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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, March 4



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

Parent Visitation Day Monday, Mar 5
Incoming 6th grade parent tour Mon, March 5, 8:30am - 10:00am
Homework Habitat Monday, Mar 5, 3:15 PM, Library
Homework Habitat Tuesday, March 6, 3:15 PM, Library
Incoming 6th grade Choice Program Acceptance Deadline Wednesday, Mar 7, 2018
JLS Service Day Wed, March 7, 1:45 PM - 5 PM
Homework Habitat Thursday, March 8, 3:15 PM, Library
Drama production, Seussical the Musical Fri, March 9, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Cafetorium
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Message for PAUSD Parents About E-Cigarettes and Vaping

As we see an increase in use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices among teenagers, it is important our community is aware of this issue and knows what these devices look like. The following letter is courtesy of our colleagues in Orinda Union School District, and speaks to our shared concerns regarding this issue:

"This device, known as a "Juul" vaporizer, is rapidly gaining popularity nationwide among young teens. Students refer to using this device as "juuling."

The Juul can be very deceptive as it does not look like an e-cigarette or vaping device (see photos below). It looks like a small USB flash drive and can be charged while plugged into a laptop. It is small enough to fit inside an enclosed hand and does not emit any odor; therefore, it is easily concealable from adults and simple to use for teens. In addition, the pods used with the Juul come in flavors such as strawberry, mango, fruit medley, and mint, all flavors that might appeal to teens. These kid-friendly flavors make the pods appear harmless; however, one Juul pod can contain as much nicotine as one pack of cigarettes. Even more concerning is that the Juul device can be used with marijuana. In addition, students can easily purchase these on Amazon without age verification."



2018 JLS Service Day
Wed., Mar 7
1:30pm - 5pm (adult chaperones)
1:45pm - 5pm (student volunteers)

The JLS PTA and Youth Community Service (YCS) look forward to a fun and impactful afternoon of service!

Thank you to all the JLS students, parents, and staff who signed up. Please meet at the Cafetorium -- 1:30pm (parents) and 1:45pm(students and staff).

All service projects are scheduled to take place rain or shine. Project details are at <https://goo.gl/U5SXgP>

Questions? Email JLSServiceDay@gmail.com

The JLS Science Fair will be held Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the JLS Cafetorium.

Join the entire JLS community for a fun-filled evening of science, with students proudly showing off their work in poster sessions and some fabulous science and technology-related demonstrations. All JLS students are invited to participate.

Register

[here](#) by Thursday, March 15.

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

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

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

Questions? Contact Maria Derrick,
Science Fair Chair at wesderrick@mindspring.com.

Paly PTSA Open Positions

If you have a rising Freshman entering Palo Alto High School next year, we have some opportunities for you to immerse yourself in the school community. Volunteering is a great way to get to know the goings on in high school.

The PALY PTSA Nominating Committee is currently seeking enthusiastic and dedicated parents to fill the following positions:

Legislative Advocacy Chair

Parliamentarian

Sustainability Coordinator

Paly Link e-news Co-Editor

Staff Hospitality Leads: Back to School Lunch and Monthly Latte Cart

Field Day (all school picnic, May)

If you are interested in any of these positions, please email Lien Vu at lvu001@gmail.com

**International Potluck - Come showcase your heritage with a favorite family recipe!
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. It is a fun, whole family 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)!

**March PAUSD Equity Lecture Series
African American Students and Parents of PAUSD
Tuesday, March 6, 6 PM, PAUSD Board Room**

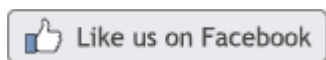
Please click [here](#) for flyer

Parent Education: Digital and Social Media Safety for Kids

On Wednesday, March 21st from 7-9 pm in the Paly Haymarket Theater. Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney, Angela Alvarado will be doing a parent presentation about digital & social media safety for kids. She presents some of the serious consequences, but also puts a positive twist on how we can get kids engaged in appropriate digital activities. This is free and for adults only. There will be translation in Spanish and Mandarin. Angela is an engaging speaker, and on d teachers are invited also! Please click [here](#) for flyer

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.

PAUSD Secondary Art Exhibition
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.

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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, lion dancing, 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

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****NEW**El Camino Youth Symphony Annual Benefit Concert: A Celebration of American Composers
Sat, Apr 7, 7:30 PM, Flint Center, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino**

Joining the Symphony for Rhapsody in Blue is Bay Area native and award-winning pianist Taylor Eigsti. Program: Rhapsody in Blue, "Symphonic Dances" from West Side Story, and Lincoln Portrait narrated by Maestro Michael Morgan, Conductor of the Oakland Symphony. ECYS will also debut a commissioned work by composer and SF Symphony violinist Mark Volkert!

****NEW**2018 Palo Alto Middle School Math Summer Program
Terman Middle School; 6/11-15 (Session 1) or 6/18-22 (Session 2); 1-4pm**

Run by the Palo Alto and Gunn high school math clubs, the Palo Alto Middle School Math Camp aims to foster incoming 6th through 9th grader students' passion for mathematics through individually paced training and one-on-one teaching. Students will learn problem-solving techniques geared towards the MathCounts and AMC 8 competition series. MS Math Camp will be suitable for any student who enjoys math and will be fun for students of all grades and math levels. We suggest a donation of \$300-350 for new students or \$250 for returning students, siblings, PAUSD Middle School Summer School students, and/or those also attending Paly Science Camp (<https://palyscioly.org/paly-science-camp/>). All income from the camp goes towards supporting the Palo Alto High School and Gunn High School math clubs for the following year, in order to allow high school students to attend math competitions. If you are interested in registering, please fill out the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/MSMathCamp2018>. Contact palymathclub@gmail.com for any questions.

City of Palo Alto Earth Day Event: Participate or Volunteer

The City of Palo Alto is seeking participants and event volunteers of ALL AGES for their upcoming Earth Day event. The event will be held at the Baylands Athletic Center on April 14th, 2018. The event kicks off with the Great Race for Saving Water, a 5K run/walk and kids 1K fun run to raise awareness about water resources, conservation and environmental health. The fun continues with an Earth Day festival offering team awards, raffle prizes, live music, food trucks, electric vehicle ride &

drive, guided bird walk, group bike ride, nature walks, zoo animals, arts & crafts, library book mobile, Smokey the Bear, community booths, environmental and public safety resources. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeICrQQWNHHWwgvVgt7uJaDLun1eVp5hcO8P2subD0dHa17bA/viewform> to volunteer, and register <https://www.sweattracker.com/Registration/SavingWater> for the race. Questions? Contact PAUSD Sustainability Program Manager Rebecca Navarro at rnavarro@pausd.org

Friday Fun @ MP

Fri, Mar 2, 4-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Drop in for Legos, board games, and crafts. All ages are welcome!

Family Film Festival @ MP

Sat, Mar 10, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Enjoy a movie with your family at the library. See library website for movie title. All ages are welcome!

Festival of Colors

Sun, Mar 11, 1-3PM, Mitchell Park, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Ready to get a little messy with colored powder? Spring season is almost here, and we are going to have fun with colors! Register to participate in the colored powder activity, henna tattoo, arts & crafts, and enjoy music with other teens. Families of all ages welcome. Please register for this event at <https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a70fe9177a0b4240085cf24>

Paly 5K Fun Run

Sat Mar 24, 8AM, PALY Viking Stadium, 50 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto

Paly Sports Boosters and the Paly Track & Field Team will be hosting the Paly 5K Fun Run & Walk. Along with the 5k run (or walk), we'll have a 2K Stroller Walk and Tot Trot, and sprint races for elementary school kids. The Riekes Center will be hosting a challenge course for the kids. There will be jugglers, ukulele players, balloon artists, and more! In partnership with Paly's Best Buddies program, all races are accessible. Sign up at <http://palysportsboosters.org/paly-5k-fun-run/>.

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.

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/>

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.

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

Sun, Mar 4, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Michel Taddei, conductor) Debut Orchestra

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

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

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

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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Teen Maker Tuesday - Duct Tape

Tues, Mar 20, 4:30-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Fun hands-on program featuring different Maker projects for teens. See the online library calendar for details. Registration required. Registration opens 3 weeks in advance. Grades 6-12 only.

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 enews@paloopta.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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