
Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Oct 1



IN THIS WEEK

Homework Habitat Mon, Oct 2, 3:15 PM, Library
Walk and Roll Week Begins Monday, Oct 2
Homework Habitat Tues Oct 3, 3:15 PM, Library
Walk/Bike/Carpool to School Day Wednesday, Oct 4
PTA Sponsored Latte Cart (for Staff Only) Thurs, Oct 5, 7:30 am, Rm 40
Connections Coffee Thurs, Oct 5, 8:15-9:15 am, Rm 730
PTA Executive Board Meeting Thurs, Oct 5, 8:30 am, Conf Rm B
Homework Habitat Thurs Oct 5 3:15 PM, Library
Staff Development Day, No School Fri, Oct 6

[JLS Walk and Roll Day: Wednesday, October 4
For Safer Streets, Healthier Bodies and a Greener Planet](#)

This week JLS will join students across Palo Alto who are choosing alternatives to solo driving to school to celebrate International Walk to School Day. On Wednesday, October 4, all students at JLS are encouraged to walk, bike, skate, ride the bus/shuttle or carpool to reduce the congestion in the school zone, making the streets safer for everyone. Want to win sweet prizes? Walk, bike, skate or scooter to school!

Related Events in Palo Alto:

Kick-off Walk & Roll week at Bike Palo Alto! on Sunday, October 1: 1-3PM at El Carmelo School (Bryant & Loma Verde).

Bike Palo Alto! is a family friendly community event with activities that encourage exploring Palo Alto's bicycle route network.

[PTA Latte Cart for Staff!
6th Grade Class Volunteers
Thur October 5, 7:30-9:30AM, Room 40](#)

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. To make these mornings a success, we ask our parents to contribute the breakfast foods.

For our Latte Cart in October, we are inviting the 6th Grade class to be the main contributor.

In the following months, we will ask the 7th and 8th grade classes to be our main contributor (but of course any volunteers are welcome!), so keep an eye out for when it will be your grade's opportunity to provide this thank you to our staff.

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) the Latte Cart morning between 7:15 - 9:30 AM. Non-perishable items may be brought the day before to the Main Office. Please sign up [here](#).

Please contact our Latte Cart Coordinator with any questions: [Josette Domokos](#)

**[ARTISTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PTA ART CONTEST: REFLECTIONS
2017-2018](#)**

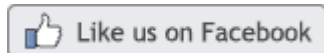
Palo Alto PTA Council is looking for parent volunteers interested in organizing a Palo Alto Reflections Art event. If you are interested, please contact PTAC Arts Lead, Elisabeth Bonnet at

elizart4all@gmail.com. General contest information can be found at <http://capta.org/programs- events/reflections/>

In the meantime, it may be possible for PAUSD students to enter the Reflections contests individually. Artwork includes: Dance/choreography, Literature, Photography, Film production, Music composition, and Visual arts. More information will be included in future eNews publications.

Author Visit: Save the Date

New York Times bestselling author Sharon Cameron will visit JLS Monday, October 16 at 1 - 2 pm in the cafeteria. If you liked *The Giver*, *Divergent*, *Legend*, or *The City of Ember* consider purchasing one or both of the books in *The Forgetting* series - *The Forgetting* and *The Knowing* . Linden Tree Books (Los Altos). For the preorder form please click [here](#)



JLS Online and Printed Directory

JLS ONLINE DIRECTORY

JLS PTA is using UpToUs for its electronic Directory and community messaging (via grade-specific parent networks). UpToUs is password protected and you have control over the information you want viewable by others. You may change your information, preferences or privacy settings at any time. When registering your student this year, you indicated via Infinite Campus your preference to be included in emails from the PTA or in the school Directory. Subsequently, PAUSD has only given us your information if you answered "YES".

· If you are not getting any communications from PTA, cannot sign into the directory or still want to participate, let us know.

- If you want to check or change information seen in the directory, then sign in to hide/delete/update what's associated with your account. Those who already indicated "No Directory" have been hidden.

eDirectory information is replaced each year, so any modifications you make are not shared with PAUSD's database. To make permanent changes to your information or preferences, please change it by logging in to Infinite Campus and making changes there. The volunteers who produced the directory have made every attempt to ensure the data are accurate, reliable, timely and authorized to be published. Information in the directory is available to families and staff of JLS Middle School and may only be used for school related activities. It may not be used for commercial, political or marketing purposes or otherwise distributed/shared.

JLS PRINTED DIRECTORY

JLS PTA is working on creating a printed copy of the directory based on the PAUSD database using subsequent edits made by you on UpToUs. Please read below on how information will be published:

(1) If you added information to UpToUs, but were not included in the PAUSD database, your family information will not be included in the printed directory. However, if you would still like to be included in the printed directory, please contact PTA directly at jlsptaemail@gmail.com(subject line: family name - PRINTED DIRECTORY - ADD IN). Please clearly describe what information can be included.

(2) For families included in the PAUSD database, any subsequent edits made by you on UpToUs (edits to address, telephone, nicknames, etc...) will be included in the printed directory. However, any additional information not in the original PAUSD data will not be included. If you would like any of the additional information in the printed directory, please contact PTA directly at jlsptaemail@gmail.com (subject line: family name - PRINTED DIRECTORY - ADDITIONAL INFO). Please clearly describe what new information can be included.

Information will be downloaded from UpToUs for the printed directory on October 2nd. If you still have questions? Please contact PTA directly at jlsptaemail@gmail.com (subject line: family name - PRINTED DIRECTORY - OTHER).

Support JLS by Shopping Online

Dear JLS parents,

Did you know that you can do your normal shopping and help fundraise for JLS at the same time?

Here's how:

EScrip

Please take a moment to update your information at www.eScrip.com and verify that your contributions are going to JLS (Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School, Group ID # 130315138). If you are new to eScrip, sign-up can be done online or at eScrip @ 1-800-400-7878. Urge your friends and relatives to sign up eScrip and make JLS their supporter group. You can support up to three schools.

Amazon.com

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, and same service.

Shop at the link

<https://smile.amazon.com/>, sign in to your amazon account, choose "Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle PTA " as your charity to support, Amazon donates 0.5% of your online purchases to JLS PTA.

Kepler's Books

Shop at Kepler's JLS page:

<http://www.keplers.com/jls-shopping-page>, at the end of your online order, make sure to write inside "order Comments" a note for supporting JLS , then Kepler's Donates back 6% to JLS on any purchase you make! You can also support JLS by purchasing Kepler's Gift Cards. They NEVER expire and can be used at the JLS book fair OR at Kepler's book store any time. They make terrific gifts for teachers and friends!

You can go to school website at <https://jls.pausd.org/contribute/donate> or at the PTA page <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/> to get more detailed information on how to support JLS by shopping online. Thanks a lot for your supporting to JLS !

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****NEW****PiE Rally Days - Challenge Grant

Generous PiE supporters have offered a brand new Challenge Grant to PiE. Please donate or make a pledge by October 16 at <http://papie.org/donate/>, and we can give an additional \$235,000 to PAUSD students. Every gift counts. Gifts and pledges made by October 16 will be matched by a \$235,000 Rally Days Challenge Grant. This is the final Challenge Grant for the year. So please join PiE in supporting our children. If you have

already given or pledged, thank you so much. If not, now is a great time to make your impact.

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****NEW**** Movie & Discussion for Families. The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia
Tue, Oct 17, 6:30 - 8 PM, Palo Alto High School, Haymarket Theater, 50 Embarcadero Road

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month (<https://dyslexiaida.org/>). Join us for this new eye-opening movie: a dyslexic high schooler pursues admission to a leading college - a challenge for a child who didn't learn to read until 4th grade. Additional accounts of the dyslexic experience from children, experts, and iconic leaders at the top of their fields help us to understand that dyslexia, a persistent problem with reading, can be both a gift and an obstacle. Discussion and Q&A following the film. Students and teachers are welcome to attend. Co-sponsored by Palo Alto CAC and PTAC. For questions contact paloaltocac@gmail.com

****NEW****"The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation"
Tue Oct 17, 6.30 - 8.30PM, PAUSD Boardroom, 25 Churchill Av., Palo Alto

Join us for the screening of "The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation" Kim Kruckel, Executive Director of the Child Care Law Center based in San Francisco, and a leader in early childhood education will moderate the discussion and questions following the film. You can watch the 11min trailer at <http://www.raisingofamerica.org/watch> Light refreshments will be served at 6.30 and the program begins at 7PM.

Healthy Habits, Healthy Lives
Wed, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:30pm, SDC Room, District Office, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto

Navigating and understanding nutrition guidelines can be challenging and confusing. At this talk, Dr. Rosner will help to clear up some of this confusion. She will discuss healthy eating guidelines, as well as, healthy habits. Finally, she will provide ways to incorporate these suggestions into our daily lives and leave us empowered with the knowledge to lead a healthy life. Jeanne Rosner is a board certified anesthesiologist who practiced at Stanford Medical Center for nearly 20 years. Since retiring from anesthesia, she has been a nutrition educator at local middle schools throughout the Bay area and started a venture called SOUL (seasonal, organic, unprocessed, local) Food Salon (<http://www.soulfoodsalon.com>) .

COMMUNITY

Community E, M, H

****NEW**Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing? Auditions Open Now for the 2017-18 Season of Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley**

Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley serves the youth of Silicon Valley with 23 years of choral music instruction and performance excellence. Auditions are now open for our 2017-2018 Season.

Cantabile singers which also includes PAUSD students, ages 4-18, enjoy weekly rehearsals, seasonal concerts, participation in the annual Cantabile Festival for Young Voices and domestic and international tours. Cantabile Youth Singers offers a Training Division based on skill level and age: three levels of Preparatory Classes for students ages 4-9 and a fun and high-energy Intermediate Choir for students ages 9-12. Our Performance Division has four senior choirs: Ensemble , for young people ages 12-15 and Vocalise, Cantabile's most advanced group for youth aged 14-18. Cantabile has a Young Men's Division that supports boys' voice change (Bravi and Vocal Training Group) and an A Cappella girls' ensemble, Aria. Training Division Demo classes are held in August and January and auditions are held by appointment throughout each semester. To audition please contact: info@cantabile.org 650.424.1410

****NEW**Special Education Administration Panel**

Wed. Oct 18, 7-9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary, 200 Los Altos Ave, Los Altos

Staff from the Special Education Departments from Los Altos SD (Jennifer Keicher, Director), Mountain View Whisman SD (Gary Johnson, Director), Mountain View Los Altos High SD (Kara Oettinger, Program Specialist) and Palo Alto Unified SD (Jennifer Baker, School Psychologist) will participate in a moderated panel discussion about issues in special education and respond to questions. A great way for new families to learn more! If you have questions now to start the evening, please submit them to selpa1cacinfo@gmail.com

****NEW**Let's Talk, hosted by SELPA 1 CAC**

Mon. Oct 9, 7 PM-9PM, 190 Arbuolo Way, Los Altos

Let's Talk Support Group is 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. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality.

****NEW**Parent Chat, hosted by SELPA 1 CAC**

Tue. Oct 10, 7PM-8:30PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos

Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

Whole Foods (downtown Palo Alto) Nickels for Non-Profits
Sept 28th to Jan 15th

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Sept 28 to Jan 15 and bring in your own bags, Whole Foods will donate 5 cents per bag to our Palo Alto PTA Council. The PTAC will be able to use these funds for more programs and events for our PAUSD students, staff, and parents!

Free Math Festival for Girls
Sat, Oct 21, 10AM - 12PM; 555 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Hands-on, collaborative activities that inspire a love for math, for girls grades 4 through 9. Please plan to stay for the entire duration of the festival, to participate in a sequence of scheduled activities rather than a drop in format. For more information, visit: <http://www.proofschool.org/community/#love-math>.

Celebration of Oneness Art Exhibition
Deadline: Sun, Oct 1

Call for submissions of original artwork on the theme of the oneness of humanity. Entries open to students and residents of Palo Alto of all ages and artistic levels. Selected artwork will be displayed at the Rinconada Library and other Palo Alto venues, including an opening reception on November 5th. Submission details available at: www.celebrateoneness.com, deadline October 1, 2017. Email: celebrateoneness@gmail.com. Event sponsored by the Palo Alto Baha'i Community.

Palo Alto Library -- Day of the Dead Altar
Sun, Oct 15 - Sun, Nov 5 Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto CA 94306

Submit a photo of a loved one whom has passed on to honor them at the entrance of the library's altar. Display created by Teen Library Advisory Board (TLAB).

Titans Youth Cheer Clinic
Sat, Sept 30. 10AM-2PM, Gunn High School Titan Gym.

Come join the Gunn High School Varsity Cheerleaders for a fun-filled Cheer Clinic for kids K-8th grade. Kids will learn cheers and a dance that they can later perform alongside the cheerleaders at the Gunn HS Football game on Friday, Oct. 13. Lunch, water and snacks are provided at the clinic. Check-in time is 9:30AM, cost is \$40 per child (\$30 for siblings after the first registration), cash or check payment at the door. Email gunntitans.cheer@gmail.com to reserve your spot with "Youth Clinic" in the subject line and include the child(ren)'s name, age and grade.

Volunteers Needed for Adopt-a-School and Adopt-a-Teacher Programs at the Ravenswood School District!

Be a part of the exciting new things happening in Ravenswood! The Ravenswood Education Foundation (REF) is kicking off its annual Adopt-a-Teacher program for the Ravenswood City School District! The program offers the opportunity for individuals or small groups to help teachers in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park purchase much-needed supplies. REF is also launching a teacher appreciation program with an opportunity for volunteers to provide two meals honoring faculty and staff at a school. If interested, please contact Jazmin Sosa at jsosa@ravenswoodef.org or visit REF's website to learn more about other volunteering opportunities at www.ravenswoodef.org.

Community E, M

****NEW****Information Nights for Parents of Rising 5th and 8th Graders

Are you wondering about the next big step in school for your child? Come learn about what to expect for the move to 6th grade and 9th grade! These evening events are hosted by PiE and replace their former fall middle and high school tours.

8th Grade Rising - Parent Info Evenings

- Gunn: Weds, Oct 11, 7pm-9pm @ Gunn Bow Gym
- Paly: Weds, Oct 11, 7pm-9pm @ Paly Perf. Arts Center

5th Grade Rising - Parent Info Evenings

- Terman: Weds, Oct 18, 6:30-8:30pm @ Terman Cafetorium
- Jordan: Weds, Oct 18, 7-9:00pm @ Jordan Multi-Purpose Room
- JLS*: Thurs, Oct 19, 7-9:00pm @ JLS Cafetorium

At each school site, the Principal and other staff will provide insight on the school and what you can look forward to in this new chapter. Parents will share tips for a smooth transition. For more info, see <http://papie.org/news/5th-8th-gr-parent-info-eves/> Open to all current 5th grade and 8th grade parents, respectively. No reservations needed. Translators will be available for Spanish and Mandarin speakers. This evening is geared for adults. Childcare will not be provided.

* The JLS information night will not include specifics on the choice program, Connections. Detailed information on the program will be shared at a special Connections Information Night on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00pm, hosted by JLS.

The 8th Annual Bike Palo Alto

Sun Oct 1, 1 - 4PM, El Carmelo Elementary School, 3024 Bryant St., Palo Alto

Get ready to ride and explore Palo Alto's enjoyable bike byways from Los Altos to Menlo Park to the Baylands! Bring your helmet, a water bottle for filling at water fountains, and a small pack to hold your maps and other bike goodies. Start at El Carmelo for registration, route maps, helmet fitting, and an ABC Quick Bike Safety Check. Choose from three routes with shorter and longer options with treats at special stops along the routes and start filling up a Frequent Rider Card that is redeemed later for a reward. For more details: <https://bikepaloalto.org/> or #bikepaloalto. Originated and organized by neighborhood green team volunteers, this free event provides a fun way for the community to learn about Palo Alto's great bicycling routes and resources. Bike Palo Alto encourages biking safely to more places more often and kicks off Walk & Roll week in PAUSD schools.

Stanford ADHD Study:

Looking for children ages 7-11 with a diagnosis of ADHD or with no diagnoses to participate in a study exploring changes in brain function in response to a novel neurofeedback training. Participation involves 6 sessions of cognitive training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at lchromik@stanford.edu or 650-724-2939 for more information or to enroll. For general information regarding participant rights, contact 1- 866-680-2906.

Community M, H

Palo Alto Library Teen Read Week
Month of October, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Zone

Share your favorite YA book, and get some reading suggestions from teens for Teen Read Week! Check out the whiteboard in the Teen Zone and let us know your favorite YA books. Grades 6-12.

****NEW****Palo Alto Library Candy Sushi & Teen Anime
Tue, Oct 10, 4:30-6:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Midtown Room

Bring your creativity as we make candy sushi. Yummy! All candy provided. We will also be watching a Studio Ghibli film. Bring a friend after school. Registration Required. Grades 6-12.

Matemagos Math Tutoring in Spanish: Help Kinder & 1st Graders with Math, Gain Valuable Experience Volunteering.
Mandatory Tutor Orientation October 12, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Escondido Elementary, Room 1
1st Tutoring Session October 19 - November 30, Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:15pm, at Escondido Elementary, Palo Alto

Matemagos provides a great opportunity to work with Kinder and First Grade Spanish Immersion students in math through fun and engaging games. Tutors gain valuable experience through service while using their Spanish language skills, building a relationship with the students, and giving back to the community. Contact matemagos.tutor@gmail.com for details

How to foster the Essential Skills Adolescents Need to Thrive in College and Life
Sun, Oct 29. 10AM-4PM. Stanford University, Lathrop Library, Room 299.

This workshop focuses on the key emotional skills that parents must foster in middle-school and high-school students to prepare them for the challenges they will face when they leave home. Enrollment limited to 25 parents. Fee: \$245. Taught by child & adolescent psychiatrists Bina Patel, MD and Sujata Patel, MD, from Stanford University's Counseling & Psychological Services.
Visit <https://continuingstudies.stanford.edu>

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 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

JLS eNews PUBLICATION GUIDELINE!

If you want to publish an announcement relevant to JLS, send an email to JLS.eneews@gmail.com. JLS eNews is a publication of the JLS PTA. Our PTA has a noncommercial policy, which states that we do not associate with any commercial activities of other organizations including, but not limited to, the promotion of their goods and services. Only submissions from nonprofit organizations will be considered for placement in the eNews. Announcements relevant to other schools in the PAUSD district can be sent to eneews@paloaltopta.org. For more detail, please click [here](#).

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: Gerrie Phillips, Hue Tran, Suman Rangaswany
7th grade coordinators: Anjani Sarma , Mei-Hsia Tan
8th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

**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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