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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Feb 18



IN THIS WEEK (<https://jls.pausd.org/calendar>)

President's Day Holiday Monday, Feb 19, No School
Incoming 6th Grade Choice Applications Due Tuesday, Feb 20
Homework Habitat Tuesday, Feb 20, 3:15 PM, Library
Connections Board Meeting Wednesday, Feb 21, 8:15 PM, Conf Rm B
6th Grade Egypt Night (Schramm/Piedrahita) Wednesday, Feb 21, 6:30 PM, Rms 500, 510
Joint 7/8 MS Choir Festival @ Paly PAC Wednesday, Feb 21, 7 PM
Food Services a la carte tasting day Thursday, Feb 22, 2:30 PM-5 PM, RM 730
Homework Habitat Thursday, Feb 22, 3:15 PM, Library
JLS Benefit Concert & SoCal Parent Meeting Thursday, Feb 22, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA (map)

JLS Dance Fri, February 23, 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Cafetorium
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From Lisa Hickey

Progress reports for the 3rd quarter were mailed home this week for students who have a current grade of a C-, D, F, or Incomplete in any class. They are also available to view through Infinite Campus, but please note that not all students have a progress report.

To view a progress report, log into your IC account with this link. Once you login, select your student and then "Reports." Choose "S2ProgressReport1." Again, if that report is blank, then your child is progressing academically and does not have a grade below a C-. If you have any questions about a certain grade, please contact your child's teacher.

As a reminder, school will be closed Friday, February 16 for Staff Development Day, as well as Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day. School will resume on Tuesday, February 20.

2018 JLS Service Day

Wed., Mar. 7

1:30pm - 5pm (adult chaperones)

1:45pm - 5pm (student volunteers)

JLS PTA and YCS (Youth Community Service) invite parents and students to a fun afternoon of service and giving back to our community. Service projects take place at JLS and at nearby off-campus locations.

Volunteer spots are filling up quickly, and space is limited. Registration will close on Fri., Feb. 23, or when remaining spots are filled, whichever comes first.

A completed and signed PAUSD permission form <https://goo.gl/ciTFNG> is required for every student and is due now. Turn in paperwork to the JLS main office or by email to JLSServiceDay@gmail.com. Students will be removed from the registration if their signed permission forms are not received. Thank you for your cooperation.

For detailed project descriptions, registration information, and required paperwork, visit <https://goo.gl/U5SXgP>

Questions? Email JLSServiceDay@gmail.com

Traitor's Game- Author Visit.

Does your child like to read fantasy, adventure, mythology and historical fiction? Award-winning author Jennifer A. Nielsen combines all these genres in her captivating stories. LindenTree Books will bring the author to JLS on Friday, March 2 to promote Traitor's Game. Order signed copies with this [form](#) for your personal collection!

Volunteers Needed - Many Faces of JLS International Potluck Wed, Mar 28, 5:30-8pm, JLS Cafetorium

JLS' annual international potluck needs your help! This highly attended and exciting showcase of global cuisine is looking for volunteers to donate/prepare food as well as for volunteers to serve the food the evening of the event.

Reimbursement for food over \$50 and up to \$300 will be available for as long as the budget allows (so volunteer early!)

Please click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

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Se buscan por voluntarios para el convivio multicultural que se llama en inglés, "Many Faces of JLS"

El miércoles, 28 de marzo, 5:30 - 8pm, cafetería escolar de JLS

¡El evento internacional anual de JLS necesita de su ayuda! Las familias comparten sus artes culinarias trayendo platillos representantes de sus países, y es un evento familiar muy concurrido. Se busca por voluntarios para donar / preparar alimentos, así como para servir la comida la noche del evento.

Para la preparación de su platillo, usted puede comprar los ingredientes y el PTA reembolsara sus gastos desde \$50 hasta \$300 que estará disponible para usted hasta que se termine el presupuesto para este evento (¡inscríbese como voluntario lo más pronto posible!)

Por favor, haga click [here](#) para conocer que platillo puede traer y/o como puede ayudar. ¡Gracias!

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需要志工 - JLS Many Faces 国际Potluck餐会

星期三, 3月28日, 5:30-8pm, JLS Cafetorium JLS的年度国际Potluck餐会需要你的帮助! 这个备受瞩目的, 令人兴奋的全球美食展览正在寻找志工捐赠/准备食物, 并在活动当晚为分发食物。

只要预算允许, 就可以报销\$50-\$300美元的食品 (请早报名)!

Screenagers at Terman

Screenagers will be shown at Terman Gym on Wednesday Feb. 28th at 7 pm thanks to the Terman PTA. The movie is about 70 minutes and its FREE! This film explores the impact of screens on kids, offers proven solutions, and dives deep into how tech impacts kid's development. It shows challenges of parenting in a digital world where we compete with video games, texting addiction, and social media. This event is open to parents &

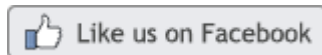
students. You are welcome to bring a comfy chair (bean bag, camping): but otherwise it's metal chairs/bleacher seats. More info www.screenagersmovie.com

We the People Concert

Santa Clara Chorale is scheduled to perform a We, The People concert at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m., together with the Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School Choir. Admission is free for 18 and under. Please visit the Santa Clara Chorale web site <http://www.scc.org/> for more information or to buy tickets.

Help Raise Money for JLS While You Shop

You can do your normal shopping and help raise funds for JLS at the same time. Learn more by visiting the JLS PTA website at: <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/finances>



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****NEW** Read the current message from our Interim Superintendent**

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' communications here each week, in case you missed it on her Friday Infinite Campus email to you. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/news> for the latest message from Karen Hendricks.

****NEW**PAUSD Secondary Art Exhibition**

**PALY & Terman, Jan 11 - Feb 9; Gunn & Jordan, Feb 12 - Mar 9; JLS, Mar 13 - Apr 13,
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM, Closed Sat-Sun, Main Hallway, 25 Churchill Avenue**

This exhibition features artwork by PAUSD 6-12 Visual Art students in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, Graphic Design, sculpture, ceramics, and glass.

****NEW**Latino Parent Network junta copatrocinada por PAUSD y el PTA council**

Miercoles, Febrero 21, 6 - 7:30 PM, Walter Hays Elementary School, 1525 Middlefield Rd.

El Latino Parent Network se enfoca en incrementar el número de estudiantes hispanos que están completamente preparados para entrar a la universidad o carrera a la hora en la que se graduen. Conozca a la Especialista en Participación Familiar de la escuela intermediaria del distrito, Ana Perez-Hood, y aprenda sobre el nuevo Plan de Equidad del distrito. Obtenga una mejor comprensión de los datos de rendimiento de los estudiantes latinos y cómo podemos abogar por ellos utilizando estos datos. La presentación y la discusión se llevarán a cabo en español con traducción en inglés disponible. Cuidado de niños y cena.

**Latino Parent Network meeting at Walter Hays co-sponsored by PAUSD and PTA Council
Wed, Feb 21, 6 - 7:30 PM, Walter Hays Elementary School, 1525 Middlefield Rd.**

The Latino Parent Network aims to increase success for Hispanic students and ensure that 100% are college and career ready by the time they graduate. Meet the district's middle school Family Engagement Specialist Ana Perez-Hood and learn about the district's new Equity Plan. Gain a better understanding of the Latino student performance data and how we can advocate for change using this data. The presentation and discussion will be conducted in Spanish with English-translation available. Childcare and dinner provided.

**Secondary School Lunch A la Carte Tasting Day
Thu, Feb 22, 2:30-5 PM, JLS Training Room (Room 730)**

The Student Nutrition Services Department, in conjunction with the PAUSD Wellness Council, have been requested to review and adjust the ala carte snack selections available for students to purchase at the secondary schools. The main emphasis of the review is to offer healthier alternatives. All secondary students, parents and interested community members are welcome. Student and parent input into the potential replacements is important. Feedback and any additional suggestions will be collected via a short survey conducted at the event. There will be a Label Reading Activity available for students and chance to win prizes in a drawing. It is our plan to begin making changes effective the week students return from Spring Break.

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****NEW**2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair
Sun, Mar 4, 2-5 pm, Mitchell Park Community Center (3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto)**

The Palo Alto Chinese Community cordially invite you and your family to celebrate 2018 Chinese New Year which features performances of Chinese folk music, instruments, and dances by students from the Palo Alto Unified School District and showcases Chinese art, cultural exhibitions, game booths, delicious foods and many more! The event is free and food will be sold for fund-raising to support the Palo Alto schools. This festive event is organized by the Palo Alto Chinese Parents Community in collaboration with the City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Council of PTAs, Mitchell Park Library, and Palo Alto Family YMCA. Parking is limited, so please walk, bike, or share a ride. Questions? Email Hannah Lu at hannahlu00@gmail.com.

We want YOU to be on the PTA Council Board

The PTA Council Nominating Committee is currently seeking both nominations and expressions of interest from individuals in the community who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the PTA Executive Board for the 2018/19 school year. We are looking for community members who demonstrate strong leadership skills and have a passion for improving the educational experience of all students, preferably have experience on their school PTA or site council, and are interested in stepping into a leadership role at the district level.

PTA Council Officers and VPs: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, VP Advocacy, VP Communications, VP Community Outreach, VP Education, VP Health & Wellness, VP Parent Education, Auditor, VP Leadership Services. To find out more contact: PTA Council Nominating Committee Chair - pat@magic.com

Nominate Great People for Awards (Due March 1)

Each year the Palo Alto Council of PTAs may bestow one of several California State PTA Honorary Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth in our community. The individuals or organization nominated must make far-reaching, notable contributions. The PTA Council HSA Committee selects persons or groups who have benefited children and youth on a district-wide or Palo Alto community level.

We also have a new award that debuted last year that honors exceptional PTA volunteers at the unit (school) level. Each PTA may nomination one person. If you know of someone or an organization that deserves to be honored at this level, please complete this form: Nominations for HSA2018 Recipients will be announced at our Honorary Service Award Reception on Thursday, April 26th, 2018. Visit here past recipients <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/honorary-service>

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****NEW**The Minds of Boys and Girls Presentation by Michael Gurian Wed, Feb 28, 6:30pm, Hillview Middle School PAC**

In this inspirational, practical, and humorous presentation, renowned educator, family counselor, and bestselling author Michael Gurian focuses on helping boys and girls across the gender spectrum to succeed in school and life. Because boys and girls experience their home and school life differently, Michael explores how the minds of boys and girls develop distinctly-and how parents, educators, therapists, and others can care for and support the needs of our children. Based on more than thirty years of research and counseling practice, Michael traces how a child's learning mind grows, how the genders learn and grow differently, how acculturation influences boys and girls, and how crucial school success has become to life success. Michael will be available to sign books following the event and books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments and beverages served. Childcare available for potty-trained children. For more information: www.mpcsdspakersseries.com

****NEW**El Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Auditions for New Members Feb/Mar/Apr Palo Alto**

Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony (soon-to-be Golden State Youth Orchestra) invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2018-19 Season. Led by an internationally renowned faculty, ECYS offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. Members are challenged with professional-level repertoire, receive support from experienced coaches, and perform in concerts throughout the Bay Area. There are openings for all instrumentalists, though the most in-demand instruments are: Percussion, Bassoon, All Brass, String Bass, Viola, and Saxophone. Auditions are held in March/April for the season that begins in August/September. Apply online at www.ECYS.org. Call ECYS at 650-665-9046 for more information.

****NEW**Youth Community Service Seeking Program Coordinators for Youth Initiative**

Youth Community Service (YCS) is a community-based nonprofit that engages our PAUSD students in meaningful service-based learning that builds leadership and life

skills. YCS has been funded by local government grants to launch a Youth Connectedness Initiative in Palo Alto. YCS is hiring two coordinators for this Initiative: a Parent Program Coordinator to help facilitate parent workshops and activities on youth connectedness; and a Youth Program Coordinator to work with YCS staff to help adolescents develop protective factors, such as positive perception of self, service to others, and caring developmental relationships with peers and adults. YCS seeks candidates - either recent college grads, or professionals who have stepped away from the workplace to raise a family or run a household. For more information and how to apply, visit: <http://youthcommunityservice.org/careers/>

****NEW**Help Kids in Grades K-5 with Reading, Writing, Math Next Year - You Could Change a Life**

Have you enjoyed helping in your child's classroom? Consider volunteering in a classroom in eastern Menlo Park or East Palo Alto where your help is especially needed. You'll have a real impact tutoring kids in grades K-5 where about 90% are low income and over 80% are performing below grade level in reading and math. Work once a week in the same classroom for about an hour with students eager to see you. 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 or contact Keri Tully at keritully@gmail.com.

Palo Alto Summer Camp Fair

Thu, March 1, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Ohlone Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 950 Amarillo Ave.

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. Free pizza for the first 100 attendees, plus activities for kids, giveaways, and camp discounts. More info at: <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltofair>

Paly Theatre Presents the World Premiere of "Venture"

Fri & Sat, Mar 9-10; Fri & Sat, Mar 16 & 17, 7:30 PM; Thu, Mar 15, 4 PM; Sun, Mar 18, 2 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd.

Join the excitement at the world premiere of the musical Venture. Gender politics, the challenges of love and ambition, a tech dynasty, how does a young woman in Silicon Valley figure it all out? Venture is a modern love story that follows the path of one woman as she makes her way through the complex, cutthroat Silicon Valley tech culture while navigating her deepening relationship with her boyfriend. Finding balance proves difficult. Rivals seek to destroy her. Mentors teeter on the brink of their own destruction. Who can she trust? How does a young visionary woman find her future? What will she risk in order to change the world? Tickets are \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 students/seniors. Reserved seating at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>. Box office opens one hour prior to curtain.

Stanford Food and Mood Study is Recruiting!

Eligible participants are between 9-17 years old, are experiencing low moods or irritability, have a body mass index greater than 85%, do not have braces or metal in their body

Participants receive \$325 for completing the study. Participants come in for clinical and cognitive evaluations, an MRI brain scan and a blood test 3 times over 2 years.

To learn more about the study and to see if your child is eligible, contact Lizzy at 650-721-4049 or thepearlab@stanford.edu. You can also find out more about Stanford's Pediatric Emotion and Resilience Lab (PEARL) at <http://med.stanford.edu/pedmood.html>. For general information about participation rights, contact 1-866-680-2906.

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Winter Concerts

Enjoy a series of winter concerts (January through March) featuring PACO's talented young musicians. In addition to orchestral and chamber pieces by well known composers Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven, you'll be enchanted by an array of works by Boccherini, Pleyel, and Dvorak to name a few. All concerts are admission FREE and for the entire family to enjoy. For more information about PACO, please visit www.pacomusic.org or email info@pacomusic.org

Sun, Feb 18, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Jory Fankuchen, conductor) Sinfonia Orchestra
Sun, Mar 4, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Michel Taddei, conductor) Debut Orchestra

Ongoing Stanford University Brain Study on Executive Function Skills

Looking for children ages 7 and up 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 neurofeedback 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.

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School

Sat & Sun. Feb. 17-18; March 3-4, 17-18; April 7-8, 21-22; May 5-6, 19-20; June 2-3; and summer too. 9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto

These 2 day workshops are open to the public, students and parents. You learn glass blowing technique in this hands-on 2-day weekend workshop. Advanced Sign up is required. Class limit is 4. Teens and adults. \$425 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School Fiery Arts Boosters.

Contact: David Camner, founder of Paly Glass, dcamner@pausd.org, for more information & dates

****NEW**VR Experience**

Tue, Mar 6, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd
Join us for a virtual reality experience! Bring your friends. Grades 5-12 only.
Please register for this event.

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Music Teacher's Scholarship Concert

Feb 24, 4PM, Paly Performing Arts Center (PAC), Palo Alto High School

Tickets: \$15.00 adult (\$20.00 at door) / \$5.00 student/senior. For Presale tickets, send check and Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to Music Office, 25E Churchill Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94306 or call 650-3239-3944. Proceeds from the Music Teachers' Scholarship Concert will be used to award scholarships to PAUSD music students in grades 4 - 8.

Scholarship money may be used to attend summer music camps, workshops or lessons, or to purchase instruments and supplies. Students who attend the concert will be given priority for their preferred audition time. Auditions will be held on Feb 26th and should be of 4 minutes or less and should include two scales and an etude. Students will only be allowed to audition on the instrument/voice they play in their school performing ensemble. Fourth grade general music students may audition on recorder or voice. No piano scholarships will be awarded. Contestants are evaluated with other students of the same age and/or ability level. See your music teacher or call the music office at 329-3944 for more information.

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Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2018

Sessions: Robot Design & Hardware, Programming, Entrepreneurship & Website Design, Animation & Graphic Design

July 23 - 27; July 30 - August 3

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 mathematics (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Saturday, Feb 3, at 10AM.

Campers will be able to sign up for one of four sessions per week. This camp will be hosted at Palo Alto High School. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at summercamp@palyrobotics.com. For further details, go to <http://palyrobotics.com/summercamp/>.

Blind Date w/ a Book

Month of February, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

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

Palo Alto Youth Journalism Summer Camp Mon July 30 to Fri Aug 3 in the Media Arts Center at Palo Alto High School

After three hugely successful summers, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again this summer with its fourth year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center) on July 30th - August 3th. A new leadership team and with a plethora of journalism experience is in place and eager to educate new campers on a variety of journalistic skills including critical thinking, research, graphic design, and expository writing techniques. Counselors are the fun and qualified students of Paly's seven publications.

The camp is open to all rising 8th and 9th graders, all proceeds support Paly's journalism program for the following year. Registration and more information can be found at this website: paly.io/campmac.

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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