Important Dates in October

October 7- 8th Grade Parent Coffee  
October 8- Connections Board Meeting  
October 9- End of First Quarter  
October 14- Principal- Parent Coffee | Parent Ed Event with Scott Fried

8th Grade Parent Network Coffee

Our first 8th Grade Parent Network Coffee will be held Wed., Oct. 7 from 8:30 AM-9:20 AM.  
8th Grade Parents will get an individual Zoom Invite next week. Please contact Hanisi Accetta at haccetta@pauisd.org with any questions.  
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Principal Coffee

October 14 from 8:30 AM-9:20 AM

The Principal coffee will include Megan Warter, JLS School Psychologist and Chris Grierson, JLS Principal. We look forward to presenting the following information about Special Education During Distance Learning.
-Overview of Special Education in middle school
-How school is supporting special needs kids during distance learning
-How parents can support their students

-Return to school plans for special needs students
-Q&A? (If time allows.)
This Coffee will take place . Families of students in SpEd will get an individual Zoom Invite and an input questionnaire prior to the event.

Middle School Parent Ed Virtual Event: Special Speaker, Scott Fried, Wed Oct 14, 7:30pm (zoom link sent out via UpToUs)

Please join us for a special virtual Parent Ed event, sponsored by the 3 Palo Alto middle schools. We will be hearing from popular author and speaker, Scott Fried on the topic "Parenting Through a Pandemic." How can we show up for the teens in our life? How can we convey to them that we are here, when we don’t know how to answer so many of their questions? Using some of the tools in his newest book, “How to Raise an Elegant Teen: The ABCs of Gen Z Parenting," Scott will help parents explore ways in which we can best support our young people through the ups and downs of life. We will also focus on the importance of us practicing self-care as adults. Give yourself this hour with Scott to listen, learn and grow alongside other adults who are supporting teens. Testimonials from participants in Scott's virtual events:
“Scott is equally captivating from a distance!”

“His zoom talk was a breath of fresh invigorating air when I needed it most.”

“When I listen to him, it feels like I am being refilled with mercy that I can distribute to others.”

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**NEW** Counseling is Foundational
From classroom aides, to CASSY counselors, to college and career guidance, PIE funds support counseling, support, and wellness for every age at every PAUSD school. Every dollar makes a difference. Donate, pledge, or learn more about PIE today.

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Support the JLS PTA

JLS PTA works closely with the JLS administration to serve students and their families throughout the year. We are currently at about 50% of our anticipated donations, and encourage you to participate and donate in a way that works for your family. For more details on what the JLS PTA does, the programs we support and why we need your support, please click here.

Here are the links for your convenience:

PTA Donations: Any amount is encouraged and appreciated
PTA Membership: Join for $6 (with a $1 processing fee), and help support our programs & advocacy efforts

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From Principal Grierson

Principal Grierson's Weekly messages

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Palo Alto PTA Council News

**NEW** October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Do you have a reluctant or struggling reader or writer? 1 in 5 children have learning differences, and only a subset may be identified. Strong reading ability changes lives.

What is Dyslexia? Understood.org

Learn strategies that can help struggling readers and understand - Join the webinar: What Does Good Instruction Look Like for Students with Dyslexia: Register for the Oct 8th webinar

Learn about structured literacy instruction - Join the Webinar: Beyond the Phonics Fights - Register for the Oct 15th webinar with Emily Hanford

For more information - Contact us educationvp@paloaltopta.org or amywdarling@gmail.com

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School Board Candidates Forum
**NEW** School Board Forum co-hosted with the League of Women Voters

**Thu Oct 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Zoom link for the League-sponsored candidate forum. [Candidate Forum web page](#) or [School Board Forum link](#)

**NEW** Elementary School Board Forum

**Wed Oct 14, 6:30 - 9:30 PM**

Join us and learn about the candidates for PAUSD school board. Now is your chance to have your questions about PAUSD governance answered by every candidate. [Submit your questions here](#).

Join the Webinar Here.
Passcode: 764564

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Need Translation: [click here to tell us what language you would like](#)
Questions/Information contact: council@paloaltopta.org

**NEW** School Board Candidate Forum on Educational Equity & Access: the Achievement Gap and Special Education

**Sat Oct 17, 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

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).

Join the webinar Here.
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For questions, contact paloaltocac@gmail.com or council@paloaltopta.org

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**NEW** SAFE USE OF TECHNOLOGY - Children and Distance Learning

Navigate the challenges of increased and unavoidable digital usage during distance learning: [Click Here](#) to learn a few, easy-to-use tips to safeguard children's health by maintaining safe use of technology at home. Fact sheet, references and research from best practices from children's digital study environments: American Academy of Pediatrics, Mayo Clinic, Harvard health study, Environmental Health Trust, Parents for Safe Technology, Children's Screen time Action Network, Commonsense Media, Apple and Microsoft Support. Questions/Info email: selearning@paloaltopta.org

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**UPDATED** VOTE AND VOLUNTEER FOR MEASURE O

**GET A LAWN SIGN**

**HELP DISTRIBUTE LAWN SIGNS**

Support Measure O

Volunteers needed to place lawn signs in our school neighborhood. Donate online, endorse, advocate to our PTA via social channels (FB, Next Door, WeChat, Line). Thank our school PTA for supporting this. Please direct questions to our PTA President. Click here for more info [https://supportpaloaltoschools.org/](https://supportpaloaltoschools.org/) Palo Alto PTAs support Yes On O! For almost 20 years, local voter approved parcel taxes have generated over $15 million in locally-controlled funding to keep our schools strong. This measure needs 66.7 percent of voters to approve to pass, and every vote counts. Please show your support with a Lawn Sign.

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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/](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**

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