

## *Panther Tracks*



# **JLS PTA eNews**

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### JLS News

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

**January 6-** No School

**January 7-** Teacher Work Day

**January 8-** JLS Students Return to School | Connections Coffee

**January 9-** PTA Sponsored Latte Cart

#### **Welcome Back!**

Please note the following dates this week.

Tuesday January 7- JLS Teacher work day. No school for JLS students.

**Wednesday January 8- JLS students return to school**

Week of January 13- 6th Grade Common Writing Assessment Begins.

#### **Refugee Youth Event with Author Katherine Applegate Jan 22**

Can you imagine leaving your family and moving to a new country all by yourself? Learn about refugee youth resettled in the Bay Area with bestselling author Katherine Applegate & Special Speakers

**Wednesday, January 22, 7-8:30 PM, Fletcher Middle School Cafe**

**More info and RSVP:** <https://applegaterefugeeyouth.eventbrite.com>

Discussing the topic of refugee resettlement will be...



- Katherine Applegate, Newbery MEDALIST (!) and author of *The One and Only Ivan* (2013 Newbery medal), *Wishtree*, and many others including *Home of the Brave* and the Animorphs series which has sold over 35 million copies worldwide!
- Terry Fletcher, daughter of Ellen Fletcher (Holocaust survivor and part of kindertransport)
- A local youth refugee resettled by Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

FREE signed book opportunity! Katherine is donating 200 copies of her book *Home of the Brave* and the first 200 people through the door will get a copy. Katherine will be available to sign books after our event. We will also have lottery prizes of books featuring refugee protagonists!

### Author Visit

Nyxia author [Scott Reintgen](#) will visit Thursday, January 23 in the morning to talk about his new book [Ashlords](#).

Your child's English class may be signed up to attend. Even if they are not able to attend Mr. Reintgen's presentation they can buy *Ashlords* through Books, Inc.. Just [go to this link to order Ashlords](#) and get it the day of his visit. We will take it the classroom if your child is not present at the author visit.

### Common Sense Media Moderated Teen Panel

On Wednesday, January 29th at 9 am please join Common Sense for a moderated teen panel discussion on the good, the bad, and the realities of the social media landscape in middle and high school. Hear firsthand from teens about their experiences with social media and their hard-earned advice for parents of younger kids. Learn why kids love social media, where they can run into trouble, and how parents can help them manage.



### 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](#).

## PAUSD News

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

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

**\*\*NEW\*\*2020 PAUSD Leadership Summit**

*Sat Jan 25, 8:30-2P Gunn High School*

This parent-centered conference will empower and engage you as we deepen parents' learning around important topics that affect your child at school and home. The theme of this year's event is "*Opening Doors to Student Wellbeing and Success.*" We also welcome our Keynote Speaker, Jonathan Mooney. Childcare, continental breakfast, and lunch provided. [Register Here](#).

## Palo Alto PTA Council News

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

## Community News

**Register for winter break camps on ActivityHero to raise money for our PTA**

Winter break camps are available for 1, 2 or a full week between Dec 23 - Jan 3. See schedules on ActivityHero and our PTA earns a % of your purchase when you book online with this link: [Find Summer Camps & Classes for Kids](#) Financial aid is available by applying here: <https://www.activityhero.com/go/scholarships>

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