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## JLS PTA eNews

February 23, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates This Week

**February 24-28-** 8th Grade Student Council Food Drive

**February 24-** Homework Habitat

**February 25-** Homework Habitat | Benefit Concert

**February 26-** Dreamcatchers Parent Night

**February 27-** Homework Habitat

#### Seeking Donations for JLS 8th Grade Student Council Food Drive

The 8th grade student council is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Downtown Food Closet starting next Monday. Their shelves are bare. While your stomachs are full, many families out there have little to eat. Our goal is to receive 1080 cans of food. All we are asking, is for each student to bring in a least one can of food. It's time for us to realize how other people may be in great poverty, and really how important this fundraiser is to them. Please clean out your cupboards and bring in any unexpired cans of food. This is a Team competition and the winner receives a "Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" party. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

#### 2020 JLS Service Day: Signups are Open

Service day will be on Wednesday, Mar. 18th

##### OFF-CAMPUS

12:00pm - 4:30 pm (parent volunteers)

12:25 - 4:30 pm (student and teacher volunteers)

##### ON-CAMPUS & PAUSD SCHOOLS

1:30PM - 4:30PM (parent volunteers)

1:45pm - 4:30 pm (student and teacher volunteers)

We hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon of service and giving back to our community!

The JLS PTA and YCS (Youth Community Service) have organized 16 service projects for student and adult volunteers to choose from. Some projects take place at JLS and others at nearby off-campus locations. We have spots for almost 200 students and will need 30 parent chaperones for this event to happen.

Sign-ups will be open February 19th to March 4th (or earlier if all spots are filled).

A completed and signed PAUSD permission form is required for a student to participate. [Click here](#) for the form. Paperwork will be accepted at the JLS main office or by email at [JLSServiceDay@gmail.com](mailto:JLSServiceDay@gmail.com). Students will be removed from the registration if their signed permission forms are not received. Thank you for getting the required paperwork submitted as soon as possible. **[TEST LINKS TO FORMS AND SIGNUPS]**

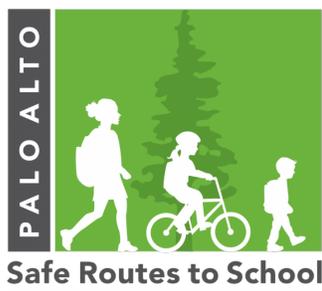
For detailed project descriptions, registration information, and required paperwork visit <https://tinyurl.com/t2yfdg2>

Ready to sign up? Register your student at <https://signup.com/go/dwKjEkB>  
Register to be a parent chaperone at <https://signup.com/go/yvNaHNm>

Questions? Email [JLSServiceDay@gmail.com](mailto:JLSServiceDay@gmail.com)

### Visit the R Lounge in P-80

There is a new space on campus called the R Lounge—a room where students can come to Recharge, Reset & Relax. It has a Calm Corner with bean bags, a small library and a space to listen to mindfulness practices. There is also a living room area, a puzzle table, two big purple chairs to watch nature scenes, a board game table, a Sensory Zone for those who need to move their bodies, and a craft area for mindful coloring, friendship bracelet making and other relaxing activities including the Kindness Rocks garden. It is a fantastic space and place for students to come and take a break when they need it. It is currently open at lunch, but the hours will soon be extended. We hope you will encourage your students to come check it out and then to tell you more about it! Questions? Contact Elizabeth Darby at [edarby@pausd.org](mailto:edarby@pausd.org).



### Commuters' Corner

#### Important Safety Reminder

We would like to remind students that although it connects directly to JLS, **biking along Waverley is not recommended** school route due to the narrow street width and congestion along the route. It is recommended that students instead use the Bryant/EI Verano/Cowper route for their school commute, due to the presence of a signalized intersection at Cowper/E. Meadow and additional bike and pedestrian friendly signage encouraging all users to safely share the road.

Also, as a general rule, bicyclists have the same duties and responsibilities as vehicle drivers. People riding bicycles are required to stop at stop signs and red lights just like all other vehicles (CVC 21200). Over the next few weeks the Palo Alto Police Department Traffic Team may be monitoring bicycle traffic along Waverley, in order to encourage safer driving and riding behaviors. Students running stop signs may be subject to tickets and fines. Please remember to practice courtesy in sharing the road safely, ie. stopping at stop signs, wearing a helmet, and making eye contact with drivers when crossing an intersection by bike. Additional resources, including the JLS [Walk and Roll Suggested Route Map](#) and [safety tips](#) are available on the [Safe Routes to School website](#).

### SCREENAGERS-NEXT CHAPTER

Hosted by the 3 PTAs of JLS-FLETCHER-GREENE  
WED/FEB 26th, 7pm, GREENE's MPR

From the director of SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age comes Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience and is about helping young people thrive in our screen and stress-filled world. Filmmaker and physician Delaney Ruston uses a personal lens and professional eye to help us all flip the script on stress, anxiety, and depression. After the screening, there will be time for Q&A with [Karin Forssell of Stanford University](#) and Emily Garrison, Educational Technology and Libraries Coordinator at PAUSD.

**Students are welcome to attend with their parents.**  
Please [RSVP HERE](#)

## PAUSD News

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

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

## Palo Alto PTA Council News

### **\*\*NEW\*\*Coronavirus Update**

PAUSD and PTA Council are continuing to closely monitor guidance from the Santa Clara County Department of Education & Santa Clara County Public Health Department as this is an ongoing and evolving situation. Students/staff returning from mainland China arriving in the USA since February 3 should be excluded from school for 14 days, beginning the day after they left China. For further information, email [health@paloaltopta.org](mailto:health@paloaltopta.org)

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### **\*\*Updated\*\*"Motherload" screening on family cargo biking**

*Sun, Mar 1, 2 - 4:30P Greendell School, 4120 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto.*

*Sun, Mar 22, 2 - 5P., Arrillaga Family Rec. Ctr., Sequoia Room, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park*

"Motherload" is an award-winning, crowdsourced documentary about the increasing isolation and disconnection of the digital age, its planetary impact, and how cargo bikes could be an antidote. The \$5 ticket price will be donated to Silicon Valley Bike Exchange. A small showcase of family cargo bikes will be onsite. Registration required - limited seating available. Sponsored by Safe Routes to School, PTAC, and PAUSD. <http://wheelkids.com/palo-alto/motherload/>

Click <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/motherload-movie-screening-tickets-89616755127> to register for the screening at the Menlo Park venue.

### **PTAC Invites Students to Apply for Grant Funding \$\$ - Now Available**

The City of Palo Alto's ThinkFund grant program is a unique opportunity for high school students, either living in Palo Alto or attending school in Palo Alto, to receive a microgrant for their project or idea. In addition to funding, students will also receive mentorship and support in order to turn their vision for a project into reality. For more information on how to apply please visit [City of Palo Alto, CA - Think Fund](#).

### **PTAC Invites Parents of Teens to a Teen Vape Talk By Teens - Palo Alto Youth Council (PAYC)**

*Thu Apr 2, 7:30-9p Mitchell Park Community Center*

PTAC invite all parents with students transitioning to middle and high schools to attend this talk on vaping by the students themselves. Hear from the teens directly so you can understand better how to talk with your students. For more info, please contact Ms. Ganesan of Palo Alto Youth Council at [21dganesan@castilleja.org](mailto:21dganesan@castilleja.org).

### **PTA Council seeks Officers and Committee Volunteers**

Are you interested in being a part of the PTA council nomination committee? The charge of the nominating committee is to recognize and recruit the most qualified people available for elected a member of the PTA Council Executive Board and Collaborative Committees for the 2020-21 school year. As we are forming this nom-committee, we are looking for community members who have a passion for improving the educational experience of all students and preferably have experience on their school PTA or site council. We are currently seeking both nominations and expressions of interest from individuals in the community who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the PTA Council. Talk to us about stepping into a leadership role or how you can participate on a committee. Contact us at: [parliamentarian@paloaltopta.org](mailto:parliamentarian@paloaltopta.org)

## Community News

Please click [here](#) for this week's community news

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