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JLS PTA eNews

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JLS News

Important Dates This Week

- March 02-** Homework Habitat
- March 03-** PTA Board Meeting | Homework Habitat
- March 05-** PTA Sponsored Latte Cart
- March 06-** No School, Local Holiday
- March 09 -** No School, Local Holiday

Seeking Donations for JLS 8th Grade Student Council Food Drive

As you probably know our food drive has been going on all week. Monday is the last day. This weekend, clean out your cupboards with your student and bring in all those extra cans of food. We have a lot of hungry people in Palo Alto and the Food Closet shelves are empty. If everyone donated just one can of food, we would have over 1100 cans of food. For those of you that travel a lot bring in all those little soaps, shampoos, conditioners, and lotions. All donations on Monday are worth triple points towards the winning team's prize of a "Make your own ice cream sundae" party. We are only half way on the way to our goal of 1080 cans so PLEASE help us!!!!

Lost and Found

Lost and Found will be out on tables by the front office from March 2 to March 5. Please encourage your student(s) to check for missing items. All remaining articles will be donated.

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. 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

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.



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](#).

PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

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

Palo Alto PTA Council News

****NEW**Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Update**

PAUSD and PTA Council is continuing to closely monitor guidance from the Santa Clara County Department of Education and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department as this is an ongoing and evolving situation. If you have any questions, you may email health@paloaltopta.org

[Santa Clara County Office of Education - Coronavirus](#)

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[PTA Council - Coronavirus](#)

**** Updated US Department of State - Travel Advisory**

[CDC - Coronavirus](#)

[CDC - Washing Hands](#)

****NEW**City of PA Mayor's Speech**

Wed March 4 6:30P Mitchell Park Library

PTAC - Invites You to Join Our Mayor Adrian Fine's State of the City Address. You will hear the amazing things our City has to offer and more. Don't miss it!

"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](#).

****NEW**PTAC Invites Parents to Escaping Vaping Talk by Palo Alto Youth Council (PAYC)**

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

PTAC invites parents (and teachers) with students transitioning to middle or high school to attend this event. This will be a student-led panel discussion featuring teenagers from our community, as well as experts from medicine, law enforcement, academia and government. Come hear from the teens directly so you can better understand how to talk with your student(s). Free admission and refreshments are provided. For more info, please [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Palo Alto Youth Council at officialpayc@gmail.com.

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

Community News

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

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