

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

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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, May 20



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

Joint Middle School 8th grade Parent Network Meeting Tue, May 22, 8:30am - 9:30am, Rm 730
JLS Pops Choir Concert Wed, May 23, 7pm - 8pm, JLS Middle School
PTA Executive Board meeting Thu, May 24, 8:30am, Room 40
6th grade formal lunch Thu, May 24, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
7th grade Connections Shakespeare Performance Night Thu, May 24, 6pm - 7pm, Cafetorium
JLS Minimum Day - 12:25 p.m. dismissal Fri, May 25, 8:15am - 12:25pm

### Message from the Principal

Friday, June 1st is the last day of school and a minimum day, with school ending at 12:25 PM. The 8th grade promotion ceremony is the same evening, starting at 5:30 PM. We are asking students to line up in the driveway at 4:45 PM. The PTA-sponsored promotion party will follow the ceremony.

### The Social Studies department at JLS needs your help!

Brand new social studies textbooks will be arriving soon, and they will all need to be numbered and stamped over the summer to ready them for use. PAUSD district employees Emily Garrison and Karen

Logue will be overseeing this work and they could really use your help! Processing the books at JLS will happen in the library on Monday, June 11th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. They hope to have 12 volunteers, and will provide coffee, tea, and breakfast snacks! Please use the following form to sign up to help out. Thanks!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUOzgzPxeWalSpz2s5mebVhzQnVaSV7dGP4OMUNij3-oGHZg/viewform>

### **Unclaimed Lost and Found will be Donated on Friday, May 25**

Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING with jackets, hoodies, lunch boxes, backpacks, etc. Please check with your student(s) about any missing items. Feel free to stop by next week when all of Lost and Found articles will be on display outside the front office. Anything remaining at the end of school on Friday, May 25, will be donated to a local agency.

### **Deadline, 8th Graders: Please Purchase Promotion Party Tickets NOW!**

Come celebrate with your classmates on your final day of middle school - all JLS 8th graders are invited! There is still time to send in your form but you need to act fast!

This is not just your ordinary dance/party. There will be catered food, chocolate fountain, dancing with a fabulous DJ, photobooth, games and more. We encourage ALL 8th graders to attend - it's the biggest party of they year!

The party starts right after the promotion ceremony on Friday, June 1st and goes until 10:30pm. Tickets are \$25 per student, scholarships are available.

Invitations were sent home but you can also find a copy [here](#). Print the invitation and send the completed form with payment into JLS.

We need volunteers to help make this event awesome! [Sign up to volunteer here](#). Questions? Contact the promotion party team at [JLSpromteam@gmail.com](mailto:JLSpromteam@gmail.com)

### **8th Grade Promotion Party**

It's almost time for the 8th grade promotion party! It's a celebration for all JLS 8th graders after the promotion ceremony on Friday, June 1, 2018. It is a JLS tradition that 7th grade parents help out during the 8th grade promotion party. In addition to giving the 8th graders "neutral" chaperones, it's not possible for 8th grade parents to get the party set up and started because they will be at the ceremony! Also, this gives 7th grade parents a sneak peek of what's in store for their future 8th grader (6th grade parents welcome too!). If you help out on the evening of June 1st, or are interested in helping by donating items or decorating, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/KwkzqiE>.

Questions? Contact Michelle Carrillo at [jlspromteam@gmail.com](mailto:jlspromteam@gmail.com) or 650-283-5493.

### **Back to School At JLS, 2018-2019**

## **Late July to August**

It's the strong community of volunteers that helps make JLS a great place for our children to feel safe, happy and welcome, and for the staff to feel appreciated. A new school year is right around the corner, so we need many hands to get the ball rolling! JLS is looking for parent volunteers to help with back to school (BTS) events, such as form sorting, Jump Start Day, etc.... This valuable work is needed to help JLS events run smoothly while building community. Please feel free to sign up for as many sessions as you like!

How can I help with BTS events? Sign up here:

<https://goo.gl/uNjwA6>

How else can I get involved? Fill out this form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/BX684ftqVcPpCJrr2>

Are there any chair or coordinator positions open? Yes! PTA has urgent leadership positions open:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qtTw189aECfBHTjg2>.

Want more information? Please look at descriptions on the JLS PTA website:

<http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/ptajobs/>

Additional questions? Email [jlsptaemail@gmail.com](mailto:jlsptaemail@gmail.com)

## **Jump Start Day**

**Wed, August 7, 2018**

As this school year winds down, we're already thinking about next year's Back to School events! Jump Start Day will be August 7th from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. We need volunteers to help with the various tables and lines; two shifts are available. If you can help, please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/xoekqzM>

## **Help Wanted: Latte Cart Committee**

**Thur, August 23, 1st Thursdays, Sep-May**

JLS teachers love the monthly latte carts at JLS. The coffee and breakfast items help energize and remind them how much our community appreciates them. However, PTA can't host these monthly events without a champion to organize the breakfast donations, set up and clean up. For 2018-2019, PTA is looking for a committee to lead this effort. If you are interested, please contact us at:

[jlsptaemail@gmail.com](mailto:jlsptaemail@gmail.com) or sign-up up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/qtTw189aECfBHTjg2>

## **6th Grade Spirit Week, May 21- May 25**

The J.L.S. Sixth Grade Student Council is excited to announce a sixth grade spirit week taking place May 21st - May 25th. Sixth grade teams will participate in spirit day themes, selected by students, throughout the week. Thursday's spirit day, "Formal Day", will ask students to come to school dressed in attire fit for a fancy restaurant. To enhance the theme, students will have the opportunity to dine with their fellow peers in a formal, outdoor setting during lunchtime. We will have Buca di Beppo Italian restaurant cater the event. Students will be served salad and bread, order from a selection of pasta, and will have a choice of beverage. Donations of \$10 cover the cost of the lunch, as well as the cost of table rentals and formal luncheon tableware. Please have a conversation with your child about participating and then fill out the R.S.V.P. provided by your child

's WIP teacher. We ask that students return their R.S.V.P. to their WIP teacher no later than Friday, May 18.

We would also appreciate your help in volunteering! We need approximately 35-45 volunteers between the hours of 10:45am-1:30pm on Thursday, May 24th. If interested, please contact the sixth grade student council advisor, Joe Yribarren, at [yribarren@pausd.org](mailto:yribarren@pausd.org). Thank you!

### **Notice of special meeting: JLS PTA Association Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 29, 8:30AM, Room 40**

JLS PTA is having a special meeting to review/approve the proposed changes to its bylaws approved by the Executive Board on March 22, 2018. Changes are noted below:

1. Decrease membership dues from \$15.00 to \$6.00 per member  
Article IV, Section 4, p. 3

Each member of the association shall pay annual dues of ~~fifteen dollars \$15.00~~ six dollars (\$6.00) per member (also means per capita) to the association.

### **Youth Art Show- Palo Alto Art Center**

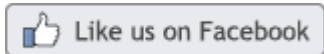
Art Education has been busy preparing for our annual Youth Art Show at the Palo Alto Art Center. The show features artwork from over 400 PAUSD K-12 students from all of our schools, and there are many JLS students with artwork in the show. We are proud of the creativity of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support we receive from the community! Click [here](#) for poster

The show runs April 28-May 20. We hope you are able to stop by before the show ends on May 20th.



### **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](#)



## PAUSD/PTAC

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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.

**Parent Workshop for Immigrant and Refugee Families,  
Co-sponsored by PTA Council and PAUSD  
Wed, May 23rd 6:00 - 8:00PM (5:30PM Dinner,) Aspen Room, PAUSD District Office, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto**

This parent workshop is for families who are looking for information and resources to best support their family in the current immigration environment. Psychologist Jennifer Coloma, Ph.D., will provide parents with strategies to help their children who may be experiencing worry and stress in an uncertain environment, including how to talk about these difficult issues and where to go if you need further resources for your family. Attendees will also be provided with the most up-to-date information about their legal rights (including DACA, undocumented and uncertain status, TPV, and refugee status). Dinner will be served from 5:30pm and the workshop will commence at 6:00pm. Childcare and Spanish translation provided. If you need translation for a language other than Spanish please contact [rshen-lorenson@pausd.org](mailto:rshen-lorenson@pausd.org) (or [familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org](mailto:familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org)) in advance so we can best provide for your needs.

**¡Nuevo! Taller de Padres para Familias Inmigrantes y Refugiadas  
Copatrocinado por el Concejo de PTA y PAUSD, Miércoles 23 de Mayo de 6:00-8:00pm (Cena a las 5:30pm), Aspen Room, Oficinas del Distrito Escolar, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto**

Este es un taller para familias que buscan información y recursos para poder apoyar de mejor manera a su familia en el actual entorno migratorio.

La psicóloga Jennifer Coloma, Ph.D., proveerá a los padres con las estrategias para ayudar a sus hijos los cuales pueden estar experimentar preocupaciones o estrés en este ambiente incierto, ella también hablara sobre como conversar sobre estos temas difíciles y donde acudir si usted necesita recursos para su familia. Se les proporcionará a los asistentes, la información más actualizada sobre sus derechos legales (incluyendo DACA, Indocumentados y estatus inciertos, TPV, y en estatus de refugiados.). La cena se servirá comenzando a las 5:30pm y el taller iniciará a las 6:00pm. Se proveerá cuidado de niños y traducción al español. Si usted necesita traducción en otro lenguaje por favor comuníquese con [rshen-lorenson@pausd.org](mailto:rshen-lorenson@pausd.org) (o [familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org](mailto:familyengagementspecialists@pausd.org)) por avanzado para servirle acorde a sus necesidades.

## **PTAC E, M, H**

### **Click My Cause: Speak up now for our Students!**

Homeless youth, foster youth, and all PAUSD youth need our voices to advance critical CA PTA approved legislation pending in Sacramento. It takes just seconds to advance these bills:

- Increase K-12 school funding (AB 2808)
- Help Foster Youth (AB 2043)
- Help Homeless Youth (AB 1406)
- Pupil Suicide Prevention and Training (AB 2639)
- Investing in Pre-K (AB 1754)

Sign up for Palo Alto PTA Council mobile alerts on the FREE Click My Cause app [https://clickmycause.com/ download/](https://clickmycause.com/download/)

## **LEGOLAND**

Enjoy a day at LEGOLAND on us! PTA Family Field Trip: Visit LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium for only \$55 per adult or child. That's half off the regular price! Must be reserved and pre-paid by phone. Call (760) 438-5346 and have your school name ready (minimum purchase 6 tickets). PTA Kids Go Free (Online): Visit [www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscout](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscout) to purchase one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium and receive one free child admission. Enter discount code 15031.

PTA Kids Go Free (Flier): Visit [www.LEGOLAND.com/ptaflyer](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/ptaflyer) to print your own flier and bring it to a LEGOLAND California ticket booth to receive one free child with one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium.

## **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.

## COMMUNITY

### Community E, M, H

#### **Gunn Cheer Team Tryouts**

Hi all incoming Freshman! Do you or someone you know like to cheer, dance and do gymnastics all while supporting your new school. Come to Gunn High School on June 4th-8th to tryout for the Gunn Cheer Team. It will be Monday through Friday 5pm-7pm in the dance room which is located near the pool by the back all of the school. No experience required! Just come with water, athletic clothes and a open mind!"

#### **\*\*NEW\*\* Classroom Volunteers Needed Next Year -- Grades K-5 in East Palo Alto and Eastern Menlo Park**

Sign up now to begin volunteering in September to work with students in grades K-5 where you can make a real difference in their lives. You'll go to the same classroom in East Palo Alto or eastern Menlo Park once a week, for about an hour, during the school year to help with reading or math. You'll have a real impact in a community where over 80% of students are performing below grade level. All Students Matter provides training and coordinates everything. Read about us in this recent Palo Alto Weekly article <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2017/12/01/educating-students-one-by-one>. For more details or to sign up, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org) or contact Keri Tully at [keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com).

#### **Fundraising Event**

**Sat, May 19, 4- 6 PM, 1460 El Camino Real, 2nd Floor, Menlo Park (office of Shearman & Sterling)**

Have fun while supporting literacy in under-funded Bay Area schools! There will be wine and light appetizers along with a swing dance performance by the Someday Sweethearts, a visit from children's author Nadia Reddy and an exciting silent auction to benefit Access Books Bay Area. Tickets are \$75/person and will benefit projects to refurbish under-served Bay Area K-8 school libraries. Access Books Bay Area refurbishes by purchasing brand new books for the libraries, collecting gently used books for the classroom libraries, purchasing colorful new furniture for the library and painting bright

cheerful murals on the library walls. Help us to make a difference in low-income under-funded Bay Area schools. Register: [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MzMzNTY=](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MzMzNTY=)

### **Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Spring Concerts**

Enjoy a series of Spring concerts (May through June) featuring winners of this year's PACO Concerto Competition. These talented young string players will perform music by Haydn, Bruch, Saint-Saens, Ravel and more. Don't miss the collection of works from Bach to Bernstein with violin soloist Robin Sharp in Senior PACO's last program of the season. If you do, you'll have a second chance on June 15 before they bring this winning collection on tour of Spain and Portugal. All concerts are FREE and for the entire family to enjoy. For more information about PACO and concert details, please visit [www.pacomusic.org](http://www.pacomusic.org) or email [info@pacomusic.org](mailto:info@pacomusic.org)

### **Stanford Social Skills Study Recruitment**

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

Contacts: Ellen Wilkinson, MA or Tobi Britton, BA,  
BCaBA; [ellen.wilkinson@stanford.edu](mailto:ellen.wilkinson@stanford.edu) / [tobi.britton@stanford.edu](mailto:tobi.britton@stanford.edu); 650-736-0591  
Principle Investigator: Scott Hall, PhD, BCBA-D; [hallss@stanford.edu](mailto:hallss@stanford.edu); 650-498-4799

### **Parent Survey from Gunn's BEAM Program**

BEAM (Business, Entrepreneurship and Mathematics) is a Gunn HS program that strives to create a true public-private partnership by providing high school students the opportunity to connect with local innovation communities while gaining real world professional experience. We are working on a project with the City of Palo Alto to reduce the number of idling cars in Palo Alto in order to give back to the community. Idling cars have been an uprising problem with many negative effects on our environment. With more and more cars on the road, heavy traffic could lead even more people to waiting in their cars with their ignition on. Idling also contributes to an increased amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Our group will be researching what impacts on the environment idling cars have in terms of car emissions and what ways of communication to the public is the best way to spread awareness of the problem. Please take a moment to complete our survey; Idling Cars and Car Emissions Survey <https://goo.gl/forms/T8cP2DRt9YjeLShb2> Thank you for your time.

### **Project Safety Net Community Forum: Policy and Advocacy (Goal 4) Wed, May 23, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room**

You're invited to a special community forum meeting, as Project Safety Net will be focusing on Goal 4: Policy and Advocacy, as outlined in Project Safety Net's Three-Year Road Map:  
<http://www.psnpaloalto.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/PSN-3-Year-Roadmap-Jul-1-2017-Jun->



30-2020-12-2017-ver-10-summary.pdf. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psn-community-forum-policy-advocacy-tickets-45533086688> There will be a discussion with advocates and community leaders regarding the current local, state, and federal landscape of youth well-being and suicide prevention policy. Presenters will outline best practices for weighing in with policy makers, and share future opportunities for supporting youth mental health and suicide prevention initiatives.

**Family Yoga every Saturday 10:30am at Blossom  
Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA (New location after May 28th)**

Family Yoga at Blossom is perfect for moms, dads or grandparents and their toddlers or preschool kids. Enjoy vitalizing yoga, playful meditation and singing as a sweet way to connect with your child. Have two or more? Bring them all, children join for free. Make this a joyful weekend family routine or drop-in whenever you need some vitalizing movement.  
<https://www.blossombirth.org/mom--toddler.html>

**Downtown Palo Alto Farmer's Market Opening**

The Downtown Palo Alto Farmers' Market opens for 2018 on Saturday, May 12. The Market is a great place to get fresh local fruits, veggies, flowers, meats, cheeses, breads and more! Come hang out and listen to live music, while getting delicious brunch and coffee. The Market is located on Gilman St. between Hamilton and Forest. Open every Saturday from 8am to noon. Market is open rain or shine through mid-December. More at [www.pafarmersmarket.org](http://www.pafarmersmarket.org)  
Parent Chat: Support for Parents of Teens with Mental Health Challenges  
Tue. June 12, 7 - 8:30pm, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos  
Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

**Volunteers Needed!**

Host families needed for exchange students in the Bay Area. Currently, FLAG, a U.S.-based nonprofit international exchange organization with more than a 25 year history, is seeking host families in the Bay Area. Please contact Janine at 408-505-2353 for more information or visit: <https://www.flag-intl.org/host.html>

**Palo Alto World Music Day 2018 10th Anniversary Save the Date, Musicians and Volunteers Wanted  
Sun, Jun 17, 3-7:30 PM, University Avenue from Webster-High St.(closed to traffic and open for pedestrians)**

The City of Palo Alto has declared Sunday June 17 as World Music Day. World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year around the Summer Solstice. Now for the tenth year in Palo Alto, 50 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres: jazz, pop, rock, classical, world music, choral, etc. All performances are FREE and open to the public. This is a fun and unique family event not to be missed. Book the date now and tell

your friends. The organizers are also looking for musicians and event volunteers from our community, including students from our schools.

World Music Day is presented by the Stanford Federal Credit Union and organized by the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation. Event sponsors include: The City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association, Live SV, and News for Chinese.

For more info: [www.pamusicday.org](http://www.pamusicday.org) or [info@pamusicday.org](mailto:info@pamusicday.org).

Volunteer please visit; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaba72ea5fc1-paworld1>

Please invite all your Facebook friends to go to Palo Alto World Music Day 2018 10th Anniversary <https://www.facebook.com/events/141970819972338/>

For more info on Make Music Day <http://www.makemusicday.org/>

## **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY SURVEY**

In order to better gauge the experiences and needs of the LGBTQ+ community, the Human Relations Commission(HRC) of the City of Palo Alto has created a survey. Friends, family members and allies are also welcome to complete the survey. The HRC wants to learn what it can do to better support the LGBTQ+ community in Palo Alto and establish priorities for future projects and initiatives.

The survey is located at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQS](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQS) survey

The deadline to respond is June 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Minka van der Zwaag, Human Services Manager at [minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-463-4953.

## **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**

**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](mailto:dcamner@pausd.org), for more information & dates

## **Community E, M**

### **Gain Confidence with a Public Speaking Class (Palo Alto Dept of Recreation)**

## Sat; Jun 23 - Jul 28; 9 - 10:55 AM; Palo Alto Cubberley Community Center

Improve your speaking skills with Public Speaking: Creative Interpretation for ages 9-11 or grades 4-6. Do fun activities, present regularly in front of the class, and gain confidence. Receive training and tips on vocal variation, nonverbal communication, and more. Class Fee: \$300. Material Fee: \$25.

Register with Palo Alto Recreation at [apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto](http://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto). To learn more about the class, contact Communication Academy at 408-777-8876 or visit [www.communicationacademy.com](http://www.communicationacademy.com).

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Incoming 6th Grade Families to Terman/Fletcher! Welcome!!

Please Help with One Thing at Terman/Ellen Fletcher Next Year. We need you! We are lucky to have such a strong community of volunteers at this school. Volunteers help ensure that our children feel safe, happy and welcome, and that our staff feels appreciated. There are many traditions that our school looks forward to celebrating: the school dances, the School carnival, the science fair, etc. If you wish to keep these events in the 18/19 year, please get involved. You may help with a single event or co-chair with a friend. We also welcome new ideas.

You can join at [https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?\\_flowId=directOpportunity-flow&path=HzuhWZnEioEMWYwVjRuuWn1v0QNGPkW1QrFs5tPc8Eo=](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=directOpportunity-flow&path=HzuhWZnEioEMWYwVjRuuWn1v0QNGPkW1QrFs5tPc8Eo=) or contact Audrey G for more information ([audreygold@gmail.com](mailto:audreygold@gmail.com)). We also have PTA board positions open: Co- VPs of School Activities and looking for a co-VP of Community Activities.

Community M, H

### Open Your Home and Hearts to An Exchange Student.

Experience the authenticity of cultural exchange by hosting an AFS high school exchange student for a school year or sending your student abroad. AFS places about 2,200 screened and vetted students around the U.S. annually and often places 30 of those right in the Bay Area. Both Gunn and Paly families have hosted students and sent their own students to study globally. Middle school families make excellent host families. Language of a foreign language not required. Just an open mind and a desire to succeed. Learn more at [www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org) Study abroad is a great way for your student to learn a culture, language, and to mature. Gap year programs also available.

## 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

## JLS eNews PUBLICATION GUIDELINE!

If you want to publish an announcement relevant to JLS, send an email to [JLS.eneews@gmail.com](mailto:JLS.eneews@gmail.com). JLS eNews is a publication of the JLS PTA. Our PTA has a noncommercial policy, which states that we do not associate with any commercial activities of other organizations including, but not limited to, the promotion of their goods and services. Only submissions from nonprofit organizations will be considered for placement in the eNews. Announcements relevant to other schools in the PAUSD district can be sent to [eneews@paloaltopta.org](mailto:eneews@paloaltopta.org). For more detail, please click [here](#).

### Join your grade's Parent Network!

Organized by the JLS PTA, Parent Networks provide grade-specific information and regular meetings to foster a supportive and collaborative parent community. TO JOIN, contact the below coordinators:

6th grade coordinators: Gerrie Phillips, Hue Tran, Suman Rangaswany

7th grade coordinators: Anjani Sarma , Mei-Hsia Tan

8th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

**Would you like  
your employer to  
DONATE to JLS?**



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