



## JLS PTA eNews

October 25, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in October

October 26- October 30 JLS Spirit Week  
October 28- Parent Ed- Literacy and the Science of Reading  
October 30- Materials Distribution Day

#### JLS Spirit Week

Monday October 26- Friday October 30



#### Monday - Blue Panther Monday

Staff and students kick off the week by showing school spirit by wearing blue! At lunch there will be a fun LIVE Broadcast of JLS Kahoot Trivia. How well do the students know about JLS?

1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be receiving prizes.



#### Wednesday - Sports Wednesday

Staff and students will be submitting in videos of themselves doing sports activities or sports tricks. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be receiving prizes. Winners will be picked out by staff member (TBD)



#### Tuesday - TikTok Tuesday

Staff and students will submit in appropriate TikTok challenges videos.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be receiving prizes.

Winners will be picked out by Ms. Lee for filmmaking skills.



#### Thursday - Look Alike Thursday

Staff and students will match up or group up with friends and dress alike! Everyone will be submitting in photos to show their matching outfits. During lunch there will be a matching game for everyone to join. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be receiving prizes.



#### Friday - Freaky Friday

There will be 4 different Halloween costume categories that the students can enter:

1. Spooky/Scary
2. Fictional Characters
3. Animal/ Mythical Creatures
4. Other

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Winners for each category, will be getting prizes!

Winners will be picked out by Mr. Mahle, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Melnick, and Ms. Lee for creativity.

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### **Materials Distribution and School Photos pickup Friday, October 30**

We are planning a third distribution day this Friday, September 25th to distribute:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Wheel materials (new 5-week period starting Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>)
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science materials for hands-on activities
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Miscellaneous items from subject area teachers.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Makeup/Retake School Photos (3:15-5pm)

There will be a specific schedule coming out later in the week to parents from the Principal, and also to students via *Schoology* from their grade level administrator and teachers.

To help us control the number of people on campus, families should send one representative during the time slot associated with their student's last name. If you are unable to come to campus during your assigned time, please contact our data secretary, Mr. Esteban Zacarias, at [ezacarias@pausd.org](mailto:ezacarias@pausd.org) to arrange an alternate appointment.

### **School Photo Information:**

Photographers will be at JLS in the gym from 3:15-5 p.m. on the Distribution Day.

If your student has not yet been photographed, this will be the last makeup date.

All students who have had their photo taken were provided with a proof, even if they did not order a photo package. These proofs will still be available for pick up, along with a code number, if parents are interested in ordering a package. If you purchased a package before and are requesting a retake, your student will need to bring their package back and give it to the photographer so the code on their envelope can be scanned. This will ensure that they get their new package with their retake photo.



### **Student Council Elections**

Thank you to our many students who have turned in their applications to run for student council. All students who turned in applications by the due date of 10:00 pm on 10/22 are approved and need to attend a lunch Zoom meeting to go over campaigning rules and speech guidelines. The Zoom link and information will be posted on the Grade Level Rocks Schoology Pages. Elections will take

place the week of November 2-6th with more specifics to come. Any questions please reach out to Ms. Accetta at [haccetta@pausd.org](mailto:haccetta@pausd.org). Best of luck to all our JLS Candidates!



### **Parent Ed Webinar: Literacy and the Science of Reading Wed, October 28 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

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 about what

research has taught us on how literacy learning occurs and how do we apply what neuroscience has discovered to develop strong readers and writers. Organized by the Palo Alto CAC and PTA Council. More info [here](#).

Join Webinar here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89863864534?pwd=WDIQY0ZqY3YwY0x1bXVURGdzbHhrdz09>  
Passcode: 330632

### **Scott Fried, Recorded Session**

Scott Fried spoke to us last week and was generous enough to allow us to record his session, which you can access [here](#). His topic was "Parenting through a Pandemic" and he covered several questions from the audience. He had some technical troubles with his slides during the presentation, and has since

provided us with his slides as reference. His slides can be accessed [here](#) (although I would recommend looking through his slides only after, or while, listening to the recording, as they are more effective given the context of his stories and explanations).

**Parenting and Supporting Youth During Covid 19  
Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) Online Webinar  
Monday, 10/26, 6-7:30pm and Friday, 11/6 6-7:30pm**

Cassy is offering two webinars (free registration) : "Concrete Strategies for How Parents and Caregivers Can Best Support Themselves with Their Family." Please click [here](#) for flyer and registration information



**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 you chance to get a yearbook!



**\*\*NEW\*\*STEM Teaches Problem Solving**

STEM education teaches problem-solving, teamwork, experimentation, and fosters creativity. Students learn to cultivate curiosity and apply scientific thinking to real-world problems. PiE funds STEM programs at all elementary schools, and supports stem electives at the middle and high schools. Every dollar makes a difference. [Donate, pledge, or learn more about PiE.](#)



**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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## 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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### **PTAC School Board Candidate Forums**

[Watch the 9/24 School Board Candidate Forum on Secondary education](#)

[Watch the 10/8 School Board Forum co-hosted with the League of Women Voters.](#)

[Watch the 10/17 School Board Forum on Equity & Access co-hosted by Palo Alto CAC, PASS and Latino Parent Network.](#)

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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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**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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### **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\*\* 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](#)), 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](#)

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## **Community News**

### **Research Crash Course**

Does your student like science or engineering? Project ROPEs is offering free online classes to guide students through conducting a project for the Synopsys Championship! The Research Crash Course consists of 10 online classes from late-October through March, with check-ins throughout to provide personalized feedback. Register NOW at <https://projectropes.org>!

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