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## **JLS PTA eNews**

**August 25, 2019**

### **JLS News**

#### **Important Dates This Week**

**August 26** - Homework Habitat

**August 27** - Homework Habitat

**August 28** - Club Fair | Pizza Dinner Social

**August 28** - Orientation for Spanish Mandarin Speaking Families

**August 29** - Homework Habitat

**August 30** -JLS Minimum Day 12:25 pm Dismissal

**September 2**- Labor Day, No School

#### **Homework Habitat is Starting Next Week**

Homework Habitat is starting next week. Students can come have access to computers, textbooks, and one-on-one help from JLS Staff. Homework Habitat meets in the library after school from 3:15 to 4:30 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Get help in ANY subject.

#### **Welcome Back Pizza Party**

Join us for our annual Welcome Back Pizza Party!

When: Wednesday August 28, 6-7:30pm  
Where: JLS Cafeteria  
Who: All JLS students, staff and their families- it's FREE!  
Misc: We could still use volunteers to help serve pizza, sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/bguMfbc>



### Double Your PiE Donation - Now thru Sept 3

The PiE 2019-2020 fundraising campaign is happening now. Your support makes a huge difference to our school community. PiE funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. PiE's funding provides enrichment and support in the areas of STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Math), the Arts, and Wellness and Support. PiE-funded staff make a positive impact on our kids every day.

Double your impact: Between now and Sept 3, gifts and pledges will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. Please donate today at <http://papie.org/donate/>.

### Student Accident Insurance

Student accident insurance brochures are available in the office if you are interested. There are a variety of plans available to parents.

### Middle School Science Textbook Pilot

Middle school science classes will be piloting textbook materials. Students in piloting classes will be involved in piloting two textbook materials, one from Amplify and one from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Students and their parents will be asked to complete an evaluation form based on their experiences with the pilot materials. Students in non-piloting classes will address the same learning objectives using existing materials. If you are interested in viewing the pilot textbooks in person, they will be on display after Aug. 23rd in the JLS library, and also in the hallway in front of Room 15 at the PAUSD District Office. There are comment cards available near the textbooks if you would like to provide more feedback after viewing the pilot textbooks. If you have any questions or comments about the textbook pilot, please send an email to the JLS Science Instructional Leader, Linda Luo, [gluo@pausd.org](mailto:gluo@pausd.org).

### UpToUs ONLINE DIRECTORY

Looking to connect with an old friend, or a new parent you just met? JLS PTA is using UpToUs for its electronic Directory and community messaging (via grade-specific parent networks). More information about UpToUs can be found here: [http://bit.ly/JLS\\_UpToUs\\_Info](http://bit.ly/JLS_UpToUs_Info)

What about eNews? JLS PTA will continue to use eNews to push out school information, district and community news. UpToUs will serve as our eDirectory and (moderated) platform for our grade-level parent networks.

### Commuters' Corner

#### Register Your Kids' Bikes

Our Safe Routes to School Program and The City of PA have teamed up with Bike Index. Please go to <http://bikeindex.org/> and register your bikes. Please watch this space for information on bike index stickers.



## PAUSD News

### Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

Read Dr. Don Austin's Weekly Board Update, published new each Friday on the [District website](#).

**\*\*NEW\*\*2019 Palo Alto Black & White Ball**

*Fri Oct 4, 7P-12A, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto*

Book your babysitter now and get tickets for the party-of-the-year. Enjoy live music and dancing from Super Diamond, China Cats, DJ Celeste and more. Plus food from 20+ local restaurants, wine-tasting and a Silent Disco. Black tie optional. Please visit our website [2019 Black & White Ball](#) to buy tickets. Use code: PAUSD10 to save \$10. The 2019 Black & White Ball is a celebration of City of Palo Alto's 125th Birthday, Palo Alto Weekly's 40th Anniversary, and PAUSD's 125th Anniversary. All proceeds support the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation. The event is open to everyone over the age of 21. Any Questions? Email: Kristen Podulka at [kristen\\_podulka@yahoo.com](mailto:kristen_podulka@yahoo.com)

**Parent Ed Class at the Palo Alto Adult School for PAUSD Parents**

*Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept 4 - Oct 14, 7-8:30P, Greendell School, Room P-4*

Palo Alto Adult School is offering a free class, *Engaging in Your Child's Education*, specifically for families with English as a Second Language who have children in the Palo Alto Unified School District. This is an INTERACTIVE class with topics that include: Absence Reporting, Schoology, Infinite Campus (IC) account set-up, conducting parent-teacher/counselor conferences. \*\*Families with intermediate English proficiency preferred\*\*. Free childcare will be provided to children who are potty trained. Mandatory ESL testing. Please call 650-494-2326 to sign up for testing. Prerequisite: Children must be enrolled at PAUSD.

## PTAC News

**\*\*NEW\*\*PTA Council (PTAC) Welcomes all 17 School PTA/PTSA Presidents**

On Wednesday, August 21, the unit Presidents at all of our 17 schools gathered for the Presidents' Meeting. We are grateful for their work and their PTA teams at each school site. Much happens behind the scenes to make a school run smoothly. The next PTA Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 (25 Churchill Ave: 9 am). For more: [www.paloaltopta.org](http://www.paloaltopta.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\*The Palo Alto PTA Council Takes Up Anti-Vaping Resolution - Committee Forming; Volunteers Needed;**

Palo Alto PTA Council will be advocating for Anti-Vaping Resolution to educate and help our children stay healthy. If you would like to serve on the PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee (PTA members and nonmembers welcome), please contact: [president@paloaltopta.org](mailto:president@paloaltopta.org). First draft of PTA Resolution due Nov 1.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Palo Alto PTA Council General Association Meeting Wed Aug 28 9A 25 Churchill Ave, Board Room**

Check-In: Required at the Front Door (use: enter Elizabeth Lopez as host) Please carpool / bike whenever possible. We will take up the business of the Council, as well as School Nutrition, Anti-Vaping, Unit Assessment, and other items. If you have an item that you wish for us to consider at any meeting, please email: [evp@paloaltopta.org](mailto:evp@paloaltopta.org).

## Community News

**\*\*NEW\*\* Grade K-5 Classroom Volunteers Needed – An Hour a Week Could Change a Student's Life**

If you've enjoyed spending time in your child's classroom, please join other parents volunteering in eastern Menlo Park or East Palo Alto schools. You'll help tutor kids in grades K-5. Over 80% of students are performing below grade level in reading and math and are eager to work with you. Our volunteers go once a week to the same classroom for about an hour, building relationships with students throughout the school year. All Students Matter provides training, ongoing support and coordinates logistics.

Volunteering begins in mid-September. You can make a real difference! To learn more or sign up, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org) or contact Keri Tully at [keri@allstudentsmatter.org](mailto:keri@allstudentsmatter.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\* DreamCatchers is looking for adult volunteers!**

We are a local non-profit serving low-income students at all 3 PAUSD middle schools and we rely on a volunteer corps of tutors made up of primarily Gunn and Paly high school students. We need someone to help with Salesforce data entry for 4-6 hours per week. In addition, we need someone to make weekly Costco runs and prep snack for our middle school students and high school/college tutors (2-3 hours/week). Interested? Please contact [beth@dreamcatchersyouth.org](mailto:beth@dreamcatchersyouth.org)

**\*\*NEW\*\* Palo Alto Festival of the Arts**

Aug 24 & 25 [10A-6P University Ave](#), Downtown Palo Alto

This is a great community-friendly and kid-friendly event located on University Ave. Over 300 fine artists and crafters, live music, chalk artists, great food and beverages, and more! You can see more details here: <http://www.mlproductions.com/PaloAlto/index.html>

**\*\*NEW\*\* Paly Glass Sale**

Sept 13 and 14, PAC, Palo Alto High School,

This year marks our program's 20 year anniversary. Please join us on September 13th and 14th in the courtyard next to the Performing Arts Center. We'll have over 1000 pieces of hand blown glass on display and for sale. All proceeds benefit Paly's Fiery Arts program.

**\*\*NEW\*\* Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment**

Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 56 years, and is accepting new enrollment. Class meets every Friday 7-9 PM at JLS Middle School. There are two tracks. The Mandarin track is offered from Preschool to Grade 12, for students from heritage families. The Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) track is offered from intro, beginning, intermediate to advanced level for students with various exposure to Chinese language. Please join us for a school open house and classroom visit on 8/23. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email [contact@paloaltochineseschool.org](mailto:contact@paloaltochineseschool.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\* After School Art Classes at Pacific Art League**

*668 Ramona St, Palo Alto*

PAL has been serving Palo Alto for 98 years, providing the community with top level art instructors and classes for all ages and levels. This fall we have fine art classes for youth ages 5 - 18 with classes such as: Art Works Studio, Drawing & More, Intro to Comics & Zine, Teen Painting and more! No experience necessary, just a love for creativity. For more information or to register please visit our website: <https://www.pacificartleague.org>. Email Linda at [linda@pacificartleague.org](mailto:linda@pacificartleague.org) with any questions.

**\*\*NEW\*\* PAUSD is looking for a piano accompanist:**

10 hours per week during the school day. Hours are flexible. Pay: \$32.52 per hour. If interested, please contact [Music@pausd.org](mailto:Music@pausd.org)

**\*\*NEW\*\* "Go EV" to Fight Climate Change**

*Sun, Sep 8, 3P-5P, Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Rd, Los Altos Hills*

Driving an electric vehicle is one of the single biggest actions any individual can take to fight climate change. On September 8, come learn about the benefits of EVs, charging basics, government rebates, the latest makes and models, and what's in store for the future. Several owners will display their EVs and answer questions about "living the EV lifestyle" prior to the presentation. All adults and high school students who want to love the planet AND their car are welcome to attend. **RSVP now** to reserve your spot. Questions? Contact [arianee@acterra.org](mailto:arianee@acterra.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\* Join girls BSA Troop 4014 - Troop Now Forming**

Troop 4014, a female troop in the Scouts BSA program, is now recruiting charter members. The troop meets at Covenant Presbyterian Church, next to Mitchell Park at 7:30 PM on Tuesday evenings. All girls

in 6th grade or higher are welcome to join. For more information, send email to [scoutmaster@troop4014pa.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop4014pa.org) or visit us at <https://paloalto4014.mytroop.us>.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Boy Scout Troop 52 Open for New Members**

The Boy Scout Troop 52, Pacific Skyline Council, Stanford District is open to new members. Weekly Monday Night Meetings (except for holidays), 7:15 to 8:30 PM. Location: Elks Lodge #1471, 4249 El Camino Real, 2nd Floor card room Ages: 11 to 17. Monthly Outdoor Activities. One Week Summer Camp. Contact Andrew Ferguson at 650-269-5533 if you have any questions

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