

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, March 18



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

Homework Habitat Mon, Mar 19, 3:15 PM, Library
Site Council meeting Mon, March 19, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Room 40
Homework Habitat Tues, March 20, 3:15 PM, Library
JLS Science Fair Tues, March 20, 7pm - 8pm, Cafetorium
JLS SoCal Music Tour Wed, Mar 21 - Sat March 24
Connections Board meeting Wed, March 21, 8:15 - 9:15am, Conference Rm B
PTA Executive Board meeting Thurs, March 22, 8:30 - 9:30am, Conference Rm B
Homework Habitat Thurs, March 22, 3:15 PM, Library
Student Store Open during lunch Fri, March 23, 12:30pm - 1:00pm
Dreamcatchers 5th grade parent meeting Fri, March 23, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Cafetorium

PIE Seeking Parent Input

Please check your inbox for the Partners In Education (PiE) annual parent survey! Every spring, PiE collects input from the parent community. This information, coupled with input from each principal, determines where PiE dollars are spent in our schools the following year. Please complete the brief survey to give PiE feedback and communicate what is most important to you.

Many Faces of JLS International Potluck/Open House Wed., March 28, 5:30-8pm

The PTA invites you to bring your family to enjoy the wonderful JLS Community as it showcases the many types of international cuisine represented by its students and their families. Have some dinner and try some new food before you head off to see the classes at the JLS Open House.

Would you like to volunteer to help? It's not too late! We still need food donations and volunteer servers, so please sign up [here](#).

Thank you!

Convivio Multicultural en la Escuela JLS y Visita a los Salones de Clases de su Estudiante (Open House)
El miércoles, 28 de marzo de 5:30-8pm

La Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA, por sus siglas en inglés) lo invita a usted y a su familia a disfrutar de nuestra comunidad de JLS, con un gran número de platillos de cocina internacional representados por sus estudiantes y sus familias. Venga a cenar con nosotros y pruebe algo nuevo y diferente antes de ir a ver las clases de su estudiante.

¿Te gustaría ser voluntario para ayudar? ¿Te gustaría traer un platillo típico de su país? Para conocer que platillo puede traer o si puede ayudar a servir la comida, puede inscribirse aquí.
[here](#). o bien para español puede llamar a Ana M. Perez-Hood al teléfono (650) 856-5122. o aperezhood@pausd.org

¡ Muchas Gracias!

Many Faces of JLS International Potluck / Open House
周三, 3月28日, 5:30-8pm

PTA邀请您带您的家人一起享受美好的JLS社区，展示由学生及其家人代表的各种国际美食。在您前往JLS Open House开放日之前，请来吃点晚餐并尝试一些新食物。

你想自愿帮忙吗？不算太晚！我们仍然需要食物捐赠和志愿服务，请在这里登记：
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchy_8w2yJD46QwIxGfoU9nuG39mAbp1nPAke_UfwlBg7sqrw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - JLS SCIENCE FAIR 2018**Tuesday, March 20, JLS Cafetorium****7:00 - 8:15 Student Presentations****6:45 - 8:15 Adult Volunteers**

The JLS Science Fair, a fun-filled evening of science with student poster presentations and some fabulous science and technology-related demonstrations, is rapidly approaching. We need you to make it successful. We especially need interviewers to listen to students sharing their projects and provide constructive positive feedback during a brief, non-competitive, informal interview. You do not need to have a science/engineering/technology background to volunteer - all you need is a willingness to listen and a little curiosity! Whether or not your student is participating, you are invited to help out. In addition to interviewers, we also need a few people to help with checking in posters that morning. Ready to volunteer? Sign up here.

Students who want to register to participate should sign up [here](#).

Questions? Contact Maria Derrick (wesderrick@mindspring.com).

Parent Volunteers for 8th Grade Exit Interviews

The school needs parent support during the 3 days of 8th Grade Exit Interviews. Parent helpers are needed to help set up the breakfasts and lunches for the interviewers as well as to assist the interviewers AND the 8th graders during the process.

Please sign up here for one or more slots, and help ensure the success of this unique-to-JLS experience.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yxHWVNjvOQhz04dIWP2nKkQx84wiTI99Fnousu6yndA/edit?usp=sharing>

Special Education Event at JLS**Save the date! Mon. March 26, 8.15-9.45AM, Room 730**

Community conversation for parents of students with special needs and learning challenges Monday March 26th - Time 8.15-9.45am, Room 730. Join with other parents of students with special needs, learning disabilities and other challenges for a community conversation to discuss navigating middle school. We will discuss issues around transition, academic support and accessing extra-curricular activities. Bring your questions and connect with other parents who understand the unique joys and challenges of navigating middle school with a student with special needs. Breakfast treats, Tea, Coffee and a supportive community welcomes you! Translation provided.

Questions contact: Christina Schmidt, cschmidt.cac@gmail.com or Yael Naveh, yaeluziyel2@gmail.com; CAC

website:<https://cacpaloalto.org/>

Sponsored by the JLS PTA and the CAC for Special Education

Apunte esta fecha en su agenda! Conversación comunitaria para padres de estudiantes con necesidades especiales y desafíos de aprendizaje el lunes 26 de marzo de 8.15-9.45am en el salón 730. Esta es una reunión con los padres de alumnos con necesidades especiales, problemas de aprendizaje y otros desafíos para conversar con la comunidad y hablar sobre cómo navegar la escuela secundaria. Hablaremos sobre temas relacionados con la transición, el apoyo académico y el acceso a actividades extracurriculares. Traiga sus preguntas y conéctese con otros padres que entienden las alegrías y los desafíos únicos de navegar la escuela secundaria con un estudiante con necesidades especiales. Habrá desayuno ligero te, café, y el apoyo de la comunidad que les ofrece una calurosa bienvenida. Habrá interpretación simultánea en español y mandarín. Para preguntas diríjase a Christina Schmidt, cschmidt.cac@gmail.com o Yael Naveh, yaeluziyel2@gmail.com; Sitio web del CAC: <https://cacpaloalto.org/>
Patrocinado por JLS PTA y CAC para la Educación Especial

请保留这日期! 3月26日星期一, 时间上午8:15-9:45, 730 课室 为有特殊学习需要学生的家长举办的社区对话 与其他有特殊需求, 学习障碍和其他挑战的学生家长一起参加社区对话, 讨论如何导航中学。我们将讨论有关学校过度, 学业支持和课外活动的问题。请把您的问题带来, 与其他心有同感的家长一起讨论带有特殊需要的学生导航中学的独特 乐趣与挑战。早餐, 茶, 咖啡和充满支持的社区欢迎您!
有翻译提供。如有疑问: 联系: Christina Schmidt, cschmidt.cac@gmail.com; Yael Naveh, yaeluziyel2@gmail.com; CAC 网站: <https://cacpaloalto.org/>
由JLS PTA和特殊教育CAC赞助

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

Parent Ed at Jordan Middle School, Multi Purpose Room Wednesday, March 28 7:30 - 9 pm

"Social Media Wellness: How to Help Children and Adults Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World" Ana Homayoun. Noted Teen and Millennial Expert, Author, Speaker and Educator

Noted Silicon Valley author Ana Homayoun will discuss some of the modern parenting dilemmas in the age of the smartphone and discuss her latest book. She will explore how the digital balancing act affects all aspects of our lives and personal wellness, and for students how it impacts academic abilities and social well-being as well as emotional and physical health. Ana's work is grounded in research and based on over 15 years of working with students, offering practical solutions for students, parent and educators as they navigate the ever-changing issues involving social networking and healthy child and teen development.

Please sign up to attend at the link below:

<https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/AHGklcRsRAjYZPsWgsNLkCPigeu41s8KW1QhqKdoruE>

UPCOMING eNEWS INFORMATION

Here are important updates to the upcoming eNews before Spring Break:

- * The submission deadline for the Sunday, March 25 eNews is at 5pm on Thursday, March 22.
- * There will be no eNews published on Sunday, April 1 due to Spring Break.
- * eNews will return to its standard deadlines and publications on Sunday, April 8.

Safe Routes to School Tips

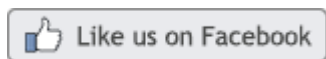
Walking and biking to school every day is a great way to improve heart health. Kids who walk or bike to school are more likely to be physically active all day than those who ride in a car or bus. Set your child up for a lifetime of heart-healthy habits by encouraging them to walk or bike to school. If you live too far, walk part way to school or take a walk or bike ride together after school. On rainy days, it is fun to walk with rain boots and an umbrella.

What's a sharrow?

Some streets around Palo Alto have markings painted on the road called "sharrows." Here is information from the City of Palo Alto on what to do when you see these share-the-road-arrows painted on your route.

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** Parent Event: Digital Safety and Media Safe Kids
Wed, Mar 21, 7 PM, Palo Alto High School Haymarket Theater**

Please join PAUSD in Welcoming Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Angela Alvarado for an Informative evening. Topics will include: How our kids communicate, our kids as publishers on the internet, digital reputation online, and bullying, sexting & criminal activity. There will be translation in Chinese and Spanish. Event is FREE, Parents Only Please. For additional information:
<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/events/2018/03/21/information-session/parent-event-digital%C2%A0-safety%C2%A0and%C2%A0media-safe-kids>

PAUSD Secondary Art Exhibition

**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.

Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, April 26th, 8 a.m.

Each year, the Palo Alto CAC honors the bus drivers who play a vital role in transporting students to and from school. The event will be on April 26th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., when we will serve breakfast to the bus drivers at their office. If you want to show your support for the dedication and kindness demonstrated daily by your child's bus driver, please send a thank-you note with your message to CacBusDriverAppreciation@gm ail.com. If you would like to donate a breakfast item or gift card/money, please let us know as well. Please send your messages by Sunday, April 22nd. Sponsored by <http://cacpaloalto.org/>

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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**Rachel Simmons Speaking Engagement "Enough As She Is"****Mon, Mar 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Martin Family Hall, Menlo School 50 Valparaiso Avenue Menlo Park**

Rachel Simmons, the nationally acclaimed author of *Curse of the Good Girl* and *Odd Girl Out* and TED Talk *Resilience* is beginning her new book tour for *Enough as She Is*. Rachel has personally invited the families of Palo Alto schools to join her on at the Menlo School. Gloria Steinem describes Rachel this way, "... may save millions of women from the idea that 'having it all' means 'doing it all.' Women, as well as men have the right to make choices that suit us uniquely, yet girls and women are more subject to external standards that we had nothing to do with creating. Rachel Simmons have given us the next step in our peaceful revolution: not only changing women to fit the world, but changing the world to fit women." Limited seating, names checked at door: Reserve tickets here! (150 places available.)<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rachel-simmons-national-book-tour-enough-as-she-is-tickets-43993932035>

****NEW**FREE Mindful Moms Yoga Class with Krassi Harwell****Tues Mar 27, 12 - 1:30PM, 67 Encina Ave, Palo Alto, CA**

Join our community of wise and caring moms as we navigate the rich and rewarding journey of raising kids into adults. We will practice yoga, meditate, and tap into the healing power of togetherness as we share stories, strength and support. This FREE class is for moms who have kids of all ages - particularly helpful for moms who have toddlers thru teens! Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited! <http://mindbodymoms.com/free-introductory-classes/>

****NEW**Building Youth Identity Through Service - benefiting Youth Community Service****Thu Mar 22 11AM - 1PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room**

Youth Community Service invites you to join us at our annual fundraising luncheon featuring a candid conversation, moderated by Megan Swezey-Fogarty, featuring Dr. Clayborne Carson, Director of Stanford's Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute and Julie Lythcott-Haims, NY Times best-selling author and former Stanford Assoc.Vice Provost. Individual tickets and sponsorships start at \$25 per person. Visit our website at www.youthcommunityservice.org to reserve your seats today - space is limited. For more info, e-mail ycs.annual.luncheon@gmail.com

****NEW**Grassroots Ecology and Watershed Stewards Program Volunteer Opportunities****Saturday March 17 and March 31 9am-1pm, Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley Street**

Please join Grassroots Ecology and the Watershed Stewards Program for this fun and family-friendly two-part event! Help install rain barrels and a native plant rain garden and learn how to use rainwater in your own home! Wear work clothes and sturdy shoes.

To register, visit: gamblegardenpart1.eventbrite.com (3/17) and gamblegardenpart2.eventbrite.com (3/31)
questions: devon@grassrootsecology.org

****NEW**FREE Women's Wellness Workshop: A Taste of the Season****Fri Apr 13, 10-11AM, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA**

In this FREE workshop, Jalene Salus will offer an introductory taste of Integrative Nutrition as she shows you some sweet and simple ways to nourish your mind, body and spirit. Enjoy a little taste of some seasonal spring bites while you discuss foods to support your unique body - and your family - this spring. Jalene will show you how aligning your self-care with the rhythm of

the season can guide you on your path of women's wellness as she engages you in fulfilling dialogue with other thoughtful, wise women. Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited!
<http://mindbodymoms.com/event/tasteoftheseasonforwinterfree/>

****NEW**Terrariums & Movie**

Tue, Apr 3, 3-5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Make your own mini-world succulent terrarium to keep in your garden or give away to a loved one. We will also be watching a movie. Grades 5-12 only. Please register here <https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739e7c09f5a63400f8ce33> for this event.

****NEW**Cupcake Wars & Movie**

Thu, Apr 5, 3-5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Decorate your own cupcake with as much icing as you want and then compete in Cupcake Wars! We will also watch a movie. Grades 5-12 only. Please register here <https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739fed09f5a63400f8ce4e> for this event.

****NEW**Friday Fun @ MP**

Fri, Apr 6, 4-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

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

****NEW**Family Film Festival @ MP**

Sat, Apr 14, 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!

****NEW**Family Date Night - The Children of the World**

Fri, April 20, 7:00-8:15PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Bring your imagination and help us create decorations for our May Fete Parade "float." All ages welcome! Please register for this event. Sponsored by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

****NEW**Dementia Awareness - Making Palo Alto a Dementia Friendly Community**

Wed, Mar 28, 7-9PM, Mitchell Park Community Center - El Palo Alto Room

Learn how to identify, communicate effectively with and support those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias in our community. Hear how small changes in your daily life can help people with dementia remain independent and socially engaged. See featured article in Palo Alto Weekly on this subject and event at <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/print/story/2018/03/02/palo-alto-looks-to-become-a-dementia-friendly-city> Mayor Kniss is one of the featured speakers.

To register, please go to tinyurl.com/AdvocacyPA2018 Contact Minka van der Zwaag

@ minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-463-4953 for more information.

This event is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, City of Palo Alto, Avenidas and Age Friendly Palo Alto and Silicon Valley

****NEW**LBGTQ+ Listening Forum**

Thu, Mar 29, 7-9PM, Mitchell Park Community Center - El Palo Alto Room

Members of the LGBTQ community, along with their families, friends and allies, are invited to share their needs and concerns. The County Office of LGBTQ Concerns and the HRC wants to learn what it can do to better support the LGBTQ community and establish priorities for future projects and initiatives. To RSVP, please go to [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Y9LMPTTG](https://TINYURL.COM/Y9LMPTTG) Contact Minka van der Zwaag @ minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-463-4953 for more information.

This event is co-sponsored by the County Office of LGBTQ Concerns and the City of Palo Alto Human Relations Commission <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/cals/>

****NEW**Project Safety Net (PSN) Community Meeting, Youth Intensive Outpatient Programs
Wed Mar 28, 3.30 - 6PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Rd. 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto**

You're invited to PSN's March Community Meeting! Please join us for a forum on Intensive Outpatient Programs for youth. By the end of the forum, participants will: Understand the role of Intensive Outpatient Programs in the continuum of youth health care services, learn about the various youth Intensive Outpatient Programs available in our region and identify opportunities to improve youth mental health care utilization and access. Volunteer/service hours are available to students attending PSN meetings. Refreshments and light snacks provided.

RSVP appreciated at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-meeting-youth-mental-health-services-intensive-outpatient-programs-tickets-43263459171>

**Racing Hearts Family Wellness Festival
Sun Mar 18, 2-4pm, Kings Plaza (City Hall) in Downtown Palo Alto.**

Join the City of Palo Alto, the Fire, Police, and Emergency Services, along with Racing Hearts at Kings Plaza (in front of City Hall) in downtown Palo Alto. Enjoy live DJ, face painting, photo booth, balloons for the kids, fire truck and police car tours - and CPR/AED training for everyone! Food available from Whole Foods, KIND, and more!
<http://racinghearts.org/racing-hearts-race>

**Inclusion and Abilities Awareness 2.0
Wed Mar 21, 9 - 11 am, Los Altos School District Board Room, 201 Covington Rd, Los Altos**

What does inclusion really mean, and how will it affect your child's classroom and learning experience? How does inclusion benefit students with special needs, severe disabilities, and the entire student population? Are there situations when inclusion is not appropriate? What do Ability Awareness simulations teach well, and how can they be improved? We will talk about more about the future direction of ability awareness and neurodiversity inclusion with panelists, including staff from the Santa Clara County. Visit <https://www.sccoe.org/depts/students/inclusion-collaborative/Pages/default.aspx> for more information. A variety of fun activities are planned.

More info: selpa1cacinfo@gmail.com or www.selpa1cac.org.

**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!

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 palmathclub@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

****NEW**March 24th Fun Run Event for the Whole Family.**

Paly Sports Boosters and the Paly Track & Field Team will be hosting the Paly 5K Fun Run & Walk on March 24. 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 nature-based obstacle 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. Early-bird registration discount closes on March 18. 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/>

Paly Theatre Presents the World Premiere of "Venture"

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.

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School

March 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

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****NEW**Society of Bookworms - A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle**

Wed, Apr 18, 4 -5 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6. Sponsored by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library

****NEW**Mini Family Retreat: The Nourished Family**

Sun Mar 25 1-4pm Private Residence, Los Altos Hills, CA

In this Mini Retreat for the Whole Family, parents and kids (6-12y) will have the opportunity to be immersed in nature together as they practice yoga, meditate, walk a labyrinth with mindful awareness and have a rich discussion on whole family nutrition. Parents and children will be empowered to create their own healthy & nutrient dense snack - with a rainbow of color and

nutrients, feeding their bodies with powerful, green-light foods. Cost is \$60 per person; address will be shared upon registration. <http://mindbodymoms.com/event/familyretreatmar2018/>

****NEW**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/>.

Community M, H

****NEW**FREE Stress Relief Workshop for Moms & Teens**

Sat Mar 24 7-9:30pm Yoga Source, 158 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto, CA

Moms and teens are invited to come enjoy a nourishing evening together to reduce stress, restore balance and replenish reserves. Moms will begin with Jaclyn Long in one studio, and teens will begin in the adjacent studio with Danielle Seybold. At the end of the evening, moms and teens will be invited into the same studio to practice a sweet relaxation practice together. Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited. <http://mindbodymoms.com/event/momsteensmar2018/>

****NEW**Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp**

June 4 - June 8 & June 11 - 15

For two weeks each summer, Palo Alto High School's nationally ranked Speech and Debate team holds a camp at Paly to teach the fundamentals and advanced skills of both speech and debate to students (10 - 16y) around the Bay Area. Participants in the camp become more effective communicators and improve their public speaking and persuasion skills. Students learn to develop arguments and analyze those of their opponents while eliminating insecurities and building self-confidence. To sign up for the first session (the week of June 4th) or the second session (the week of June 11th), or both go to <http://www.pasdc.com/>

Palo Alto Art Center Summer Counselor-in-Training Application Now Available

The Counselor in Training applications for the summer of 2018 are now available. Summer Camp Counselors in Training (CIT) are volunteers (12-17 years old) who assist professional art instructors in the day-to-day running of the Children's Fine Art summer camps. CITs offer support through classroom management, encouraging campers, prepping art supplies and more. The Lead Counselor in Training (LCIT) program builds on experience as an Art Center CIT and provides opportunities for volunteers to help lead the CIT training, enjoy mentorship from college Children's Fine Art (CFA) interns, manage camper recreation, and take responsibility as the LCIT for one week of camps. Applications must be returned to the Palo Alto Art Center via mail or in person drop off. Only complete applications will be considered. Spots fill up fast, get your application in

as soon as possible! Summer 2018 Counselor in Training Application & Information: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63786> Summer 2018 Lead Counselor in Training Application & Information: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63787>

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.

Tutor Corps Foundation Community Service Grants

Tutor Corps' Community Service Grants support innovative student service learning projects. Grants range from \$250 to \$750. The application deadline for the Spring Community Service Grant is April 1st, 2018. This is the last grant round of the 2017/2018 school year. For more information, go to <https://www.tutorcorps.com/community-service-grants/>

March Madness of Books

Month of March, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

The Teen Library Advisory Board have come up with 16 book titles all competing to be 2018's Book Champion! Play along and fill out a bracket to see which YA book wins it all 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.

DESIGN YOUR OWN PENDANT!

Design your own copper pendant at the Palo Alto Art Center! Students will learn how to use a jeweler's saw to pierce out a pendant shape of their own design. Students will then use decorative metal stamps to add texture, punch holes and add wire wrapped beaded embellishment to their pendant, creating a unique necklace that reflects their own personal style. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Activity_Search/9831 for our 1-day workshop taught by artist Breetta Toma, March 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m., ages 11-18. Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello, Rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org

Community M

****NEW**Paly science and engineering summer camp**

Palo Alto High School's Science Olympiad team is running our fifth annual Science and Engineering Summer Camp for middle schoolers this summer. Members from our regional championship-winning Science Olympiad team will be running lab

demonstrations and hands-on activities including crime scene analysis, dissections, engineering projects, and more! We are offering two sessions this year both from July 9th to July 13th. The morning session is from 9AM to 12PM and the afternoon session is from 1:30PM to 4:30PM each day at Palo Alto High School (50 Embarcadero Rd) and is for any rising 7th through 9th graders interested in learning more about science! We will be taking up to 30 students per session. For more information on the camp and to register your child, visit our website www.palyscioly.org. Questions or Concerns? Please email us at palysciencecamp@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon!

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, jswp.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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