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JLS PTA eNews

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JLS News

Important Dates This Week

December 09-13- Lost and Found Items In Front of Office

December 09- Wheel 4 Begins | Homework Habitat

December 10 - 7th Grade Common Writing Assessment | Homework Habitat

December 11 - 7th Grade Common Writing Assessment | Connections Coffee

December 12- 7th Grade Common Writing Assessment Special Schedule | Homework Habitat

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, etc. From Mon., 12/9 until the end of the day on Fri., 12/13 all articles will be on tables outside the front office. Please feel free to stop by and also remind your student to check for any missing items. All remaining clothing will be donated.



Dine out at Tacolicious - Mondays All Month

This month, our school's favorite taco place at [532 Emerson Street](#) - [Tacolicious](#) - will donate 15% of Monday's proceeds all month to our PTA and one other elementary school in Palo Alto. Just dine in or order "Pick-Up" directly and our school will benefit. Last year Tacolicious presented checks to all our schools for at least \$1000K or more! as part of the [School Project](#). Spread the word and tell your friends! If you have any large catering orders that you can place on Mondays, those count too! Contact our PTA for more details on how to include large orders in the program.

Middle School Science Textbook Pilot

Middle school science classes are piloting textbook materials. Students in the piloting classes are starting the next textbook pilot using materials from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. If you are interested in viewing the pilot textbook in person, materials will be on display 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, qluo@pausd.org.

Commuters' Corner

No Right Turn on Red at the E Meadow Waverley Intersection When Children Are Present

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 or are already in the crosswalk.



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](#).

Be Safe Be Seen During Autumn/Winter Commutes

At times near sunrise and sunset, drivers may be blinded temporarily by the brightness of the sun low on the horizon. This can be a particularly dangerous situation during morning and evening commute time when many people are sharing the road. Please review the Safe Routes to School winter [Sun Glare Safety Tips for Bicyclists & Drivers](#) flyer. Help us get the word out about this important safety issue by sharing this link with others.

If you're not confident that your children have the necessary skills or equipment to safely ride through winter weather, you may want to participate in a Safe and Confident Winter Biking class offered at Stanford. Details about the event can be found [here](#). This is not a learn to ride class, and is open only to parents, as well as high school students and middle schoolers accompanied by their parents. Register [Here](#). If you must drop off your children in a vehicle, please ensure that they exit the car on the passenger side, in the lane closest to the curb. Never double park, block access to ramps, drop off in the passing lane or stop where prohibited, as these are ticketable offenses.

Bike lights are required by law for riding after dusk.

With shorter days, students are bike commuting after dusk when headlights and reflectors are required by law. Visibility begins to decline at dusk, so bicyclists should turn on their lights as soon as light begins to fade. A handlebar headlight makes a bicycle visible to others and illuminates the road so the rider can see. Higher powered lights do a better job, though they can be a little more expensive. Tail lights and reflectors should be mounted where they won't be obscured by bags, panniers or other gear on the bike. Lights are superior to reflectors, so a red tail light is recommended for maximum visibility. Outfitting student bikes for a safe and legal ride is a smart investment. For information about safe bicycling, visit <https://saferoutes.paloaltopta.org/getting-to-school/bike-safety/>. Local bicycle shops have a wide variety of lights, both rechargeable and battery-powered, please visit one and get a set of lights for your ride!

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](#).

Honor Rob Robinson America's Favorite Crossing Guard

Rob Robinson, currently a crossing guard at Coulombe and Arastradero, and previously serving both East Meadow and Charleston and Alma, has been nominated to become America's Favorite Crossing Guard. For the last three years, Rob, a retired engineer and Palo Alto resident, has brought humor and kindness into the role of supporting thousands of students on their morning commutes. If you/your children have had the pleasure of meeting Rob during the school commute, please cast your vote. You can vote at least one time per day between now and December 12. Vote [here](http://wshe.es/SFZ0ZAmx). <http://wshe.es/SFZ0ZAmx> Anyone can vote, whether they are affiliated with a school or not.

PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

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

Palo Alto PTA Council News

****NEW**Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto - a PTAC Sponsored organization**

Help us spread holiday cheer to low-income families and individuals within the PAUSD. The Christmas Bureau is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization. Donate Online at: www.christmasbureauofpaloalto.org
Send checks to: Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto, P.O. Box 51874, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Tax ID: 23-7135890 All donations are tax deductible. Donor and recipient lists are strictly confidential. Thank you for helping us spread joy.

****NEW**Stanford GUP: DEBRIEF**

Stanford University has withdrawn their application to the County of Santa Clara for a General Use Permit (GUP) to expand. No mitigation is needed ...read more here www.paloaltopta.org.

****NEW**Teen Vaping**

Advocacy Against Teen Vaping: 2020 Convention Resolution
PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee is drafting a resolution - due Jan 2, 2020. If you are interested in receiving an advanced copy and you are a current PTA member, please email: Erwin Morton at: advocacy@paloaltopta.org

****NEW**Vaping Local Ordinances & City Council Meeting**

Mon Dec 9, 8:30-9:30P City Hall

Santa Clara County has adopted local ordinances to ban teen vaping and flavors. See Ordinance [here](#). City of Palo Alto would like to hear from students, parents, and residents at its upcoming City Council Meeting. Please connect with Eileen Kim at health@paloaltopta.org or Grace Mah at gmahbox-rlau@yahoo.com.

PTAC - Honorary Service Awards April 23, 2020. Please save-the-date.

Community News

Please click [here](#) for community news

City of Palo Alto- Part-time Athletic Administrator Position

The City of Palo Alto is hiring for a part time athletic administrator, who will assist the Recreation Coordinator with after school sports programs and adult sports leagues for the City of Palo Alto. Below you will find a link with the job duties and also how to apply for the position. If you or someone you know has any questions, please feel free to contact Chase Hartmann, the Recreation Coordinator for the City of Palo Alto at Chase.Hartmann@cityofpaloalto.org.

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