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## JLS PTA eNews

March 08, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates This Week

**March 09-** No School, Local Holiday  
**March 11-** Connections Coffee | 6th Grade Band Concert  
**March 12-** 6th Grade Orchestra Concert

#### JLS 8th Grade Student Council Food Drive

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade student council would like to thank all of you who donated to our food drive. We far exceeded our goal of 1084 cans, (one can per student), and collected a whopping 1729 cans!!! Team Einstein was the winning team and will enjoy their "Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" prize during WIP on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again for your support and helping us to contribute to our community. After all, "It's the JLS Way"!!!!

#### JLS Science Fair

The JLS Science Fair will be held Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm in the JLS Cafetorium. Join the JLS community for a fun-filled evening of science, with students proudly showing off their work in poster sessions and some fun science and technology-related demonstrations. All JLS students are invited to participate. [Register](#) by Thursday, March 19.

The Science Fair is a great way for students to develop and apply an interest in science and the scientific method. Participants exercise their curiosity, approach real world problems in a systematic and scientific way, and apply creativity towards questions that interest them. Students should have heard more details about the fair from their science teachers, and be thinking about their projects. Once research is complete, students will present their work in poster format (poster boards generously donated by Synopsys). Each participant will be interviewed by a JLS parent or other member of our community, and participate in peer reviews. All student presenters will be able to exchange their peer reviews for a participation prize, and will be entered into a prize drawing for a number of terrific items (books, museum passes, food, etc). General information about the Science Fair can be found [here](#).

The Science Fair cannot happen without lots of parent (and other community) volunteers, especially interviewers who are willing to listen to students sharing their projects and provide constructive positive

feedback during a brief non-competitive, informal interview. Want to help? Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/GyJGthk>.

In addition to Synopsys, the Science Fair is sponsored by the JLS PTA, and also supported by donations from a number of local businesses.

Questions? Contact Maria Derrick, Science Fair Chair ([jlssciencefair@gmail.com](mailto:jlssciencefair@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](#).

### New Pedestrian Beacons installed by Caltrans on El Camino.

If you're driving on El Camino Real in Palo Alto, you may notice something new. Caltrans installed Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB) at 5 locations. A PHB is a flashing signal which warns drivers when pedestrians are crossing the road. Look for them on El Camino Real at:

Monroe Drive - **active**

Vista Ave - **active**

Barron and Wilton - **active**

Fernando - **active**

College Ave - pending

Caltrans is expecting to activate the last PHB in Palo Alto by the end of the week.

This Caltrans video explains how they work <https://youtu.be/ZZ3OJD6gWT4>

## PAUSD News

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

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

## Palo Alto PTA Council News

### **\*\*New\*\*PTAC - March 25 Association Meeting**

**Wednesday, Mar 25 9-11A, 25 Churchill Ave PA**

The next PTAC General Association Meeting is on March 25th. This meeting is open to the general public. We will meet to discuss our school PTAs' preparedness for COVID-19. Call-in meeting is an option. **Call-In: 605 313 6335 (ID 478-927)**

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

As we head into the long weekend, please remember to check out our NEWEST links pertaining to travel and children regarding the Coronavirus. If you have any questions or require more resources, email [health@paloaltopta.org](mailto:health@paloaltopta.org) CDC Information for Travel

CDC - FAQ Coronavirus Disease and Children

NASP - Talking to Children about COVID-19

Parent Resource: Talking to Children about COVID-19

**\*\*UPDATED\*\*** PTA Council Coronavirus Webpage

[PAUSD - Coronavirus](#)

### **"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 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](mailto: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](mailto:parliamentarian@paloaltopta.org)

## Community News

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

### Quick Links

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