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Important Dates This Week

Due to School Closures, All JLS and JLS PTA On-site Events Cancelled Until Further Notice

JLS Online Book Fair, April 20- May 4

Please consider supporting the JLS school library by purchasing books during our [Online Book Fair](#) from Monday, April 20 - Sunday, May 3 from the Scholastic Store (see link on JLS/Scholastic Book Fair homepage <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=stanfordmiddlesch>).

The choice you make will be delivered to your home and 25% of what you spend will be sent back to the school library in the form of Scholastic credit that we can use to expand and update our library's print collection. If you order \$25 or more of books you will receive free shipping. Make sure you start your shopping from this homepage.

Message from JLS Counselors

Dear JLS Families,

The counseling team at JLS has compiled a list of fun activities for students and families to do while school is closed. To access these activities please go to your student's grade-level Schoology course and select the "Materials" tab.

There are three folders that contain fun and useful activities for students and families:

- "Fun Things to Do" includes exciting activities students could do virtually and non-virtually. These include various links to live cams, food, art, and other activities that your student can take advantage of. In addition, there is a list of "screenless activities" that students

and families can take part in that are fun and are designed to get everyone to disconnect from technology.

- “Staying Healthy- Emotionally and Physically” includes activities around stress relief, EQ in PJ’s, active minds, and many more useful ideas.
- “Managing Online Learning” contains resources to help students get organized while learning at home.

We hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy during this time. If you or students have any concerns or questions, we are available for students via Schoology, posted open zoom meeting drop-in times, and through our regular PAUSD email addresses.

Please take good care of yourselves and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

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Ms. Messinger-Adams (7th Grade) emessingeradams@pausd.org

Mr. Arya (8th Grade) aarya@pausd.org

PTA General Meeting Thursday, May 14, 8 pm Via Zoom

The next PTA general meeting to elect next year's board and reallocate any budgetary amounts will be held on Thursday May 14, 8 pm via Zoom. We will be sending out a zoom invite via uptous and the enews. Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope you can join us.

The Slate of Candidates for 2020-2021 is as follows:

- President: Jen Wiener
- EVP: Claire Kirner
- Treasurer: Karrie Chen
- Secretary: Karen Shuler
- VP Programs: Robyn Reiss
- VP Membership: Indira Priyadarsani
- VP Communications: Anjani Sarma
- VP Community Service: Bryna Chang
- VP School Support: Tina Mondragon
- Auditor: Open
- Historian: Janet Owen
- Parliamentarian: Open

Bike Repair & Safety - Funds Available

The Fletcher, Greene, and JLS PTAs are offering our students a LIMITED number of \$20 credits at local bike shops to use toward bike repairs or safety gear, after the shelter in place is lifted, to reinforce our already strong bike-to-school participation. Repair costs can vary from \$20 to over \$100, and participants must pay the balance of the costs of their repairs after the \$20 credit has been applied. If you would like to sign up for a credit, [please fill out the linked form](#). Deadline to sign up is Saturday April 25.

News from the Palo Alto PTA Council

****NEW** Act Now for Cell Tower Safety**

The City of Palo Alto is updating its wireless ordinance regulating cell tower placement. Currently, cell towers can be 20 ft from homes and 300 ft from schools. Please email the Planning Commission and City Council (planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org, city.council@cityofpaloalto.org) by May 1 this message: “Consistent with many cities, PTAC joins our PAUSD School Board in requesting greater setbacks for cell towers. In particular, please update our City wireless standards to be consistent with the standards advocated for by the Palo Alto PTA Council and PAUSD School Board for 1500 ft. setbacks of cell towers from schools. Please apply that same location standard and setbacks to ALL cell towers, including macro towers.”

****NEW** Support DreamCatchers**

Please help support low-income PAUSD middle-school students by donating at dreamcatchersyouth.org! Our DreamCatchers children live in households with serious economic insecurity made worse with the COVID-19 crisis. Our staff, in conjunction with Paly, Gunn, and Stanford tutors, are working hard to provide remote [academic support](#) and enrichment, in addition to critical [economic help](#). At this time, when our low income middle school students need to hold onto their dreams the most, please consider making [a donation](#) to support the important work that DreamCatchers is doing. Thank you for supporting our community!

****NEW** Free Resources and Support for Special Needs Families by Parents Place, Palo Alto**

Special Needs Families Support Group will begin next Tuesday, 4/21 (Tuesdays, 1-2pm). We are very excited and hope people will join in the conversation. The group is being facilitated by Susan Stone, a former Special Education teacher and fantastic Parenting Expert here at Parents Place:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-online-workshopspecial-needs-families-support-group-all-ages-registration-102456484102?_ga=2.241311691.835716161.1586821213-712666515.1500066096&_gac=1.45354000.1583966761.EAlalQobChMI_POe_7-T6AIVhsBkCh0iVQIVEAAYASAAEgLD_E_D_BwE

Free Sensory Processing Parent Support Group
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-online-workshopsensory-processing-parent-support-group-all-ages-registration-101595731568?utm_source=Parents+Place&utm_campaign=d4f3c78919-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_19_04_23_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f54df6ea54-d4f3c78919-128857353

UPDATED April 22nd is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day

This year we have an unexpected opportunity to reflect on our relationship to the world around us. We are getting to know our neighborhood flora and fauna. We are seeing how our actions impact others, staying at home to keep others safe. We are discovering what it truly means to be social animals now that our social circles have temporarily, but necessarily, shrunk. It's the perfect time to connect to nature and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather. Here are some family-friendly activities to celebrate Earth Day. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RhqEdBCfVqGaSZ8jJWERF5ppLX1SwC5q1pu7b4Pu0ts/edit?usp=sharing> The City of Palo Alto also has tips here, [A Guide to Celebrating Earth Day, While We Shelter In Place.](#)"

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