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JLS PTA eNews

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JLS News

Important Dates This Week

Due to School Closures, All JLS PTA/ Events Cancelled Until Further Notice

Important! Parent and Student Communication During School Closure

JLS Principal Mr. Chris Grierson will be sending email updates to families atleast on a weekly basis via parentlink/Black board system. Student communication will run via Schoology. Please stay tuned for direct communication via email both from Principal Grierson and the district and ask your student to check Schoology regularly.

If your student needs a chromebook, please come to JLS on Monday, March 16th between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM to check out devices for student use. If you are unable to come to the school office on Monday morning, please contact your child's counselor or administrator to coordinate borrowing a Chromebook.

Below are the messages that went out on Friday from Mr. Grierson both to students via schoology and to parents.

Schoology Message to JLS Students (Friday at 2:50 PM)

I am sure that you have heard the news about the school closures beginning Monday, March 16th through April 10th (the end of PAUSD's scheduled Spring Break).

We recognize that this is a big disruption to what we are all used to, however, protecting public health requires a community-wide response.

All PAUSD students should stay home and exercise social distancing as much as possible. Keep yourself, caregivers and adult family members safe. School closure means that our campus is not open. You should not be on any PAUSD campus at any time. Soon, your families will receive communication regarding Flexible Learning Options for students while away from school. Please take care of yourself and others. We look forward to seeing you in April.

Thank you, Mr. Grierson

Community Message to JLS Families (Friday at 2:55 PM)

Good Afternoon JLS Families,

I hope that you have had a chance to review Palo Alto Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Don Austin's 3.13.2020 [Message to the Community re: School Closures](#). If you have not, please review his message below.

Just before noon today, the Santa Clara County Health Department declared that all public schools in the county will close effective Monday, March 16, 2020. Our school will be closed from Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 10.

We understand this decision may present challenges for you and your loved ones. On Monday, March 16th Flexible Learning Options will be available for our students via Schoology. These materials were initially designed to provide options for supporting families who chose to keep their children at home; however, as our schools are now officially closed, our staff teams will be reevaluating these resources as we work to maintain academic continuity for students during the current closure period. Although these resources do not replicate the learning experiences that occur in our classrooms, we hope they can offer some level of support by maintaining essential skills and a sense of routine for your child.

Available Resources:

If your family would like to borrow a Chromebook in order to access online resources, please [complete this Google Form](#) and come to the school site on Monday, March 16th between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM to check out devices for student use. If you are unable to come to the school office on Monday morning, please contact your child's counselor or administrator to coordinate borrowing a Chromebook.

- JLS 6th Grade Counselor: Ko Vue kvue@pausd.org
- JLS 6th Grade Administrator: Adam Nelson anelson@pausd.org
- JLS 7th Grade Counselor: Ellie Messinger-Adams emessingeradams@pausd.org
- JLS 7th Grade Administrator: Hanisi Accetta haccetta@pausd.org
- JLS 8th Grade Counselor: Arvind Arya aarya@pausd.org
- JLS 8th Grade Administrator: Amy Sheward asheward@pausd.org

Important Notes:

- We would like to encourage everyone to stay home. While schools are closed, supervision is not provided. We are making every effort to clean our campuses and uphold social distancing guidelines.
- If your family has recently contacted the school attendance office to report a voluntary exclusion from school, no further action on your part is needed at this time.
- Additional information will continue to be shared throughout the school closure period as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all navigate through this unique situation. Please take care of yourself and each other, while taking every precaution that you can to be well.

Best Regards,
Chris Grierson, JLS Principal

District Updates on the Corona Virus

<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/categories/coronavirus>

PAUSD to Provide Free Meals for Students During School Closure

PAUSD will continue to provide nutritious meals to all students who need them during the temporary closure of schools. Beginning Monday, March 16, PAUSD will provide free lunch to all children 18 and younger at the following pick-up sites:

Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School- [480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto](#)

Gunn High School- [780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto](#)

Greene Middle School- [750 N California Avenue, Palo Alto](#)

Lunch will be available for pickup each day of the school closure from 11:00am to 1:00pm beginning March 16 and ending on April 3.

This program will be solely for the pickup of meals. Meals are not to be consumed on the school sites. Lunches will be distributed drive-thru style, meaning food services staff members will hand the meals to you in your vehicle. Children must be present in order for meals to be provided, each family is eligible for the quantity of meals equal to the number of children in the vehicle. If you use alternative transportation, please make sure your children are with you when coming to pickup the meals.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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Food & Nutrition Services

Palo Alto Unified School District

JLS School Site Council Meeting to be Rescheduled

Given the news of school closures, we will be rescheduling Monday's JLS School Site Council Meeting to a later date. All School Site Council Members will be informed. We will likely hold meetings remotely and utilize a video-chat platform. Please stay tuned. Thank you! -Mr. Grierson cgrierson@pausd.org

COVID-19 Health and Wellness Resources

Dear PAUSD Parent(s), during this time of unknown Coronavirus period in our community, please consider using the below links and resources (for children & adults) to help cope with COVID-19 questions.

[CDC Resource on Mental Health & Coping During COVID-19](#)

COVID-19 Call Center:

[Call 2-1-1 with all non-emergency and non-medical inquiries](#)

Enews Communication

Because of the current school closures, JLS PTA enews will be sent out on an as needed basis when we have information to share.

[Anjani Sarma](#)

JLS PTA enews editor.

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**

PTA Council is continuing to closely monitor the Coronavirus situation as this is an ongoing and evolving situation. If you have any questions, you may email health@paloaltopta.org. Please read the following links for further information:

****CDC - Recommendation for Santa Clara County****

[CDC - Coronavirus](#)

[CDC - People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)

[PTA Council - Coronavirus](#)

[PAUSD - Coronavirus](#)

***NEW* Summer Camps Info COMING SOON on PTAC Website**

As of eNews publication, Summer School and Summer Camps are still scheduled

Looking for a summer camp in your neighborhood or at one of our Palo Alto Unified school sites? We will have a list soon on the [PTAC website](#). Camp providers listed on this page host activities/summer camps at PAUSD Schools, and pay rental fees to our district. These rental fees help to defray the cost of running our schools while providing local opportunities for our kids. PTA Council does not endorse one camp over

another. This service is offered to give parents an easy way to find out what is being offered and where. Please contact the PTAC Webmaster to recommend updates to this information. There is no charge to providers to be listed.

****NEW**City of Palo Alto State of the City Address: Mayor Adrian Fine**

Palo Alto City Mayor, Adrian Fine, spoke at Wednesday's live streamed State of the City address at Mitchell Park. Mayor Fine showed a powerpoint of the many awesome reasons to live and work in Palo Alto. He also included remarks on upcoming improvements in progress. Palo Alto PTA Council was one of the featured speakers. Please visit the PA City website for civic engagement opportunities for you and your teens. https://youtu.be/pQ-bHw9j_RY Starting at Time Stamp: 36:14 (about 5.5 min).

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](#).

****UPDATE**PTAC Invites Parents to Escaping Vaping Talk by Palo Alto Youth Council (PAYC) PENDING - PLEASE CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANIZERS TO SEE IF EVENT IS STILL SCHEDULED**

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

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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