

**Subject:** JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Oct 15



### IN THIS WEEK

8th Grade Hearing Screening Mon, Oct 16
Homework Habitat Mon, Oct 16, 3:15 PM, Library
Site Council Meeting Mon, Oct 16, 3:30 PM- 5 PM Rm 40
8th Grade Vision Screening Tues, Oct 17
Homework Habitat Tues Oct 17, 3:15 PM, Library
7th Grade Cell Models Wed, Oct 18, 6 PM- 8:30 PM, JLS Cafetorium
8th grade Vision Screeing Thurs, Oct 19
5th Grade rising parent information meeting Wed, Oct 19, 7- 8:30 pm, JLS Cafetorium
Homework Habitat Thurs Oct 19, 3:15 PM, Library

JLS Student Store Open Friday, Oct 20, 12:30 PM- 1 PM
Unity Day 2017 Wednesday Oct 25
JLS Dance Friday, Oct 27, 7:00PM- 9:30 PM JLS Cafetorium

### **Night of Fright School Dance**

On Friday, October 27, JLS will be hosting the first dance of the year, which will be Halloween themed. Students can wear costumes to the dance as long as costumes follow the JLS dress code, and no masks or play weapons will be allowed. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold during lunch time beginning Monday, 10/23 until Friday, 10/27. On 10/26 and 10/27, tickets will be sold after school from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Students can purchase tickets as long as they do not have any library/text book fines, ten or more tardies, or behavioral incidents that exclude them from the dance. Students are recommended to bring small bills (\$1s, \$5s) if they chose to purchase concessions during the dance.

This dance begins at 7:00 PM and ends at 9:30 PM for the 6th and 7th graders. All 8th graders will have until 10:00pm. Doors will close at 7:30 PM, and there will be no "in's and out's". Please make sure you pick up your child on time.

### **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 special way, so find out what your school is doing and join us in sending a message that we are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion by wearing Orange on Wednesday, October 25th!

For more information on JLS UNITY DAY activities please contact:

6th Grade guidance counselor- Arvind Arya - aarya@pausd.org; 650-856-5129

7th Grade Counselor - Ko Vue - kvue@pausd.org; 650-856-5175

8th Grade Counselor - Ellie Messinger-Adams - emessinger@pausd.org; 650-856-5174

### **JLS YCS Club Invites You to a Community Service Day on Saturday, October 21**

Sat. Oct. 21, 9:00AM-1:30PM YCS "Make a Difference Day" service event.

JLS YCS Club students (Club sponsors Ms. Piedrahita and Ms. McMillan and YCS staff Caroline Malloy) invite JLS families to join PAUSD families in a national day of service. We will gather from 9:00-10:00AM at DLA Piper law firm (2000 University Ave. EPA) for juice and bagels with County Supervisor Joe Simitian. Then service teams will grab a bag lunch (provided) and choose among eight service projects in Palo Alto or East Palo Alto locations - including senior centers, tree planting, and projects at Ravenswood District schools. Parents and siblings invited! Select your project in advance at [www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org).

## Fall and Winter Traffic Safety Tips

With colder weather and the rainy season upon us, we are seeing an increase in car traffic during drop off and pickup. No matter how we come to school, we need to work together to keep all of our students safe.

We all know traffic on Meadow backs up on bad weather days. Consider avoiding Meadow altogether by entering through the library parking lot on Middlefield and dropping off in Mitchell Park. Go ahead and arrange your rainy day carpool with neighbors or friends so you'll be ready as the weather changes.

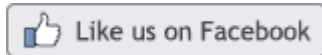
Slow down and use extra caution when driving in school zones and along commute routes including the library and park parking lots. Keep your eyes out for pedestrians and cyclists remembering that sometimes visibility is impaired by sun or fog.

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. At night a white headlight visible from the front and attached to the bicycle or the bicyclist is required by California Law. 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](mailto: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](#)



## 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](http://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 !

## PAUSD/PTAC

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**\*NEW\***Unity Night -- Social Emotional Learning Community Event  
Wed. Oct. 25, 6:30- 8:00 PM, Palo Alto High School, Media Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd

You're invited to hear from special guest R. Keeth Matheny, a nationally recognized Social Emotional Learning (SEL) teacher, advocate and author. He returns to lead participants through a selection of lessons from the School Connect program being piloted at Paly and Gunn. Participants will engage in activities focused on building the SEL soft skills of active listening, disagreeing without being disagreeable, and building understanding and empathy for others. Open to PAUSD families from all grades and schools, and all Palo Alto Community Members. Mandarin and Spanish interpretation will be available. Co-hosted by PAUSD, Palo Alto Council of PTAs and the Palo Alto CAC. Register at [GOO.GL/P9XPGC](http://GOO.GL/P9XPGC)

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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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](mailto: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

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**\*\*NEW\*\***Start a Conversation: learn how you can talk to young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships  
Wed Oct 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Aquarius Theater, Palo Alto

This is a special, for-adults-only screening of Escalation -The One Love Foundation's (<https://www.joinonelove.org/>) film that follows a young relationship from its very happy beginnings to a tragic end - followed by a discussion led by One Love CEO Katie Hood. Come learn how to talk to young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships and ways that you can bring this critical conversation to your community.  
RSVP: <https://www.picatic.com/oneloveinpaloalto> or contact [sarah.bigler@joinonelove.org](mailto:sarah.bigler@joinonelove.org) for more information.

**\*\*NEW\*\***Fostering Resilience in Children and Teens, & Why it Matters  
Fri Oct 20, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford

Raising resilient children & teens who thrive in our rapidly changing & uncertain world is no small task. What can parents do to best support mentally & physically healthy kids who are engaged in learning & have strong connections with friends, families, & their communities? It turns out, quite a lot. Join Challenge Success for an evening of education & inspiration to explore how parents can build resilience in our kids today & our adults of tomorrow

(<http://mailchi.mp/challengesuccess/your-summer-newsletter-from-challenge-success-880161?e=cf77275871>) Open to the public. \$10

**\*\*NEW\*\*Developmental Assets in Palo Alto: A Community Context (Project Safety Net Community Forum)**

Wed, Oct 25, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room 1213 Newell Rd. Road

Project Safety Net invites you to a community forum with Project Cornerstone and other local leaders to review Palo Alto specific results from the latest Developmental Assets Survey.

Developmental Assets are the positive values, relationships, skills and experiences that help young people thrive and become caring, responsible, successful adults. Because of its basis in youth development, resiliency, and prevention research, the Developmental Assets framework has become one of the most widely used approaches to positive youth development in the United States. Please contact [psnpaloalto@gmail.com](mailto:psnpaloalto@gmail.com) or (650) 329-2432 with questions. For more information, visit [www.psnpaloalto.org](http://www.psnpaloalto.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\*Stanford's Center for Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences Research (CIBSR) Social Skills Study**

CIBSR is recruiting for a Social Skills study and is looking for boys aged 8-18 with a developmental or intellectual disability to take part in a research study investigating the effect of behavioral training methods on duration of social gaze. Participation includes a visit to Stanford for 3-4 days, cognitive testing, two optional MRI scans, and social skills training with a behaviorist. For more information please go to: [www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills](http://www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills)

**\*\*NEW\*\*Play Family Day Sunday**

Sun, Oct 15, 2- 4:30 PM, 1313 Newell Road

Join the Palo Alto Art Center for a free Play Family Day! This playful afternoon of activities will feature hands-on art making and performances inspired by our current exhibition, Play! Art Center teaching artists will show you how to create mini golf holes, work with balloons, play pinball, blow bubbles and much more. A special live performance by acrobatic chair balancer Jeremy Vik, presented by the Circus Center, will be held at 4 p.m.

All activities are suitable for ages 5-adult. For more information: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/events/famdays/default.asp>. This program is presented in partnership with Jefunira Camp, LCC.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Palo Alto Players present PETER PAN**

Nov 3-19, Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Fly along with that mischievous sprite to the second star to the right and straight on 'til morning as Palo Alto Players presents one of Broadway's most beloved family musicals, Peter Pan. Based on J.M. Barrie's classic story of the boy who refused to grow up and featuring dazzling flying effects by ZFX, Inc., Palo Alto Players' annual family offering will surely "hook" all those who truly believe. Recommended for all ages. Tickets (\$25-55) can be purchased at [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org) or by calling the Box Office at 650-329-0891.

Students/Educators enjoy \$5 off regular priced tickets to any performance, except preview night. For more information, including show times, visit, [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\***Community Meeting on Stanford University's General Use Permit  
Thu, Oct 19, 6 - 8 PM, Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

Santa Clara County has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for development proposed by Stanford University. There will be a public meeting in Palo Alto in the Palo Alto City Council Chambers to discuss the application and solicit public comment and feedback on the proposal. The community meeting will serve as an opportunity to hear about the proposed development and the process for reviewing it, including the opportunity for public engagement. It will also be a forum for the community to offer comments for consideration in the Final EIR. County Planning staff will also be on hand to describe the application, explain the process, and answer questions.

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Join Little Vikes Cheer & Dance Team at Paly Football Game  
Tue, Oct 17 & Thurs, Oct 19: 3:34-5:15pm; Fri, Oct 20, 5:00-8:15pm Palo Alto High School

Join the Paly Spirit Squad for two afternoon workshops and the Paly football game on Oct 20. Kids will cheer and perform with the Squad through halftime. One free adult entry to the game. Ages 3-14. \$50 for workshops + game. Your fee is tax deductible and helps the team pay for uniforms, training and other essentials. <http://www.palycheer.net/little-vikes-football-night.html>

**\*\*NEW\*\***Shop for school holiday camps on ActivityHero to raise money for Palo Alto PTA

A reminder that PAUSD is off for Veterans Day and the full week of Thanksgiving this year. Our winter break is Dec 22 - Jan 7. High schools also have Jan 8 off. You can find holiday camps on ActivityHero and when you book online with this link, the PTA earns a % of your purchase. <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltopta>

**\*\*NEW\*\***Basketball Coaches Needed

The City of Palo Alto is looking for basketball coaches for the 7th and 8th grade season. Practices are Monday-Thursday, with Friday's being optional. Practices run for 90 minutes and can fall between the hours of 3:15-7:30. Games for B teams are all played in Palo Alto at our 3 middle schools, while the A teams play games from Palo Alto to Half Moon Bay. Pay is negotiable depending on experience, and volunteers are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated. The City of Palo Alto is looking for coaches who can commit to their practice and game schedule, and who are dedicated to advancing these athletes skills on and off the court. If you are, or know anybody who would be interested, please email [Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org) to begin the hiring process.

**\*\*NEW\*\***Beat the Street for Little Feet  
Sat Oct 21 9:30-11:30am at Friend's Nursery School, 957 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94303



Friend's Nursery School is hosting its Second Annual Fall Fun Run Fundraiser on Saturday October 21st from 9:30-11:30am. "Beat the Street for Little Feet" will include a fun 1 mile walk/run for the adults and a 50-yard dash for kids 8 and younger, coffee, bagels and fruit, face painting, pumpkin crafts and music. Please sign up today and be sure to invite any friends and family who you think might enjoy this Friends community event. Pre-registration fees are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child; on-site fees are \$30 per adult and \$20 per child. All proceeds benefit the scholarship program, so that no family is turned away due to inability to pay. More info at:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/PaloAlto/FriendsNurserySchoolFallFunRun>

**\*\*NEW\*\*"Make a Difference Day" Community Service**  
 Sat Oct. 21, 9:00am-2pm, Gathering Point: DLA Piper LLP, 2000 University Ave., Palo Alto

Join Youth Community Service for our annual Make a Difference Day! The day will kick off with breakfast and a guest speaker. Groups will then go out to volunteer at various service sites around the area. For more information and to register, visit:  
[www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org) All Ages Welcome!

**\*\*NEW\*\*Celebration of Oneness Festival**  
 Sat & Sun, Oct 21-22

Festival in Palo Alto the weekend of October 21-22 on the theme of the "Oneness of Humankind." Events include a Children's Festival in Mitchell Park on October 21st from 10a-1p featuring live musical and artistic performances, storytelling and activity booths; a Performing Arts Show at Sofia University October 21st from 7-9p featuring a diversity of dance and musical performance by local artists, and an art exhibition. Events are free and all are welcome.

Details available at: [www.celebrateoneness.com](http://www.celebrateoneness.com).

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CelebrationOfOnenessFestival](https://www.facebook.com/CelebrationOfOnenessFestival).

Email: [celebrateoneness@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateoneness@gmail.com). Festival sponsored by the Palo Alto Baha'i Community.

**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!

**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>

Project Cornerstone - for parents and caregivers!  
 Mon Oct 30, 8.05 - 9.35AM, Hoover Elementary School, Palo Alto

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](mailto: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 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](mailto:selpa1cacinfo@gmail.com)

**\*\*NEW\*\***Whole Foods (downtown Palo Alto) Nickels for Non-Profits  
 Oct 15 to Jan 15th

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Oct 15 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).

### 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.

### 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>

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

Thu 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>

### Empathy is the App: Raising Thoughtful Kids in the Digital Age

Wed, Nov 8, 7-9:00 PM, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

The 2017-18 Palo Alto Parent Education Parents Series kicks off with nationally acclaimed author of "Screenwise" (<https://www.raisingdigitalnatives.com/>) and TED Talk "Raising a Digital Native" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRQdAOqvGg&feature=youtu.be>) Dr. Devorah Heitner. Parents worry their teens are addicted, detached or distracted because of digital devices. According to Heitner, our concern should go far beyond what kids are doing today. 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 online. Parents, students, faculty/staff and community members welcome! Spanish/Mandarin interpretation will be available. Free admission. Tickets available beginning October 8 (via <https://heitner2017paly.eventbrite.com>).

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.

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

JL Stanford Middle School PTA tax id 94-6174779

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