-3509.

Attendance Procedure for Student 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 This Year? Consider helping the 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 <u>Julia Jacobsen</u>, JLS PTA President 2016-2017

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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

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coordinators:

6th grade coordinators: Anjani Sarma 7th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner 8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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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