

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, March 25



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

Homework Habitat Mon, Mar 26, 3:15 PM, Library
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Many Faces of JLS potluck/Open House Wed, March 28, 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Homework Habitat Thurs, March 29, 3:15 PM, Library
8th grade Connections DC trip Mar 30 - Apr 2, 2018
Districtwide Minimum Day - 12:25 p.m. dismissal Fri, March 30, 8:15am - 12:25pm
Spring Break Mon, April 2- Friday, April 6

**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. Classrooms will be open from 7pm to 8pm.

For Many Faces we have food coming from these countries; Brazil, Canada, the Caribbean, China, Colombia, France, India, Israel, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Spain, Vietnam, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Don't see your country on the list? How about bringing a dish? Please sign up [here](#).

(Some reimbursements still available if needed - from \$50 to \$300.)

Weds 3/28 5:30 pm.

See you there,

Lost and Found is overflowing once again.

All items will be out on tables in front of the Main Office from Monday, March 26 to Friday, March 30. Please have your student(s) check for jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. Items remaining will be donated to a local agency.

Science Fair Thank You.

A successful JLS Science Fair was held on the evening of Tuesday, March 20, sponsored by the JLS PTA. Thank you to the many parents and community members who volunteered that day to help with checking in projects, interviewing presenters, and delivering packets, and to Scott Thomas who updated the Science Fair website. Special thanks to Jim Wall who visits the Science Fair year after year with very popular science demonstrations like his Van De Graaf generator, to Polaris - a JLS-based robotics team who came and demonstrated, and to students from JLS' Leadership class who helped with the prize table. In addition, thank you to the many businesses who made donations of prizes for the prize drawing and food: Computer History Museum, Hiller Aviation Museum, Lawrence Hall of Science, The Tech Museum of Innovation, Kepler's, Piazza's Fine Foods, and Costco. Finally, thanks to the JLS Science Department and JLS Administration for their support.

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.

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.

Save the Date: JLS PTA Elections

Please join us for coffee at the final JLS PTA General Meeting. We will be voting in the new Executive Board for 2018-2019, reviewing our financials, by-law updates and more.

JLS PTA 2018-2019 Proposed Executive Board

The JLS PTA Nominating Committee submits its report of 2018-2019 Nominations for Office to the PTA membership:

President- Lili Nova-Roessig
 Executive VP- Julia Jacobsen
 1st VP (Programs)- Janet Owen
 2nd VP (Membership)- Bryna Chang
 3rd VP (Communications)- Christy Moision
 4th VP (Community Service)- Christine Hodson
 5th VP (School Support)- Tiffany Aubin
 Secretary- Claire Kirner
 Treasurer- Maria Derrick
 Auditor- Emily Jaquette
 Historian- Devony Sofia Taylor
 Parliamentarian- Tina Mondragon

The annual election meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 at 8:30 am in Room 730.

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 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:

- * 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

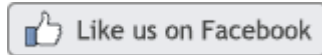
Walking and biking to school every day is a great way to improve heart health. Kids who walk or bike to school are more likely to be physically active all day than those who ride in a car or bus. Set your child up for a lifetime of heart-healthy habits by encouraging them to walk or bike to school. If 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**Proxima junta del Latino Parent Network, Ohlone Elementary School co-patrocinado por PAUSD y el concilio del PTA**

Martes, Abril 17, 6 - 7:30 PM, Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue

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 al coordinador de equidad del distrito, Keith Wheeler, quien aboga por aumentar el acceso y el éxito de nuestros niños. La presentación y la discusión se llevarán a cabo en español con traducción en inglés disponible. Cuidado de niños y pizza.

Latino Parent Network meeting at Ohlone Elementary School co-sponsored by PAUSD and PTA Council Tue, Apr 17, 6 - 7:30 PM, Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue

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 Equity Coordinator, Keith Wheeler, who is advocating to increase access and success for our children. The presentation and discussion will be conducted in Spanish with English-translation available. Childcare and dinner provided.

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@gmail.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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****NEW**How we do know what's true anymore? Mon, Apr 9, 7 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center**

Democracy requires well-informed voters to thrive. Yet truth and facts are under assault from misinformation, disinformation, propaganda and fake news. Learn strategies, tips and tools to gauge the credibility of information from experts at Snopes, Data for Democracy, Google, Facebook, Stanford University, and the Institute for the Future. Event is designed for high school students, parents and all other adults, and co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Palo Alto and the Palo Alto PTA Council. Registration (free) & information: <https://goo.gl/SHLwwm>

Summer Camps Held at PAUSD Sites

Looking for a summer camp in your neighborhood or at one of our Palo Alto Unified school sites? Now you can find it at the PTAC website at <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/2018-summer-camps/>.

Camp providers listed on this page host activities/summer camps at PAUSD Schools, and pay rental fees to our district. These rental fees help to defray the cost of running our schools while providing local opportunities for our kids. PTA Council does not endorse one camp over another. This service is offered to give parents an easy way to find out what is being offered and where. Please contact the PTAC Webmaster to recommend updates to this information. There is no charge to providers to be listed.

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Gunn Band CMEA Preview Concert Thursday, March 29

7:30pm Paly PAC

Come hear the Freshman Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble present a sneak peak at some of the literature they will be performing for the CMEA Bay Section Large Group Festival in April. Tickets: FREE for Gunn Band & Orchestra Boosters members (family of 4); FREE for students with ID & children under 12; \$5 general admission at the door.

****NEW**Boy Scout Troop 50 Open House**

Mon, Mar, 26, 7.30 - 9.00PM, Boy Scout Fire Circle, Lucie Stern Community Center, Palo Alto

Palo Alto Boy Scout Troop 50 is having an open house on in order to give kids (grades 5-10) and their parents a chance to get to know Troop 50 to see if it is the right troop for them. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the troop and about scouting. The open house will be at the Boy Scout Fire Circle at the Scout House at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301. For more information about Troop 50, please see the following web site: <https://sites.google.com/view/patroop50/home> .

****NEW**Help Students Who Need You Most - Learn about All Students Matter on April 25 or 26**

Come learn about volunteering next school year, once a week in a K-5th grade classroom in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park where students face many challenges and are eager for your support to build academic and social/emotional skills. Hear about the impact you can have by joining us 10am on Wed, Apr 25 in Atherton or Thurs, Apr 26 in Palo Alto at the home of a current volunteer. Contact Jeanette Kennedy at jkc_kennedy@yahoo.com to receive details. Learn more about us at www.allstudentsmatter.org.

**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/>

**Grassroots Ecology and Watershed Stewards Program Volunteer Opportunities
Sat Mar 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

**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/tasteoftheseasonforspringfree/>

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.

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.

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!

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!

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.

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

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/>

**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>

**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 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

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://palsportsboosters.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/>

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School

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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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

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/>

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**Host Families Wanted for 2018-19 Foreign Exchange Students**

Is your student interested in studying abroad? Is your family interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? AFS is the largest student exchange organization in the US, with about 1,000 US high school students currently studying abroad, and 2,200 foreign exchange students studying in the US this year (30 in the Bay Area). Currently AFS has 1 student at Paly, and typically hosts 1 or 2 students at Gunn. Study abroad is a great way for your student to learn a culture, language, and to mature. Hosting a student builds bonds that can last a lifetime, and is a great way to broaden your student's horizons. Learn more at www.afsusa.org

****NEW**Teenpower Safety and Self Defense Workshop****Sun, Apr 15, 1-6 PM, 3900 Ventura Court**

Designed for teens ages 13-17, this workshop gives teens focused practice in using boundary-setting, conflict resolution, self-protection, and self-defense skill. Includes physical skills with a padded instructor. \$140 per teen. Pre-registration required. For more information, contact safety@kidpower.org or call (800) 467-6997. www.kidpower.org

****NEW**Parent Ed Night at Jordan Middle School: Social Media Wellness: How to Help Children and Adults Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World with Ana Homayoun
Wed, Mar 28, 7.30 - 9 PM, Jordan Middle School, Multi-Purpose Room**

In our always-on digital world, it can be hard for teens - and adults! - to successfully navigate online and IRL worlds. With empathy, compassion, and humor, noted Silicon Valley author Ana Homayoun will discuss some of the modern parenting dilemmas in the age of the smartphone and speaks about her latest book, "Social Media Wellness: Helping Teens and Tweens Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World". She will explore how the digital balancing act affects all aspects of our lives and personal wellness, and for students impacts academic abilities and social well-being as well as emotional and physical health. Ana's work, which is grounded in research and based on over fifteen years of working with students, offers practical solutions for students, parents, and educators as they navigate the ever-changing issues involving social networking and healthy child and teen development.

**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/>

**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>

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.

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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