



## JLS PTA eNews

Sept 13, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in September

**September 21-** JLS Site Council Meeting  
**September 23-** 6th Grade Parent Coffee | Connections 8th Grade ROPES Parent Night  
**September 24-** Connections Parent Coffee  
**September 25-** Materials Distribution Day



#### 2020-21 JLS Site Council Seeks New Parent Representative

JLS is looking for an additional parent to volunteer for the Site Council. The Site Council is a representative body made up of parents, staff, and students. It is responsible for developing and monitoring the Single Plan for Student Achievement, allocating resources to meet the goals identified in the plan, and providing broad-based input on school effectiveness.

Membership on the Council consists of four parents, four students, and eight staff members. Parent membership consists of three elected positions and one position appointed by the PTA. Elected parent members of the Site Council hold office for two years, provided that they continue to be a parent at JLS; otherwise the term of office is one year.

If you have questions about the Site Council and/or are interested in serving on the Site Council, please contact Judy Lukensmeyer, Site Council Coordinator, at [jlukensmeyer@pausd.org](mailto:jlukensmeyer@pausd.org).

#### JLS Library Second Grab N Go

This coming Wednesday, September 16, from 8:00 - 9:00 am the library will conduct its second GRAB 'N GO, the library's print book circulation operation that allows students to request books from the school library and pick them up on campus. Please know that your child should go to pick up or return book(s) ONLY IF they have received an email confirmation from the library with a specific date and time. Once on campus, students should expect to wait up to 15 minutes to get their book(s). Therefore, they should plan their visit in such a way that they will return home with sufficient time to begin their 1st Period class via distance learning. See [this link](#) for more information. Send questions, comments or special requests to: [mambrose@pausd.org](mailto:mambrose@pausd.org) or [sfrancofewell@pausd.org](mailto:sfrancofewell@pausd.org).



#### JLS PTA Back to School Packet

Have you looked through the [JLS Back To School Online Packet](#) yet? You'll find important information about the school, including school forms that require signatures, the JLS PTA, and PiE. We encourage you to join our PTA and support the PTA with any donation amount that is appropriate to your family.

Everyone is invited to our general PTA meeting on Tuesday, Sept 8 from 8:30-9:30am where we will vote on the budget. Any PTA Donations this week will determine the programs and items we can support this year; we are currently at approximately 40% of our income goal.

## [From Principal Grierson](#)

### **Progress Reports:**

It's hard to believe we are already near the middle of our First Quarter of the school year. Progress Reports will be available at the end of next week. Progress Reports are used to notify all students and parents of a students' current standing in their courses. At this time of the school year, Progress Reports serve as a "check-in" by indicating how a student is doing so far. If you have any questions regarding your student's Progress Report, please reach out to their teachers for more information, or check their Schoology account.

### **Superintendent's Update:**

Last Friday, Superintendent Austin shared pertinent information regarding district programs and the potential dates and opportunities for re-opening PAUSD. Please read more information here: [Superintendent's September 4th Update](#).

### **Communication Update:**

We are sensitive to the fact that families may be inundated with information coming from many sources, including our school sites and district. In order to focus on the most pertinent information, we will be sending our next community message after the PAUSD Board meeting (9/22) on September 23 with any district updates.

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)

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## PAUSD News

[Superintendent's Weekly Board Update](#)

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## Palo Alto PTA Council News

### **\*\*NEW\*\* CANDIDATE FORUMS**

Thu, Sep 24, 7:00-8:30 PM - School Board Forum on Secondary Education – middle & high schools. Live stream: <https://youtu.be/qoHDNY4FG7Y>. Use this [google form](#) to submit questions in advance.

Thu, Oct 8, 6:30-8:30 PM - School Board Forum Co-hosted with the League of Women Voters. Register for the League-sponsored candidate forum on our [Candidate Forum web page](#).

Sat, Oct 17, 3:00-5:00 PM - School Board Candidate Forum on Educational Equity & Access: the Achievement Gap and Special Education The event is jointly sponsored by PTA Council (PTAC), Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), the Latino Parent Network (LPN), and Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS). For questions, contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org).

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### **ELECTION ALERT**

Voting begins when ballots arrive. Election day is Tue Nov 3.

Please pay attention to your *ENTIRE* ballot. Don't miss:

- PAUSD Parcel Tax (Vote for Measure "O")
- School Board & City Council Elections
- 11 Propositions. [\[State PTA positions\]](#)

REGISTER and VOTE Questions? [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org)

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**VOTE TO SUPPORT MEASURE O**



PTA Council Executive Board supports Yes On O! Our Palo Alto schools are among the best in the state and nation, thanks to dedicated teachers, high-quality academics, and rich and varied programs to support and enrich our children's growth. For almost 20 years, our local parcel tax has generated over \$15 million in locally-controlled funding to keep our schools strong. This essential local funding is set to expire. If we don't renew our local parcel tax, our budget would be cut and our teachers, staff and programs could

face devastating losses. Vote YES on Measure O, a parcel tax renewal measure that has been placed on the November 2020 ballot to ensure our schools continue receiving this critical funding. For more information please visit the [website](#) or email [info@SupportPaloAltoSchools.org](mailto:info@SupportPaloAltoSchools.org)

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### **\*\*NEW\*\* CENSUS For All Families and Community Stakeholders**

2020 is an important year for all Californians. It's the once-per-decade time that every person in America is counted in the U.S. Census. The census asks questions that provide a snapshot of our community, state and the nation. The census affects Federal funding, and much more. [Learn more!](#) You have the power to shape the future for the children of California. If you haven't yet been counted, please do it right away and please tell your friends, family, and neighbors. Questions? [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org)

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### **PTA SUPPORTS PROPS 15 & 16 ON NOVEMBER BALLOT.**

As an advocacy organization, PTA often takes positions on legislation & ballot measures; it does not support or oppose candidates for office. California State PTA SUPPORTS Prop 15, which would provide billions of extra dollars for our schools & local government services. State PTA also SUPPORTS Prop 16, which would restore affirmative action in California.

Please register, inform yourself, and don't forget to vote! Election day is Tue Nov 3. Vote early if you can! Prop 15 & 16 info: <https://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/state-ballot-measures/>

Questions? Erwin Morton, [advocacy@paloaltopta.org](mailto:advocacy@paloaltopta.org).

### **California PTA Covid Resources for Parents and Families**

<https://capta.org/news-publications/covid-19/covid-19-resources-for-parents-and-families/>

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## Community News

### **Good News for Reusable Bags!**

The CDC, Cal/OSHA, and Santa Clara County Public Health Department all agree – reusable bags can be used safely. Please follow these guidelines to use your reusable bags safely:

Keep your reusable bags in your cart/basket.

Bag your own groceries. If there are problems maintaining physical distance, you may need to place your items back in your cart and bag your items elsewhere.

Wash your reusable bags frequently.

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### **\*\* NEW\*\* Fire Relief Resources**

PAEA and CSEA Educators affected by the Fires

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by these fires. Please help the Palo Alto Educators Association (PAEA) help our beloved colleagues: teachers, counselors, support staff, custodians, and administrators. We appreciate any help you can provide. Thank you.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/paea-and-csea-educators-affected-by-the-fires>

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### **Magical Bridge Resources for Fire Relief**

We have compiled a [list of local and national nonprofits and organizations](#) helping those displaced from the fires. This list includes animal shelters caring for thousands of pets, and first responders who are risking their lives to combat these flames.

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### **\*\*NEW\*\* Run to Clear the Shelters**

Fri, Aug 28 to Mon, Aug 31 Register Here

Looking for a way to support a local animal shelter? Register for this event and walk or run a 5K anywhere, anytime between August 28 - August 31, to raise funds and awareness for shelter animals and

help clear the shelters! All proceeds from registration, event accessories, and additional donations go directly to the Pets in Need organization. This run is being organized by members of the Palo Alto Senior High School Track & Field team. If you have any questions about this race, please contact the race director at [pinclearthesheltersrun@gmail.com](mailto:pinclearthesheltersrun@gmail.com)

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**\*\*NEW\*\* JFCS All Together Now Event**

*Thurs Sept 10 4P-5:30P Virtual Event*

A community conversation with Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, the 19th Surgeon General of the United States and author of *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World*, and Dr. Anita Friedman, JFCS Executive Director. This virtual event will present inspirational insights into how we can nurture our children, our parents, our community, and ourselves during these uncertain times. Visit <https://www.jfcs.org/together> or call 415-449-1264 to RSVP Any Questions? Email [LoisW@jfcs.org](mailto:LoisW@jfcs.org)

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