



## JLS PTA eNews

October 18, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in October

October 19- Site Council Meeting  
October 21- 6th Grade Parent Coffee  
October 22- Connections Parent Coffee



#### 6th Grade Parent Network Coffee

Please join us for the 6th Grade Parent Network Coffee on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 8:30 AM. Join up with 6th grade families to discuss your questions about reopening, quarter grades,

school activities and more!

Zoom link: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/97928194290>

Submit Questions:

If you have questions you'd like us to address during this network coffee, please submit them here:

<https://forms.gle/MqhQUr56JjERkneL8>



#### Student Council Elections

Student Council is a wonderful opportunity to serve the JLS student community while personally growing your leadership and collaboration skills. We are looking for candidates who will model responsible, organized, and committed behavior, and we want to encourage as many students as possible to submit applications to ensure our Student Council is diverse. We want to hear more about

why you want to serve the students at JLS and how you would bring your ideas and hard work to the Student Council.

Here is the [link to the Student Council Election Information Packet and Application](#)

#### Important Dates

- 10/22 Applications due
- 10/27 Video Speeches due (maximum 30 seconds) emailed to [juchoi@pausd.org](mailto:juchoi@pausd.org)
- 11/03 Election Day

#### Positions:

- Grade Level Commissioner: 6th Grade (1 Student) , 7th Grade (1 Student), and 8th Grade (1 Student).
- Site Council Representative: 2 Year Terms 6th grade (1 Student) , 7th Grade (1 Student)
- ASB Executive Board Officers

President (Only 8th Grade),

Vice-President (7th and 8th Grade),

Treasurer (7th and 8th Grade), and

Secretary (7th and 8th Grade).

The application must be submitted in an email to Ms. Accetta at [haccetta@pausd.org](mailto:haccetta@pausd.org) to be considered for a Student Council position. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Once approved all approved candidates can make a 30 second video speech. If elected, you MUST be able to commit to attending one Friday advisory meeting a month for Student Council activities, as well as some lunch or after school meetings. Any questions please email Ms. Accetta at [haccetta@pausd.org](mailto:haccetta@pausd.org) or Ms. Scherer at [jscherer@pausd.org](mailto:jscherer@pausd.org).



### **JLS Library Grab n Go,**

our JLS school library book circulation service is expanding! In addition to Wednesday mornings 8 - 9 am, a new time slot -- **Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15 pm** --has been added to give borrowers a second option for picking up and returning books. As always, once students request books on **OPALS** they should make sure they receive PAUSD email confirmation before visiting campus. By the way, parents can always pick up books instead of students. Once on campus all students and/or parents should follow safety protocols. Details are found [here](#).

### **Unsold 2019-20 Year Books**

There is a limited supply of unsold yearbooks left from last year (2019-2020). We are offering these yearbooks at the reduced price of \$20 per book. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Karen McKinlay at [kmckinlay@pausd.org](mailto:kmckinlay@pausd.org). The books will be available for pick up at the next JLS Materials Distribution Day on October 30.

In addition, there are yearbooks left from the 2018-2019 school year. These will be given away for free on a first-come first-served basis. Email [kmckinlay@pausd.org](mailto:kmckinlay@pausd.org) if you would like a book, and these will be distributed in the order of the receipt of emails. Like the distribution of last year's books, they can be picked up at the Materials Distribution Day on October 30.

Don't miss your chance to get a yearbook!



### **\*\*NEW\*\*Music Is Developmental**

Music education promotes focus and persistence. Research shows that learning and practicing music increases brain function and emotional development, as well as language and reasoning. PiE funds music and dance education at the elementary schools, and supports music electives at the middle and high schools. Every

dollar makes a difference. [Donate, pledge, or learn more about PiE today.](#)



### **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

**[From Principal Grierson](#)**

## PAUSD News

[Superintendent's Weekly Board Update](#)  
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## Palo Alto PTA Council News

### **FLU SHOTS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THIS YEAR**

With two serious respiratory viruses circulating this year it's especially important to protect ourselves and our families as much as we can. Flu shots are now available, but may be in short supply this year because of the current pandemic and higher demand for flu vaccines this year, so speak to your family physician or pharmacist about getting your seasonal flu shot now. [CDC message on the Flu Vaccine](#)

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### **\*\*NEW\*\*Equity Forum**

*Sat. Oct. 17th, 3 - 5PM. School Board Candidate Forum on Educational Equity & Access: the Achievement Gap and Special Education*

Join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85142925155>

Passcode: 510864 Or Dial by Telephone: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968

Webinar ID: 851 4292 5155 Passcode: 510864

Questions contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) or [council@paloaltopta.org](mailto:council@paloaltopta.org)

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).

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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](mailto:selearning@paloaltopta.org)

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### **Vote Yes on Measure O**

Call to Action, Donate online, endorse, advocate! Volunteers needed to place lawn signs in your school neighborhood. Be a volunteer to help get the word out to voters. Lawn Sign and precinct walkers (to get out flyers to each home/business) are needed. Please reach out to fellow parent volunteers: Randolph Tsien at [tsien@yahoo.com](mailto:tsien@yahoo.com) or Laura Stark at [laura.s.stark@gmail.com](mailto:laura.s.stark@gmail.com) or <https://supportpaloaltoschools.org/> The PTA Council supports Yes

On O! 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. 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 critical funding.

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**\*\*NEW\*\* Safe Routes to School**  
***Walk and Roll to School 2020***

No matter your learning environment, families, neighborhoods, and schools are invited to participate in Walk to School celebrations this year. During the ensuing weeks as more grades open, consider these [20 ideas to help encourage your school to celebrate Walking to School in 2020](#)

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**\*\*NEW\*\*VOTE VOTE VOTE**

***November Election: Your Vote Matters!***

Got your ballot? You can vote now, by mail or at a [24-Hour Ballot Drop Off Location](#). Drop boxes go directly to the Registrar of Voters, avoiding any mail delays. Deadline: Tue Nov 3, 8 p.m. Don't delay! But please inform yourself before voting -- the ballot is long, and some of the cards are two-sided. California State PTA Supports [Prop 15](#) and [Prop 16](#). Thank you for voting!

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**\*\*NEW\*\* National UNITY DAY**

***Wed, Oct 21, 2020***

Be the message of hope and support. Visibly show that our society believes no child should ever experience bullying and show that we are together against bullying, and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE.

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**\*\*NEW\*\* Literacy and the Science of Reading**

***Wed. Oct 28, 5:00 - 6:30pm***

Ever wondered how kids learn to read, write and spell? Want to better support your child during distance learning? If you are the parent or teacher of an elementary or middle school student who struggles to read or write, whether they are dyslexic or not, please join us for a session with two Stanford professors to hear: How does the reading brain work from a neuroscience perspective, and how do we apply what neuroscience has discovered to develop strong readers & writers? Organized by the Palo Alto CAC and PTA Council. Join Webinar here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89863864534>  
Meeting ID: 898 6386 4534 Passcode: 330632 or Dial by your phone +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) More info at <https://cacpaloalto.org/event/literacy-science-reading/>

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**\*\*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 Oct 8th webinar](#)

Learn about structured literacy instruction - Join the Webinar: Beyond the Phonics Fights - [Register for Oct 15th webinar w/Emily Hanford](#)

For more information - Contact us [educationvp@paloaltopta.org](mailto:educationvp@paloaltopta.org) or [amywdarling@gmail.com](mailto:amywdarling@gmail.com)

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**\*\*NEW\*\* Workshop on Special Education Rights during COVID-19 Distance Learning**

***Sat, Oct 24, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM***

Join Zoom here: [Special Ed Rights Workshop](#)

Meeting ID: 979 2531 8745 Passcode: 003019

FREE. This workshop covers the basics of special education in the IEP process including some solutions and suggestions during COVID-19 Distance Learning. There will be a discussion about IEP goals, accommodations and parental rights, and a Q & A session during this workshop. Organized by Palo Alto CAC ([cacpaloalto.org](http://cacpaloalto.org)), presented by a Senior Advocate, Vanessa Ochoa of Disability Right California, and co-sponsored by PTAC.

Taller sobre Derechos de Education Especial durante COVID-19 y Educacion a Distancia Sábado, Oct 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm información: [IEP Workshop](#)

星期六, 10月 24日, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 信息: [IEP Workshop](#)

## Community News

**Free parent ed event through Challenge Success  
Hosted by Dr Madeline Levine and Dr. Denise Pope  
Friday, October 23, 11 am**

Please click [here](#) for more information

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