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## JLS PTA eNews

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### JLS News

#### Important Dates This Week

**September 09** - Homework Habitat

**September 10** - Vision Testing | PTA Association Meeting | Homework Habitat

**September 11** - Vision Testing | Connections Coffee

**September 12** - Homework Habitat | Fall Sports Parent Night

#### JLS PTA Association Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10, Room 40, 8:30 am**

Please join us for our first PTA general meeting of the 2019-2020 school year. We will present the new budget for the year, approve the calendar, and talk about plans for the upcoming year. We welcome all who want to join us that morning in Room 40. Please [click here](#) for the agenda. Please note agenda may include changes.



#### Join the JLS PTA -- Member Dues Are Only \$6

If you have not already done so this year, it is not too late to join JLS PTA. <https://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/membership/> Due are only \$6 per person to make it even easier to join. Your JLS membership supports JLS, promotes parent involvement, and increases the number of PTA members, creating a powerful voice for advocacy. In addition, members receive benefits such as discounts for Aquarium of the Pacific, Legoland, and Hertz car rental. You can see the full list of seasonal membership perks here: <https://capta.org/join/member-perks/> Questions? Contact Membership Chair, Kate Karagueuzian Gibbons [katekgg@gmail.com](mailto:katekgg@gmail.com).

#### Parent Ed Event : Anti-Vaping New Research & Health Trends by Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, Stanford Professor and National Expert

Date: Wednesday September 25, 2019

Time: 7 pm

Location: JLS Cafetorium

### Attendance Reminder

Arriving to school on time is important. Students feel settled. They have a chance to connect with peers before the day begins. Everyone starts their day together with a sense of community. Teaching and learning is uninterrupted and student-focused. Addressing Chronic Absenteeism and Tardiness are two of our school goals. This year, you may receive a call or a letter if there is a pattern of unexcused absences or tardies. Truancy may feel like a harsh word. What is important to remember is that students feel centered and ready to learn when they arrive to school on time. Teaching has the most impact when students are with us on time every day! For more information, please visit: <https://jls.pausd.org/parent-resources/attendance>

### JLS Parent Community Facebook Page

There are about 400 JLS parents/guardians who have signed up. This forum is for sharing information, asking questions, asking for help with references for tutors, outside resources, programs within PAUSD, ride sharing, JLS affiliated student projects, coffee opportunities to talk about issues. Please note that it is not appropriate to complain about specific teachers, programs, administrators or students. This page is not affiliated with JLS administration or JLS PTA. [Click here to visit the Facebook group page](#), and then request to join.

### 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](#).

### 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)

## PTAC News

### **\*\*NEW\*\*PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee Forming: Sept 11 Vaping Lecture Kick Off.**

Top priority for PTAC is the resolution we will be bringing to State CA PTA. The Anti-Vaping Committee is forming and all members are asked to attend the [Sept 11 \(noon\) talk by Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher at Stanford - click for more details](#). A quick committee meeting follows the talk for all interested members of the community who intend to join the PTA Council Anti-Vaping Committee. Please help us stem this epidemic, educate parents, and advocate for research based information to keep our middle and high students healthy. We need you. [www.paloaltopta.org](http://www.paloaltopta.org)

**\*\*NEW\*\*Workshop on IEP/504 Basics**

Sat, Oct 5th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, JLS Middle School Cafetorium, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto FREE. This workshop covers the basics of the IEP/ 504 plan including some common problems, complications, solutions and suggestions. There will be a discussion about common accommodations and parental rights, and a Q & A session during this workshop. Organized by Palo Alto CAC ([cacpaloalto.org](http://cacpaloalto.org)), presented by H.E.A.L. ([Hospital Educational Advocacy Liaisons Program from Stanford Children's Health](http://Hospital Educational Advocacy Liaisons Program from Stanford Children's Health)), and co-sponsored by PTAC. Please [use this form](#) to let us know if you are coming, especially if you would like childcare or Spanish translation.

**Taller sobre IEP /504 básico**

Sábado, Oct 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Cafetería JLS Middle School, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto GRATIS. Este taller cubre los conceptos básicos del plan IEP / 504, incluidos algunos problemas / complicaciones comunes y soluciones / sugerencias. Incluye adaptaciones comunes y derechos parentales. Habrá una sesión de preguntas y respuestas durante este taller. Organizado por CAC Palo Alto ([cacpaloalto.org](http://cacpaloalto.org)), presentado por H.E.A.L. (Programa de Stanford Children's Health), y co-patrocinado por PTAC. Por favor utilice [este formulario](#) para dejarnos saber si asistirá, especialmente si necesita ayuda con su hijo o un traductor al español.

## Community News

**\*\*NEW\*\*PALY Theatre presents The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**

Sept 26 at 4pm; Sept 27, 28 at 7pm; Sept 28, 29 at 2pm Paly High, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Premiering in the NEW Palo Alto High School PAC Black Box Theatre, F-U-N at *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!* An eclectic group of six students vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime, spelling their way through a series of words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing "ding" of the bell that signals a mistake. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a delightful den of comedic genius coming soon! Tickets are \$10 Student/Senior, \$15 Adults. Info and Tix at [www.palytheatre.com](http://www.palytheatre.com)

**\*\*NEW\*\*Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions**

Fri, Sept 6, and Sat, Sept 7 by appointment, Palo Alto Auditions for the Fall held at the choir's rehearsal location 600 Homer Ave. Open to 2nd-5th grade boys. High school and middle school boys with choral experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-reading, while providing flexible scheduling for busy families. Email [info@svboychoir.org](mailto:info@svboychoir.org) or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

**\*\*NEW\*\*League of Women Voters of Palo Alto's Fall Kickoff Event**

Thu, Sept 26, 7-8:30 P at First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, PaloAlto. . "Goodbye Precincts, Hello Easy Voting: The Voter's Choice Act." Rachel H. Jung, from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office, will explain the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), which goes into effect with the March 2020 primary. Learn about the new options that VCA will give you for casting your ballot. No child care provided. Questions, contact Liz Jensen [elizjen@comcast.net](mailto:elizjen@comcast.net)  
\*Free and open to all\* Please register here <https://lvwpvafallkickoff.eventbrite.com>

**\*\*NEW\*\*Special Needs Resource Fair**

Sat, Oct 5, 10A-1P 1400 Parkmoor Ave # 100, San Jose, CA 95126 Connect with more than 60 organizations, companies, and providers that focus on the needs of school-age children with special needs! The 2nd Annual Special Needs Resource Fair at Parents Helping Parents, presented by PHP and Special Needs Professionals of Silicon Valley, Free to attend! No need to register. More info at: <https://www.php.com/>

**\*\*NEW\*\*Stanford Girl BAND Study**

Researchers at Stanford University are looking for GIRLS ages 6-14 with developmental disabilities/learning differences to participate in a study exploring brain development in relation to behavior, cognition, and mood in GIRLS! Participation involves a comprehensive cognitive and behavioral evaluation and MRI/NIRS scan (safe, non-invasive, no x-ray/radiation.) Evaluation results are available to

all participants and there is a \$100 honorarium for participation. For more information, please visit: <http://med.stanford.edu/girlband.html> Thank you for your considerations!

### **Girl Scout Troop 601 Inviting New Members!**

*Thu Sept. 12, 7:15 - 8:30P Girl Scout House, 1120 Hopkins Ave., Palo Alto (very limited street parking so please carpool or bike )*

Service Unit 601 is inviting local parents of girls in elementary - high school to learn about the amazing opportunities available with Girl Scouting and how you can help. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/PaloAltoGS>. If you cannot attend, please also fill out the RSVP form so we can contact you with more information. If you have additional questions, email Darcy Huston at [drhuston66@gmail.com](mailto:drhuston66@gmail.com)

### **Kids Under Pressure & What We Can Do About It: Challenge Success Parent Ed(1st run 8/28)**

*Fri Sept 27 7-8:30P Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford*

Join **Challenge Success** for an evening of education with best-selling author and psychologist Lisa Damour and Challenge Success Co-Founders Madeline Levine and Denise Pope to learn more about the value of healthy stress, the risks of unhealthy stress, and practical solutions for how families and schools can support kids to have balanced and fulfilling lives. Students, parents, and educators are welcome to attend. Get info and purchase \$10 tickets [here](#).

### **A Creative Workshop for Parents (with Childcare)**

*Palo Alto Art Center Sun, Sept 15 and 22, 1-4P Sun, Oct 6 and 13, 1-4P*

*Mitchell Park Library Sat, Nov 2 and 9, 10:30A-1:30P*

Join artist Jill Miller for a hands on workshop about parenting and art making. All parents have a story about taking an object away from their child in order to protect them. Participants bring in an object, share the story, and then remake the original in a safe material. For more details, contact: [selene.foster@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:selene.foster@cityofpaloalto.org) Application deadline is Sept 13. Apply online: <https://bit.ly/2Seb1yr> This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council

### **Bike Palo Alto**

*Sunday, September 29, 1-3pm, Fairmeadow Elementary, 500 East Meadow Drive*

10th annual, family-friendly event encourages everyone to bike more places more often, and kicks off Walk & Roll to School Week. Choose one of three bike-friendly routes and explore. Enjoy free treats and activities along the way! Routes and treat stops are open until 4pm. Start at Fairmeadow and find helmet fitting, quick bike checkups, Safe Routes to School info, and more! All riders need a waiver, so if your student is riding without you, [please print out](#), sign, and send one with him/her. Details at [bikepaloalto.org](http://bikepaloalto.org).

### **Volunteer Opportunity for Parents & Grandparents at Palo Alto Art Center!**

*September 2019 Palo Alto Art Center (1313 Newell Road)*

Training will take place September 3, 6, and 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Docents help lead school tours for the [Project Look program](#). Project Look serves k-5th graders and includes an interactive tour of our galleries and hands-on art activities. [Please click here](#) for more info and contact [grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org), Director of Volunteer Engagement, to sign up.

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

Please join other parents volunteering in eastern Menlo Park or East Palo Alto schools. You'll help tutor kids in grades K-5. Our volunteers go once a week to the same classroom for about an hour, building relationships with students throughout the school year. We provide training, ongoing support and coordinates logistics. Volunteering begins in mid-September. 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).

### **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)

### **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.

### **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.

### **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)

### **"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).

### **Cantabile Youth Singers music classes and choir for kids PreK-Grade 7**

*Register/audition in September in Los Altos*

Community youth chorus has openings now for grades Pre-K - 7. Students experience: the joy of singing with artistry and mastery; fun, friends and community; comprehensive music program nurturing personal growth, creativity, leadership and health; world-class faculty; collaborations with professional artists. Tuition varies by class/choir. Visit [cantabile.org](http://cantabile.org) for more information. Singers in grades 5-7: email or call [info@cantabile.org](mailto:info@cantabile.org) | 650.424.1410 today to arrange an audition. Singers in grades K-4: register for a class now by visiting [cantabile.org](http://cantabile.org)

### **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.us](mailto:scoutmaster@troop4014pa.us) or visit us at <https://palalto4014.mytroop.us>.

### **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 question

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Boy Scout Troop 5 Open for New Members**

Boy Scout Troop 5 is open to new members. Weekly Monday Night Meetings (except for holidays), 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Location: MP room at Palo Verde Elementary School Ages: 11 to 17. Monthly Outdoor Activities - camping, backpacking, biking, hiking. Learn leadership skills and outdoor skills. Check out [Troop 5](#). Contact Gary Anwhyl at [Gary.Anwyl@gmail.com](mailto:Gary.Anwyl@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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