

## Panther Tracks



# JLS PTA eNews

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### JLS News

#### Important Dates This Week

**January 13-17-** 6th Grade Common Writing Assessment  
**January 13-** Homework Habitat | Site Council Meeting  
**January 14-** PTA Executive Board Meeting | Homework Habitat  
**January 15-** Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night  
**January 16-** Homework Habitat  
**January 20-** No School MLK Day  
**January 21-** PTA General Association Meeting

#### PTA General Association Meeting

The PTA is holding it's membership meeting on January 21 at 8:30 in Rm 40 to provide updates on budget expenditures, vote in the Nominating Committee. Please join us for some coffee. All are welcome! Please click [here](#) for the agenda (subject to changes)

#### 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

##### Helmet Enforcement

Let's all work together for a safe school commute in Palo Alto. The Police Department continues to prioritize enforcement on school commute routes, especially during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. Unsafe choices, such as driving in bike lanes, wrong way bike riding, not wearing a helmet, disobeying stop signs and other traffic infractions will result in a citation. Students who receive a bicycle-related citation will have an option to participate in a "bicycle traffic school" class for a reduced fine, as long as it's their first citation. Traffic enforcement concerns can be directed to the Police Department's non-emergency line at 650-329-2413.

##### 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](#). 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](#).

##### Rainy Day School Commutes

Rainy weather steers some pedestrian and bike commuters into cars, increasing traffic congestion at PAUSD schools. 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 or bike lanes, drop off in the passing lane, or stop where prohibited, as these are ticketable offenses. Drivers should slow down and use extra caution in school zones and along commute routes including library and park parking lots. Be mindful of crossings and remember that pedestrians always have the right of way.

No matter how you get to school, plan for extra commute time so you don't feel rushed.

##### 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 Clare 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 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 February 22, 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

### **\*NEW\*PTAC Teen Vaping Community Leaders' Breakfast**

Jan 23, 2020. 8:30A at Palo Alto Medical Foundation. For more email [Health@paloaltopta.org](mailto:Health@paloaltopta.org).

### **\*\*NEW\*\*PTA Council - Next Meeting Jan 22nd**

The next PTAC Executive Board Meeting is Wednesday, Jan 22, 2020. The next President's Meeting is Wednesday Jan 29. The next General Association Meeting is Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020. Mark your new 2020 calendar.

### **\*\*NEW\*\*PTAC - BBAC Committee Members**

The PTA Council is soliciting parents to serve on the PAUSD Board Building Advisory BBAC Committee. For more information, please contact PTAC President or PTAC Vice President at [president@paloaltopta.org](mailto:president@paloaltopta.org) or [evp@paloaltopta.org](mailto:evp@paloaltopta.org).

### **\*\*NEW\*\*CHC's Mini Conference for Parents & Educators**

*Sat, Feb 8, 9A-2P at CHC's South Bay Campus, 2280 Kenwood Ave, San Jose*

Please join us for a day of conversation and discussion with expert advice about working with children and youth with learning and attention differences. Choose from sessions for both parents and educators. Go home with new understandings and practical tips for supporting your kids whether at home or in the classroom. Find out more and register for the mini conference [here](#) or email [communityed@chconline.org](mailto:communityed@chconline.org).

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