

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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Connections Board Meeting Wed, Oct 11, 8:15 am
8th grade rising parent information meeting Wed, Oct 11, 7- 9 pm, Gunn HS Bow Gym
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End of First Quarter Fri, October 13

From Principal Lisa Hickey

The end of the 1st quarter is next Friday (October 13th), and report cards will be available to view on Infinite Campus at the end of October. I will send an e-mail letting you know when it is ready to view. If your child had a C- or below in any class mid-quarter, a progress report was mailed home via US Mail the last week of September. After lunch today, during our Wednesday Instructional Period (WIP), students learned about the school and district's sexual harassment policies and complaint procedures. Please click this [link](#) for the information that was shared with students today. Also, Friday, October 6th is a Staff Development Day and there is no school for students. Enjoy your three-day weekend.

****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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Bicyclists - See and Be Seen!

As the hours of daylight decrease, please equip your bicycles with lights and reflectors on the front and the back. Lights are very inexpensive and easy to attach. Even if it is light enough for you to see where you are going, you still may not be visible to drivers. Get a light and use it! See and be seen!

Questions: jls-safe-routes@googlegroups.com

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](#)

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/](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.



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****Unity Day 2017 - When We Stand Together, No One Stands Alone
Palo Alto's 5th Annual Unity Day! WEAR ORANGE to show your support!
Wednesday, October 25th, all PAUSD schools

PAUSD will celebrate Unity Day 2017 to show that our community is united against bullying, and promotes kindness towards all students. Each school will participate in its own way, so find out what your school is doing. Also, join in sending a message that we are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion by wearing Orange on Wednesday, October 25th!

PTAC E, M, H

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

"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.

COMMUNITY

Community E, M, H

****NEW**** Festival of Lights: A Diwali Celebration
Sun, Oct 29, 12-5PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd, Embarcadero Room

Come celebrate Diwali at the Palo Alto City Library! We'll have music, dancing, henna, crafts and lots more for the whole family to enjoy! Join us at the Rinconada Library on Sunday, October 29 as we celebrate the cultures of our community. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated every autumn in the northern hemisphere. This free event

starts at 12PM and features a variety of performances and activities that reflect the celebration!

****NEW****Paly Cheer Fundraiser -- Order your Holiday Pies!
Fri, Oct 20 (order deadline), Tues, Nov 7 is pie pick-up at Paly 3:30-5:45pm

Enjoy delicious farm fresh pies while supporting your Cheer and Dance teams! Apple, Two Berry, and Pumpkin Pies are available. They are flash-frozen from Gidzich Farms in Watsonville and are simply scrumptious! Get all the details at:
<http://www.palycheer.net/holiday-pies.html>

****NEW****City of Palo Alto Costume Swap
Sun, Oct 8, 1 - 3 PM, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Are you ready for Halloween? Attend the Halloween Scare/Share Faire to share goods, ideas, ghost stories, and a costume swap. Bring your gently used Halloween costumes, decorations, goodie bags and other holiday items to trade with your neighbors.

****NEW****Project Cornerstone - for parents and caregivers!

The Palo Alto Unified School District is offering a free series of parent meetings open to all parents and caregivers. Join Project Cornerstone's engaging workshop - Take It Personally, starting Monday, October 30th from 8:05 to 9:35 AM at Hoover Elementary School. You do not need to be a parent from Hoover, just an adult who cares about all kids.

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

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

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.

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>.

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).

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

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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

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* 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.

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

****NEW****City of Palo Alto International Games Day

Thu, Nov 2, 4-6 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Center & El Palo Alto Room

Play or compete with others on console game systems, Ping-Pong tables, air hockey, pool, card games, board games, mini golf and more! Grades 6-12.

****NEW****Romance of Risk: Helping Teens Stay Safe (Middle/High School)

Tue, Oct 17, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto

Participants discuss roadblocks to communicating with teens on critical topics such as smoking, drinking, sexual behavior, and drug use. Learn effective strategies for how to listen and support teens to make responsible decisions regarding risky behaviors. With Susan Stone, BSE. Fee: \$45

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/romance-of-risk-helping-teens-stay-safe-middlehigh-school-registration-35887069190>

****NEW****Connected or Disconnected: Technology and Your Family (Middle/High School)

Thur, Oct 26, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto

Join us for a compelling conversation about families and screen time. Explore the advantages and drawbacks for our digital natives, recognize the top signs of screen addiction, and discuss as a family the realities and challenges of your own digital use.

With Havi Hall Fee: \$45

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/connected-or-disconnected-technology-and-your-family-middlehigh-school-registration-35887009010>

****NEW****Empathy is the App: Raising Thoughtful Kids in the Digital Age

Wed, Nov 8, 7 - 8:30 PM, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School

Palo Alto Parent Education Parents Series kicks off with nationally acclaimed author of "Screenwise" and TED Talk "Raising a Digital Native," Dr. Devorah Heitner. Parents worry their teens are addicted, detached or distracted because of digital devices. Tech-savvy Digital Natives need mentorship to thrive, develop social skills and succeed in a

future where they will likely find a job, meet their spouse and build their reputations. Parents, students, faculty/staff, and community members welcome! Spanish/Mandarin interpretation available. Free admission. Tickets available beginning October 8 (via Eventbrite). Palo Alto Parent Education Series events are sponsored by the Palo Alto High School PTSA and the Gunn High School PTSA

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.

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>, course # WSP 323, for further information.

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

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your employer to
DONATE to JLS?**



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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