

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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

Memorial Day, No School Monday, May 28
Special PTA meeting (Bylaw review) Tue, May 29, 8:30am - 9:30am, Room 40
PTA Executive Board meeting Thu, May 24, 8:30am, Room 40
8th grade Great America trip Wed, May 30, 8:30am - 4:00pm
Yearbook distribution/locker cleanout Thursday, May 31, 2018
Last Day of School, Districtwide Minimum Day Friday, June 1, 12:25 PM Dismissal
Promotion Ceremony Fri, June 1, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, JLS Field
Promotion Party after Ceremony (approx. 7:00pm) Fri, June 1, 7:00pm - 10:30pm

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/8TH GRADE PROMOTION

Friday, June 1 is the last day of school and will be a minimum day with a 12:25 p.m. dismissal for all students. 8th grade students are expected to return to the campus by 4:45 p.m. to line up in the proper order for the promotion processional.

The promotion ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. with the promotion dance/party beginning 15 minutes after the ceremony ends and concluding at 10:30 p.m. Students should be picked up promptly at 10:30 p.m. The promotion ceremony will take place on the JLS field adjacent to Mitchell Park. All family members are welcome to attend the ceremony. No tickets will be issued. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. Previous years' experiences indicate that parking is problematic. We encourage you to utilize the parking lot at Mitchell Park and Hoover Elementary, in addition to parking at JLS and Fairmeadow Elementary. A professional photographer will take a picture of each student as they receive a promotion certificate (see enclosed flyer). We ask that parents not block aisles or the front of the stage area to take photos.

Dress for Promotion Evening

Promotion is a very special time in your child's life, and we ask you to help us monitor your child's evening attire so that their clothing is appropriate for the ceremony. Recommended attire:

- Students should be prepared for cooler evening weather - a sweater or jacket is recommended
- Students may wear slacks or suit trousers with a collared shirt. Ties are encouraged.
- No hats, T-shirts, or jeans
- Skirts or dresses should be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Dresses with spaghetti straps are permitted.
- Strapless, backless, and/or low-cut dresses that are not age-appropriate are not allowed.
- Select shoes that will be appropriate for walking across the grass field and stage.

For students who are interested, there will be an opportunity to change into more comfortable clothes and shoes for the dance. Students may not go barefoot at the party.

We are looking forward to joining you for this memorable occasion.

SPECIAL JLS PTA ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 29, 8:30-8:45 AM (15 minutes), Rm 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. Membership dues will be decreased from \$15.00 to \$6.00 per member as noted in Article IV, Section 4, p. 3 : "Each member of the association shall pay annual dues of six dollars (\$6.00) per member (also means per capita) to the association."

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>

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

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 or 650-283-5493.

BACK TO SCHOOL AT JLS 2018-2019

It's a 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. The new school year is right around the corner, so help us plan ahead. JLS is looking for volunteers to help with back to school (BTS) events, including: form sorting, Jump Start Day, BTS Staff Appreciation lunch, 1st day coffee, Panther Camp, 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!

Sign-up for BTS Events : <https://goo.gl/uNjwA6>

Sign-up for other 2018-2019 JLS events: <https://goo.gl/forms/BX684ftqVcPpCJrr2>

Sign-up for 2018-2019 chair/coordinator positions: <https://goo.gl/forms/qtTw189aECfBHTjg2>

Go to the JLS PTA website for job descriptions: <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/ptajobs/>

Additional questions? Email

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

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. We still need someone to fill in for Spring of 2019. Latte carts happen on the first Thursdays, Sep-May. If you are interested, please contact us at:

jlsptaemail@gmail.com

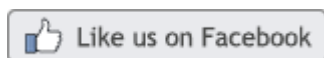
THANK YOU...YOU MADE IT HAPPEN

The JLS PTA would like to send out a thank you to all the volunteers who helped in 2017-2018. Together, we were able to support our kids, staff and community.



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

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/>

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 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 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 (webmaster@paloaltopta.org) 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** Adolescents with or without ADHD required for Stanford Brain & Exercise Study**

Stanford University's Center for Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences Research (CIBSR) is conducting a study examining the effects of exercise upon brain function in adolescents with and without attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Volunteers aged between 12 and 17 years old and able to participate in moderate to vigorous cycling exercise should qualify for this study. This study involves 3 sessions (lasting up to 3 hours each). Sessions are available May-September 2018. For more information, please contact the Brain Research, EXercise and FITness Lab

at: brefitlab@stanford.edu

For general information about participant rights, contact the Institutional Review Board 1-866-680-2906

****NEW** Lecture and Live Community Screening of "The Chinese Exclusion Act" PBS Documentary. Presented by Palo Alto Human Relations Commission and Asian Americans for Community Involvement Tue, May 29, 7 - 10pm (Lecture 7 - 8pm; Live Screening 8 - 10pm), Channing House, 850 Webster Street, Palo Alto**

What does a little known 1882 law have to do with American identity, democracy, and civil rights today? Through powerful and illuminating visuals, historical documents, testimonies and insights of leading scholars and experts, The Chinese Exclusion Act documentary explores the history of Chinese immigration to the United States and its significance to issues of globalization, immigration, labor and civil rights today.

The live screening will be preceded by a lecture at 7:00pm by immigration attorney Marcine Seid, Esq. on "The Consequences and Implications of the Chinese Exclusion Act on American's Immigration Policies from the 1880s to the Present". Open to all.

Please RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-live-screening-of-the-chinese-exclusion-act-a-pbs-documentary-tickets-46197492945>

For additional information: Steven Lee, Palo Alto Human Relations Commission

at stevendlee@gmail.com <http://www.pbs.org/video/chinese-exclusion-act-trailer-n22mpb/>

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 or contact Keri Tully at keritully@gmail.com.

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 or email 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

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

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

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 or 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 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 or 650-463-4953.

****NEW**Youth Community Service Seeking Team Leaders**

Youth Community Service is still accepting job applications for Summer of Service team leaders for training in early June. Team leaders should have at least two years of college, and strong experience working with diverse youth groups. Also welcome to apply are adults who have stepped out of the workplace to raise families. Candidates should bring a strong commitment to mentoring youth ages 11 to 15 as they learn leadership skills through hands-on service experiences in social and environmental issues. For more information, or to apply, go to: <http://youthcommunityservice.org/about-us/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, 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. To learn more about the class, contact Communication Academy at 408-777-8876 or visit www.communicationacademy.com.

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 Study abroad is a great way for your student to learn a culture, language, and to mature. Gap year programs also available.

Community M

Father's Day Design_Code_Build Events:

Sun Jun 10 9.30 - 4PM, Computer History Museum, Mountain View

This spring, we are hosting special Mother's Day and Father's Day Design_Code_Build events. These special events invite parents/guardians to participate with their student(s), promoting intergeneration exploration of computing history and encouraging students and adults to learn with and from each other. Through Design_Code_Build, we are excited to offer these opportunities to families throughout the many communities in and around the Bay Area. Register at:

<http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/#designcodebuild-mothers-day-edition-featuring>

<http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/#designcodebuild-fathers-day-edition>

There is a \$15 non-refundable registration fee, however we are able to offer financial assistance as needed.

Contact Cate Robbins (crobbins@computerhistory.org) for financial assistance or to sign up a group.

Learn more and register here: <http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/>

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. 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@palalopta.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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