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## PANTHER TRACKS - JLS PTA eNews Sun, Mar 12



Dear Scott

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Site Council Meeting Mon, Mar 13, 3:30 - 5:00PM
Connections Board meeting Wed, Mar 15, 8:15 - 9:15AM
6th grade Band Concert Wed, Mar 15, 7:00- 8:00PM
High School Transition Panel for 8th grade parents Thu, Mar 16, 7:00 - 8:30PM
6th grade parent network meeting Fri, Mar 17, 8:15 - 9:15AM <b>Corrected</b>
Student Store open Fri, Mar 17, 12:30 -1:00PM

## High School Transition Panel for Parents!

Thu, Mar 16 , 7:00 - 8:30 PM , Room 730

Are you curious about what the transition from JLS to 9th grade is like? Join us on Thursday, March 16 from 7-8:30 pm to hear a panel of current freshman from Gunn and Paly as they describe their middle to high school transition. We know how nerve wracking this process can be for parents, wondering how our children will navigate this transition. These former JLS students have an array of interests and activities and will share their experiences with us.

(This event is for parents only as 8th graders will have a similar event during school.)

## 6th Grade Parent Meeting/Social (with Counselor & Admin)!

Fri, Mar 17, 8:15 - 9:15 AM , Room 730

The next informal social for sixth grade parents will be held this Friday 03/17 in Room 730 from 8:15 am-9:15 am. All sixth grade parents are warmly invited.

We can discuss what other events, if any, parents would like to help organize. The sixth grade counselor Ko Vue and admin Liz Tucker will also be present at the meeting. Let us know if there's a specific topic you'd like to hear about from them. Feel free to bring a snack to share over coffee/tea.

Please email [Mei-Hsia Tan](#) if you plan to attend so there'll be enough coffee.

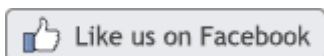
6th grade parent network coordinators:  
Anjani Sarma, Geeta Chaudhry, Mei-Hsia Tan

## JLS Student Store OPEN!

Fri, Mar 17, 12:30 PM

Is your teen interested in buying a JLS hoodie, t-shirt or cap against cost, or does he/she needs a pen, pencil, eraser or any other useful school supplies? Have your teen bring some cash and check out the JLS Student Store.

The JLS Store Folks  
[www.JLSStudentStore.com](http://www.JLSStudentStore.com)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JLS PANTHER PRIDE AWARD!

Parent volunteers are needed for a couple of hours to help put Panther Pride Award packets together. Contact Lili at [roessig4@yahoo.com](mailto:roessig4@yahoo.com) for more information or sign up [here](#).

## SCIENCE FAIR SCHEDULED: MON, MAR 20!

The JLS Science Fair will be held Mon, Mar 20, 7:00 p.m. in the JLS Cafetorium. Join the entire JLS community for a fun-filled evening of science, with students proudly showing off their work in poster sessions and some fabulous science and technology-related demonstrations. All JLS students are invited to participate. Register [here](#) by Thur, Mar 16.

The Science Fair is a great way for students to develop and apply an interest in science and the scientific method. Participants will exercise their curiosity, approach real world problems in a systematic and scientific way, and apply creativity towards questions that interest them. Students should be hearing more details about the fair from their science teachers, and begin thinking about their experiments. Once experimentation is complete, students will present their work in poster format (poster boards generously donated by Synopsys). Each participant will be interviewed by a JLS parent or other member of our community, and participate in peer reviews. All student presenters will be able to exchange their peer reviews for a participation prize, and will be entered into a prize drawing for a number of terrific items.

The Science Fair cannot happen without lots of parent (and other community) volunteers, especially interviewers who are willing to listen to students sharing their projects and provide constructive positive feedback during a brief non-competitive, informal interview. Want to help? Sign up [here](#).

In addition to Synopsys, the Science Fair is sponsored by the JLS PTA, and also supported by donations from a number of local businesses.

Questions? Contact [Maria Derrick](#), Science Fair Chair.

## JLS DAY OF SERVICE!

Wed, Mar 22, 1:45-5PM

Thank you to all the JLS students who signed up! Every student volunteer spot has been filled, and there is a growing waitlist of students who are eager to participate.

Required paperwork must be turned into the JLS main office by Wed., Mar. 15. If students do not submit the required forms by Wed., Mar. 15, their volunteer spots will be offered to students on the waitlist. Links to all necessary forms for each service project can be found on the [Student Volunteer sign-up page](#). Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Service Day cannot happen without parent volunteers! Detailed information about projects, required forms for adult chaperones, and online registration can be found at the [Adult Chaperone sign-up page](#). Thank you for helping!

Community service projects will be held on campus at JLS and at off-campus locations.

At JLS:

- Assemble toiletry kits for veterans receiving medical care at the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System
- Make no-sew blankets for animals sheltered at Palo Alto Animal Services
- Help organize the JLS Library
- Cook a meal for Hotel de Zink clients who are homeless
- Mulch, weed, and perform other tree care tasks with Canopy

At off-campus locations:

- Garden, create art, and interact with senior citizens at Oshman Family JCC
- Work on the Farm at Ohlone Elementary School
- Assemble picnic tables at Hoover Elementary School
- Assist teachers and staff at El Carmelo, Fairmeadow, and Palo Verde Elementary Schools
- Help in the food closet or warehouse at Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto
- Work with adults with disabilities at Abilities United

Want to join the waitlist? Need to change your registration? Please contact [JLS PTA and YCS](#).

The JLS Day of Service is organized and sponsored by the JLS PTA and Youth Community Service (YCS). **Thank you for your support!**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACH POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

For Track and Field and Boys Volleyball, paid positions ranging from \$11.24 per hour to \$16.00 per hour depending on experience. We also offer volunteer positions too.

Track and Field will have practices on Monday through Friday from 3-4:30 pm. Meets will be held on Fridays from 4-6 pm at local high schools in Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo, San Carlos, Belmont and Half Moon Bay.

Boys Volleyball: Practices Monday through Thursday from 3-4:30 pm or 4:30-5:45 pm. Games twice a week throughout the week at 4 or 5 pm start times. Games will be played in Palo Alto, San Jose, San Mateo, Half Moon Bay areas.

Contact [Chase Hartmann](#), Middle School Athletic Coordinator of City of Palo Alto Recreation, if you are interested in coaching any of the sports above.

## PAUSD / PTAC News

### **Free Parent/guardian Technology Education**

Wed, Mar 22, 10 - 11:30 AM & 7 - 8:30 PM, Jordan Middle School Multipurpose Room

Free parent/guardian technology education event in partnership between PAUSD and Common Sense Education. This event will cover the realities of parenting in the digital age, bigger issues and data as well as tools and resources for families. Two identical sessions are available for all PAUSD parents, however due to adult content, this is an adult only event. Babysitters and translators will be available. Contact Emily Garrison, Coordinator of Educational Technology and Libraries with question. Please register at: <https://goo.gl/kbqhR7>

### **SAFE Student Panel Discusses Self-advocacy, Learning & Attention Differences**

Thu, Mar 30, 7 - 8:30 PM, Palo Alto High School, Haymarket Theatre

This panel will discuss the challenges they face and strengths they bring as students with learning and attention difficulties. They will explain and demonstrate strategies for self-advocacy. Questions will be posed by a facilitator and by the audience. All panelists have learning and attention difficulties and are members of SAFE, the student branch of Parents Education Network. SAFE is a student community (between the ages of 13-19) which meets monthly to organize events, coordinate their mentoring program and prepare for presentations such as this. They strive to educate, mentor and support students, parents and teachers, and spread awareness on the importance of cognitive diversity. Recommended for middle and high school students and their parents. This event is co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, the Parents Education Network, and PAUSD. For questions contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com).

### **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>

### **Advocating for your child: Learn how to help your child get their needs met in school**

Sat, Mar 25, 2 - 4 PM, East Palo Alto Academy High School, Multi-Purpose Room, 1050 Myrtle St., East Palo Alto

Are you concerned that your child needs more help in school? Learn how to talk to school staff about your concerns. Please join special education attorneys Tara Ford and Michelle de Blank for a workshop about your rights as parents and learn advocacy strategies that can be effective. Participants will have opportunities to practice advocacy ideas presented and to talk with other parents. This workshop will be useful to parents of children with an IEP or 504 plan, and any parent with concerns about their child. Spanish translation will be provided. Refreshments and childcare will also be provided. Questions? Contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) Sponsored by the Palo Alto CAC for Special Education, [www.cacpaloalto.org](http://www.cacpaloalto.org) and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs.

### **Defendiendo a su hijo: Conozca cómo poder ayudar para que su hijo pueda cubrir sus necesidades en la escuela**

Dom 25 de mar, 2 - 4 PM, Salón de Usos Múltiples de la Escuela Secundaria Academy del Este de Palo Alto, 1050 Myrtle St., East Palo Alto

¿Le preocupa que su hijo necesite mayor ayuda en la escuela? Aprenda a hablar con el personal escolar sobre sus preocupaciones. Por favor acompañe a los abogados de educación especial Tara Ford y Michelle de Blank, en un taller sobre los derechos como padres y aprendan estrategias de defensa que pueden ser efectivas. Los participantes tendrán oportunidad para practicar las ideas de defensa que sean presentadas y podrán hablar con otros padres. Estos talleres serán útiles para padres con hijos dentro de los planes IEP o 504, y para cualquier padre que tenga alguna preocupación sobre sus hijos. Se brindará traducción en español. Habrá refrigerio y cuidado para niños.

¿Preguntas? Contacte [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com)  
Patrocinado por Palo Alto CAC para Educación Especial, [www.cacpaloalto.org](http://www.cacpaloalto.org) y el consejo PTA de Palo Alto.

## COMMUNITY News

### **Mindful Moms Group for Moms of Kids with Special Needs**

Group 1: Every other Thurs (12:30-2:30pm Mar 3 thru Jun 8)

Group 2: Once a month on Sat (1:30-3:30pm Mar 18 thru Jul 15)

St. Mark's Church, 600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto

Join our nurturing group for moms who have kids (of all ages) with special needs, from sensory processing challenges, to dyslexia, to Asperger's or autism. Moms will gather together for 2 hours on a regular basis to support each other, learn mindfulness practices, and practice mindful yoga together. Mindfulness and yoga have been shown to reduce stress, boost mood, improve overall wellbeing, and studies show that a central factor in maternal wellness is social and emotional support - in particular, having a sense of belonging. Join our Mindful Moms group today by emailing [jaclyn.k.long@gmail.com](mailto:jaclyn.k.long@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.mindbodyspiritmoms.com> to find out more.

**Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2017**

Week 1: July 24 - 28, Week 2: July 31 - August 4, 9AM-3PM  
Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, 94301

This year, Paly Robotics will be offering two different weeks of our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th). We hope to spark interest and start future high school students on a path in science, technology, engineering, art or math (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Sun, Feb 12. Campers will be able to sign up for one session per week. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [summercamp@palyrobotics.com](mailto:summercamp@palyrobotics.com). For further details, go to our [website](#).

**Camp MAC**

Mon, Jul 31 - Fri, Aug 8, Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, 94301

For rising 8th and 9th graders. An opportunity to give your child an introduction to journalism and advance his or her writing skills by signing him or her up for Camp MAC, a five-day summer camp held at the state-of-the-art Media Arts Center at Palo Alto High School! All proceeds of the camp go to support Paly's Media Arts program. Camp MAC is taught exclusively by student journalists from Paly's award-winning publications. Campers will write news stories, sports features and food reviews, as well as learn 21st century journalism skills like video broadcasting. At the end of the week they will work with their counselors to make their own printed publication! Early bird ends March 1, so sign up now! Signups, prices and more information at <http://paly.io/campmac>!

**Paly Speech and Debate Summer Camp**

Session 1: June 13-17; Session 2: July 31-Aug 4

The Paly Speech and Debate camp centers around providing students with an introduction to speech and debate. The goal of our camp is to prepare students for competition in these activities once they go to high school. On top of that, speech and debate are both life skills as they teach students to express themselves and be more articulate. Second year campers have the opportunity to be placed in a more advanced classroom setting, while first year campers will be given more of an introduction to speech and debate. To register go to: [pasdc.weebly.com](http://pasdc.weebly.com)

**Closure of East Meadow Caltrain Crossing: 3/10-3/13 and 3/17-3/20**

Caltrain needs to perform track maintenance work over two consecutive weekends at the East Meadow Grade Crossing in Palo Alto. In order for this work to occur, Caltrain will close the grade crossing down for an approximately 56 hour window. This closure would not allow vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian traffic to cross the tracks during this outage. Caltrain has identified the following times as to when these closures would take place.

[Closure 1 - March 10, 2017 at 8:00pm until March 13, at 4:00am](#)

[Closure 2 - March 17, 2017 at 8:00pm until March 20, at 4:00am](#)

**Palo Alto Summer Camp Fair**

Tue, Mar 14, 5 - 6:30 PM, Addison School Multi-Purpose Room

Discover terrific summer camps (for grades K-12) all around Palo Alto, meet camp vendors in person, and get help planning a summer your entire family will love. Free to attend. Exclusive discounts, enter to win a free week of camp, free pizza for the first 100 to arrive, hands-on activities, and giveaways & prizes. More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/597879150406526/>

### **Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Auditions**

Apr 22 & 23, Mitchell Park Library, Palo Alto

Award-winning youth orchestra PACO's new member auditions will take place on April 22 & 23. Sign up: <http://pacomusic.org/auditions/>

### **Trans Talk - Social and Medical Transition for Children and Youth.**

Thu Mar 16, 6:30 - 8 PM, Medallia (AOL Building), 395 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto

Dr. Benjamin Huang Laniakea and Dr. Tandy Aye from Stanford Children's Health, as well as Outlet Program Director, Anthony Ross, will present information and answer questions from the community about transition based on the Gender Affirmative Model of care for transgender and non-binary youth. For parents/guardians of young children and teens, as well as Middle School/High School/College students. Spanish Translation available

### **How and When to Explain Your Child's Disability to Him or Her and Self Advocacy SELPA 1 CAC Coffee Talk**

Wed, Mar 15, 7 - 9M, Santa Rita Elementary School, 700 Los Altos Road, Los Altos

### **Let's Talk Parent Support Group for Special Education**

Mon, Mar 13, 10 AM - 12 PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

### **Parent Chat Support Group for Parents Concerned about Emotional Well-Being of Teens**

Tues, Mar 14, 7 - 8:30 PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

### **Come walk and be a part of the May Fete Parade!**

Deadline to sign up is April 19, 2017, Parade will be on May 6, 2017 10:00am

Calling all kids! It's time to sign up for the 95th Annual May Fête Children's. Don't miss this time honored Palo Alto tradition to showcase your school, neighborhood, team, youth group or extracurricular activity. All children are welcome to walk in the parade-so if you don't have a group, come join the open categories. Dress up like your favorite hero! Build a float, march with your school band, decorate your bike, walk with your pet or bring a flag from your favorite place. Let's enjoy the day and celebrate our heroes! For more information, please visit [www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete)

### **Third Annual Cubberley Community Day**

Sat Mar 25, 9am-1pm at Cubberley Community Center



This free event is open to all ages. Celebrate community by planting trees with Canopy starting at 9 am. Enjoy a wide range of performances and Artist's Open Studios between 10am and 1pm. Kids Activities to include a bounce house, face painting, jugglers and many fun games. Come out for a fun day of play, entertainment and food while learning about the exciting opportunities provided by the tenants of Cubberley Community Center. For more information, visit: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/cubberleyday> or contact Karen.Pauls@cityofpaloalto.org . Co-sponsored by Canopy, Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto, CASP.

### **Classroom Volunteers Needed Next School Year**

In East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park (Run on 15 feb too)

Have you enjoyed helping in your child's classroom? Consider volunteering in a classroom in eastern Menlo Park or East Palo Alto where there are virtually no parent volunteers. You'll help tutor kids in grades K-5 where 88% are low income and 40% are homeless. Work once a week in the same classroom for about an hour, with students on reading, writing or math. All Students Matter provides training and coordinates everything. Sign up now to start in September. For more details or to sign up, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org) or contact Keri Tully at keritully@gmail.com.

### **Paly 5K Fun Run & Walk**

Sat, Mar 25, 8AM registration; 9AM race starts

Sign ups now open for Paly's first 5K Fun Run & Walk! Sign up online at <http://palysportsboosters.org/paly-5k-fun-run/> Proceeds benefit Paly Athletics. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning! Questions? PAHSsportsboosters@gmail.com

### **KidPower: Keeping Kids Safe (5 - 12 years)**

Sat, Mar 18, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto

Learn how to discuss and practice important, age appropriate "People-Safety Skills" with your children. Help them. Follow "Stranger Safety" rules (not "Stranger Danger" rules which are least effective): Use safety plans if lost, set clear boundaries, deal with other kids bullying behaviors, be and act aware and confident, ....and much more. With Staff from KidPower. Child must be a minimum of 5 years old to be eligible to participate in the Workshop. Fee is per child. Each additional child will require their own separate registration. Only 20 spots are available. Fee: \$80

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kidpower-keeping-kids-safe-5-12-years-registration-31239300589>

### **Paly Theatre And Music Programs Presents: Disney's Beauty and the Beast**

For performance dates and times: <http://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto

Beauty and the Beast, the internationally beloved, classic musical fairy-tale, hits the boards at Paly's Performing Arts Center stage. Bring your whole family and be swept away by the story of Belle, her dream of finding something more exciting than her small town life, and how it lands her captive inside the dark walls of a hideous beast's magical castle populated by living, talking knick-knacks including the beloved teapot, Mrs. Potts. Do come and "Be Our Guest." Let this potent tale of the transformative power of love touch you as it has touched countless audiences worldwide.

Tickets are \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 students/seniors. Reserved seating at <http://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/> or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to curtain.

### **Effective and Joyful Discipline with Your Strong-Willed Child (9 - 12 years)**

Wed, Mar 15, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo

Strong-willed children want to cooperate, yet they need to be approached differently than easygoing children. Rather than ending up in power struggles, break this cycle and learn how to win cooperation effectively. You can bring out the best in yourself and your children.

Fee: \$90 for 2 sessions.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-and-joyful-discipline-with-your-strong-willed-child-9-12-years-registration-31239151142>

### **Stop Struggling - Learn How to Turn Conflict Into Cooperation (5 - 14 years)**

Tue, Mar 21, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto 94301

This workshop, based on Cynthia Klein's new book Ally Parenting, will teach you how to pick the most effective parenting strategy for each parent-child conflict. Once you have the right solution, then voila! You'll know exactly what to do and improved cooperation is only a few actions away. Fee: \$50

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stop-struggling-learn-how-to-turn-conflict-into-cooperation-5-14-years-registration-31266313385>

### **The Wave: Palo Alto's 1967 Experiment in Fascism (film & discussion)**

Wed, Mar 22, 7 PM, Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Palo Alto History Museum presents "The Lesson Plan" - a world-renown documentary never before shown in Palo Alto. It happened here - 50 years ago. New Cubberley High School teacher Ron Jones sought to teach his students how people could accept the actions of the Nazi regime during WWII by creating "The Third Wave," a series of exercises modeled on certain characteristics of the Nazi movement. The experiment was successful - too much so.

Producers (and former students) Mark Hancock and Philip Neel will join their former teacher (Ron Jones) for a post-film conversation and reception following the program.

Free. Space is limited. RSVP to <http://conta.cc/2mmmPNY>.

Caution: some material may be unsuitable for young children. Parents, please accompany your children.

**Disney Movie Night: Cool Runnings**

Thu, March 23, 7-9pm, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.

It's Throwback Thursday, Disney style! Fans of all ages are invited to join us in the Embarcadero Room to watch a classic Disney film. There will be snacks and opportunities to win prizes! This month: 1993's Cool Runnings (rated PG).

**Lego Friday**

3rd Friday of Every Month, 3:30PM-5PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.  
Let your imagination soar and come build with us! No registration required. For all ages.

**Festival of Colors**

Sun, Mar 12, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Ready to get a little messy with colored powder? Spring season is almost here, and we are going to have fun with colors! Register to get a t-shirt and participate in the colored powder activity, henna tattoo, and enjoy music with other teens and adults. Register at:  
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3805&TargetID=140>

**Author Visit: Kate Schatz**

Sat, Mar 18, 11AM-12PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

In honor of Women's History Month, come hear Kate talk about her two books: Rad Women A-Z and Rad Women Worldwide. Learn about some lesser known but truly rad women!

**Teen Writing Club**

Thu, Mar 16, 4- 5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd, Palo Alto

Share your passion for writing with other teens. Writing prompts, activities, and light snacks provided. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month. Grades 6-12. Please register for this event online at:  
<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3063&TargetID=140>

**March Madness of Books**

Sun, Mar 26, 1-3PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Decorate your own cupcake with as much icing as you want while we watch a new movie. Bring your friends! Grades 6-12 only. Registration required. at <https://tinyurl.com/gmx84xt>

**Counselor-In-Training Applications are now open**

Fri March 31, Mitchell Park Community Center

The CIT (Counselor-in-Training) program is a fun and exciting experience for teens ages 13 and 14 who are interested in working with children. The CIT Program emphasizes leadership, community service, safety, and initiative. If your teen will be 13-14 during

Summer 2017 and is interested in becoming a CIT, please visit [tinyurl.com/CIT2017](http://tinyurl.com/CIT2017) to apply. Application closes on March 31, 2016. For more information, contact [ashabi.idris@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:ashabi.idris@cityofpaloalto.org).

### **Palo Alto Art Center Summer Counselor-in-Training Application**

The Counselor in Training applications for the summer of 2017 are now available. Summer Camp Counselors in Training (CIT) are volunteers (12-17 years old) who assist professional art instructors in the day-to-day running of the Children's Fine Art summer camps. The Lead Counselor in Training (LCIT) program builds on experience as an Art Center CIT and provides opportunities for volunteers to help lead the CIT training, enjoy mentorship from college Children's Fine Art (CFA) interns, manage camper recreation, and take responsibility as the LCIT for one week of camps. More information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/getinvolved/overview/program.asp>.

Summer 2017 Counselor in Training Application & Information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56059>

Summer 2017 Lead Counselor in Training Application & Information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56060>

### **Science Day at Museum of American Heritage**

Sat Apr 1, 1 - 2.30PM, MOAH 351 Homer Av., Palo Alto

This is a special family event. School-aged siblings, grade 1 and up, are welcome with parental supervision. The event will include an introduction and presentation, Q & A, and hands-on activities. MOAH will set up arrays of science gadgets and devices to let participants to try out. Children and adults will get to try out tesla coils, van der Graff Generator, Jacob's Ladder and electromagnet devices. Hands-on activities including static electricity, electromagnetic games & toys, theremins, tesla coils, and many more! For more information: <http://www.moah.org/children.html> Admission is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP: [admin@moah.org](mailto:admin@moah.org) or contact 650-321-1004.

### **Freshman Leadership Corps (FLC) - YCS**

Ready for High School? Spend two weeks building leadership skills, meeting new friends and helping create change in the community! For summer 2017, Youth Community Service (YCS) will offer the Freshman Leadership Corps Program for incoming ninth graders. Campers will learn about important issues that impact the physical and social environments in their communities. They will examine these issues from environmental, social and cultural perspectives and will gain understanding on how they can make a difference. In addition, campers will enjoy a fun BBQ day each session and prepare a multimedia presentation for the end-of-camp celebration! Freshman Leadership Corps has four 2 week sessions that run from June 12th through August 4th for students who will be entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2017. For more information visit the Enjoy Catalog online or contact YCS at (650) 858-8019.

### **Summer Of Service (SOS) - YCS**

Want to make a difference in the community? Join Summer of Service and develop leadership skills, meet new friends and have fun while helping out in the community - with Youth Community Service (YCS). Each day campers will go out in teams to local schools,

senior centers, food pantries and parks for service. At Summer of Service you will have fun while learning how to tackle community issues. We also enjoy one fun BBQ day each session and an end of camp celebration. Summer of Service has four 2 week sessions that run from June 12th through August 4th for students who will be entering 6th - 8th grade in the Fall of 2017. For more information, visit the Enjoy Catalog online or contact YCS at (650) 858-8019

## 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 NEXT YEAR? JOIN JLS PTA!

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Questions? Contact [Julia Jacobsen](#), JLS PTA President 2016-2017

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