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JLS PTA eNews

September 29, 2019

JLS News

Important Dates This Week

Walk and Roll Week

September 30 - Homework Habitat

October 1 - Homework Habitat

October 2 - 7th/8th Grade Choir Festival

October 3 - PTA Sponsored Latte Cart for Staff | Hearing Testing | Homework Habitat

Walk and Roll Week

Ride, walk, roll, or carpool to school on **Wednesday 10/02 and Friday 10/04**. Enter to win cool prizes. For drawing tickets, look for student leadership teams starting at 7:30 am at the bike cages and in front of the school entrance.



bike, walk, carpool, bus to school

Walk and Roll to School Week is a great opportunity to try an alternative commute! Help your student get their bike ready with an "[ABC Quick Check](#)," dust off that scooter or skateboard, or check out the [carpooling resources](#) put together by the City's Safe Routes to School team. If you're used to driving, the best route for bicyclists, pedestrians, and skateboarders is likely different than what you're used to. Our [Walk & Roll map](#) will help you find the best route!

To help with Walk and Roll week events at JLS, please click here <https://forms.gle/YoPkjq8TnrCLYsNh7>. For questions please contact [Anjani Sarma](#)

Parent Coffee for Families of Students with Learning Differences, Special Needs & Social Challenges

Thursday, October 17th, 8:15-9 am in the Sun-Dial Courtyard behind the administration offices.

Are you interested in meeting other parents, building community and learning more about inclusion and special education services at JLS? Join the JLS Inclusion and Special Education team as we welcome new families and reconnect with existing parents supporting our students with learning challenges and special needs.

Our Principal, Mr. Chris Grierson, will be our guest. Drop by for coffee and treats.

Inquiries contact: JLS PTA Inclusion /Special Education Reps
Yael Naveh - yaeluziyel@hotmail.com or Christina Schmidt - cschmidt.cac@gmail.com

Translation upon request.

Café para padres para familias de estudiantes con diferencias de aprendizaje, necesidades especiales y desafíos sociales

Jueves 17 de octubre, 8: 15-9 am en el patio Sun-Dial detrás de las oficinas de la oficina principal
¿Está interesado en conocer a otros padres, construir una comunidad y aprender más sobre la inclusión y los servicios de educación especial en JLS?

Únase al equipo de Inclusión y Educación Especial de JLS mientras damos la bienvenida a nuevas familias y reconectamos con los padres existentes que apoyan a nuestros estudiantes con desafíos de aprendizaje y necesidades especiales.

Nuestro director, el Sr. Chris Grierson, será nuestro invitado. Venga a tomar café y pan de dulce con nosotros.

Si tien preguntas contacte a los representantes dede inclusión de PTA de JLS / Representantes de educación especial: Yael Naveh - yaeluziyel@hotmail.com o Christina Schmidt - cschmidt.cac@gmail.com

Necesita avisar si necesita interpretación en español o inglés

为有学习差异， 特殊需要和社交挑战的学生家庭提供的家长咖啡

10月17日，星期四，上午8:15-9点，在行政办公室后面的 Sun-Dial 庭院。 您有兴趣与其他家长会面，建立社区并了解更多关于 JLS 融合和特殊教育服务的信息吗？

加入 JLS 融合与特殊教育团队，欢迎新的家庭，并与已在校的家长保持联系，帮助有学习方面的挑战和特殊需要的学生。

校长 Mr. Chris Grierson 是这次聚会的嘉宾，请来享用点咖啡和点心。咨询联系方式:JLS PTA 融合/特殊教育代表

Yael Naveh-yaeluziyel@hotmail.com 或 Christina Schmidt-cschmidt.cac@gmail.com 如需翻译，请提出。

Commuters' Corner

Over 700 JLS kids walk and bike to school every day. With all of these children on the road, [it is imperative that we share our roads safely.](#)

The intersection at Waverley and East Meadow Drive is "**No Right Turn on Red when Children are Present**". Please do not turn right on red, especially into the JLS driveway during school drop off and pick up hours when our kids are waiting to cross.

WESTBOUND MOTORISTS ON EAST MEADOW - If you must enter the JLS driveway at Waverley, avoid making a left turn during drop off and pick up hours. Otherwise, you may tie up traffic in the intersection and cars may illegally pass you, encroaching into the bike lane, endangering cyclists and pedestrians. Please go through the intersection, make a right on South Court, and make your next right and then right on Waverley for the straight-in approach.



Many dangerous situations arise when drivers are rushed or distracted. Many kids cannot judge car speed and do not always look both ways. Please take your time, slow down and respect the laws. Together we can all work to keep our kids safe. For more information on transportation to JLS, please refer to pages 30-33 in the [JLS Parent Handbook](#).

If you are involved in a collision with a minor, do not leave the scene until the police or a parent has been called and help arrives. Do not take the word of a child that he or she is "OK." To reach the police, you can call 9-1-1 or the [24-hour Dispatch Center at 650-329-2413](#).

PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

NEW Superintendent's [Newsletter](#) and [PAUSD News](#)

Palo Alto PTA Council News

****NEW**Take Action! Stanford General Use Permit (GUP); County Supervisors voting soon.**

Your voice needed now - we're in the home stretch! Message the county and Stanford to "fully mitigate" the impacts of the new Stanford GUP on our schools, so the GUP does not detrimentally impact the high quality of our PAUSD education. iPhone users: Tap twice on your phones in the [Click My Cause](#) app (free in the app store, select Palo Alto PTA Council); Android users: if you have not yet done so, sign our online [petition](#)

****NEW**PTAC - Stanford General Use Permit - Visiting Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors**

Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Susan Ellenberg, Joe Simitian, and Mike Wasserman. Join us. PTAC will soon be visiting with our elected officials to advocate for our schools and our children. If you are interested in joining us, your schedule permitting, please email us at: president@paloaltopta.org.

****NEW**PTAC Welcomes our Two New Volunteers:**

PTAC is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Erwin Morton as the PTA Council's Vice President of Advocacy. PTAC is also pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Hamilton Hitchings as the PTA Council's newly established Safety & e-Prep Committee Chair.

****NEW**PTAC Approves 2019-2020 Budget at General Association Meeting (9/25/19)**

At its regular general association meeting, the membership approved the 2019-2020 PTAC Annual Budget. Please [click here](#) to see more. Notably, the budget includes the approved unit assessment increase.

****NEW**PTAC Invites All Parents To Join PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee**

Tues Oct 1, 6:30 pm (by phone).

Interested in joining our PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee? Our next Committee Meeting (by phone) is 10/1. Send us an email for the dial-in info. President@paloaltopta.org. See the [Anti-Vaping Parent Ed Presentation here](#). Also see the [County of Santa Clara Tobacco-Free data](#). [Tobacco-Free Communities - Public Health Department - County of Santa Clara](#) or [Tobacco Use Prevention Education \(TUPE\)](#).

Oppose Cuts to School Meals for Low-income students

Oppose proposed federal cuts to school meals for our low-income students. 10% of PAUSD students, and 2 million students statewide, qualify for free and reduced cost meals. iPhone users: oppose these cuts with just two taps on your phone ([Tap 1 - "act now"](#), [Tap 2 - "send message"](#)) in the free [Click My Cause app](#) (select Palo Alto PTA Council). Android users: email the U.S. Dept of Agriculture at SNAPPDBRules@usda.gov; this MUST be your email subject line: "FNS-2018-0037: Revision of Categorical Eligibility in SNAP." Deadline to oppose these cuts is September 23, 2019

Deej: Film Screening and Q&A with Producer & Star DJ

Thu, Oct 10, 6:30P, Haymarket Theater, Paly, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto

All Palo Alto community members are invited to a free screening of the award-winning documentary *Deej*, which follows the journey of DJ Savarese, a gifted young writer and advocate for nonspeaking autistics. A

2017 graduate of Oberlin College, DJ will be on hand for Q&A. [RSVP](#) to attend and be transformed by this young man's journey as well as his vision for inclusion of and equal access for all neurodiverse people. Brought to you by PAUSD, PAEA, PTAC, CAC, REEL, and the Magical Bridge Foundation. Learn more about the film at www.Deejmovie.com.

****UPDATED** NEW LOCATION Parent Ed Night at Fletcher: ANGST the Movie**

Wed Oct 16 6:45-8:15P in the Cafe (all PAUSD parents and students are invited)

The Fletcher PTA will be screening "Angst," a film that explores anxiety, its causes, effects and what we can do about it. The filmmakers' goal is to raise awareness around anxiety. Angst features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer from anxiety and what they've learned about it. The film includes discussions with [mental health experts](#), as well as [help, resources and tools](#).

****Updated Location**Workshop on IEP(Individual Education Plan) for Special Education & 504 Plan**

Sat, Oct 5th, 9A - 12P, JLS Middle School Room 730 , 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), presented by H.E.A.L. (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 (Plan de Educación Individual) de Educación Especial & Plan 504

Sábado, Oct 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Habitación 730 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), 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**Stanford Is Recruiting for a Research Study**

The Early Life Stress and Pediatric Anxiety Program at Stanford is recruiting for a research study exploring brain function. Looking for boys ages of 11-13 who are right-handed and fluent in English: involves two initial and two follow-up appointments (2 hours each) and include completing questionnaires, a short interview, and playing computer games during brain imaging with fNIRS (functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy). Payment up to \$120. For more info, or to enroll in the study, write to espil@stanford.edu. For info about participant rights, contact 1-866-680-2906.

****NEW**Volunteer with the City's Board and Commission**

The City Clerk's Office for the City of Palo Alto has just opened recruitment for the following volunteer Board and Commission vacancies: 1. Historic Resources Board – 3 positions with terms ending December 15, 2022 (2 mornings per month) 2. Parks and Recreation Commission – 4 positions with terms ending December 15, 2022 (1 evening per month) 3. Planning and Transportation Commission – 1 position with a term ending December 15, 2023 (2 evenings per month) The application ([click here](#)) deadline is November 5, 2019 at 4:30P [More info here](#). Or Call the Office of the City Clerk at (650) 329-2571.

****NEW**Nixon's 5th grade Goodwill Donation Drive**

Sat October 19 9A-3P at Nixon Elementary School, 1711 Stanford Avenue

Nixon's 5th grade class has teamed up with Goodwill to raise funds for 5th grade promotion events. Goodwill accepts gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, small household items, toys, games, puzzles,

books, movies, music, E waste, and small electronics at their drives. All items should be under 50 pounds. You get to give items a "second life" and keep them out of landfills - it's a win-win! So, clean out your basements, organize your garages, and straighten your closets. Any Questions? Email Sue C. at schakos@pausd.org

GSYO Auditions for Youth Orchestra Musicians

Throughout September at Fletcher Middle School, 655 Arastradero Rd.,
Palo Alto-based Golden State Youth Orchestra invites young musicians to audition for the 2019-20 Season. GSYO offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. There are openings at all levels for violin, viola, and double bass. Limited spaces for cello, clarinet, trumpet, and French horn. For a complete list of openings and to apply for an audition visit www.gsyomusic.org/how-to-join Questions? Call 650-665-9046 or email Lori B. at lori@gsyomusic.org

Palo Alto High School Cheer and Dance Teams Fundraiser-Gizdich Ranch Pies!

The best part of the holidays is sharing amazing meals and desserts with friends & family. This holiday season, the Paly Dance & Cheer teams are selling farm-fresh pies from Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville. The Apple, Two Berry, and/or Pumpkin pies are \$20 each, or 3 for \$55. They will be available for pickup in person outside of the Tower Building at Paly on Monday, December 9th from 3-7pm, or we are happy to deliver them to you that day for an extra \$5. Pies arrive frozen and baking instructions are included, so order several and enjoy them throughout the season!

Download and print order form: [Pie Order Form](#)

Deadline to order is Friday, November 15th, so please put your orders in early. Thank you in advance for your support to help pay for our team expenses-we really appreciate it! Please contact awilliamson@pausd.org for more information.

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/>

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.

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