JLS PTA eNews
December 13, 2020

JLS News

Important Dates in December

- Dec 14- Site Council Meeting, 3:45 PM | 8th grade Health Connected Info Night, 5:30 PM
- Dec 15- PAUSD Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Dec 16- Community Forum (Schematic Design) 5 PM | 6th-8th Grade (Virtual) Choir Concert, 7 PM
- Dec 17- Principal- Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM | 6th-8th Grade Band Concert, 7 PM
- Dec 18- All Schools Minimum Day End of 1st Semester, Special Schedule
- Dec 19- JLS PTA Bike Service Event, 12 PM- 5 PM
- Dec 21- Jan 6- No School, Winter Break
- Jan 7- First Day of School

JLS HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS WEEK
DECEMBER 14 - 18

Monday, Dec 14 - Holiday Kahoot Game.
How well do you know the different holidays that happen during this time of the year?
Sign up and join the students to play a holiday Kahoot game at lunch!
Sign up here

Tuesday, Dec 15 - Holiday Music Festival
Join the Leadership Team for a Holiday Music Festival on Tuesday, December 15th! We would like to celebrate every Panther’s musical and dancing talents by inviting you to submit your performance by Monday, December 14th at 10 a.m. Students and Staff can participate in any appropriate songs and dances traditionally performed around the holidays and during the winter season. We invite you to sing, dance, and be free!
Submit your talented videos here

Wednesday, Dec 16 - Share Your Holiday Baking!
Come and show us your baking/cooking skills. Submit a photo of your holiday treats!
Please submit your photo on the Google Form before December 15th Tuesday at 10 AM, which is the day before the event.
Submit your Holiday Baking Photos Here
Holiday BAKING Kahoot Game at lunch. How well do you know how to bake?
We are putting you on the spot to show us your baking knowledge!
No cheating by asking Ms. O'Neill for the answers!
Sign Up Here

Thursday, Dec 17 - Cultural Traditions Day
We would also like to see what you and your family do around the Holiday/New Year!
Submit photos & videos here.

We’re hosting a Kahoot during lunch on the 17th, where we’ll be quizzing Staff and Students about the different celebrations done around Holiday/New Year time!
Sign up here if you’d like to participate!

Friday, Dec 18 - National Ugly Sweater Day
Wear your ugly sweaters this day with the students!
Students submit photos here
There are 4 ugly sweater categories that staff can enter for!

Merriest, brightest, ugliest, and most DIY!
Simply take a photo of yourself and submit your picture.
After the last submission (Dec 16), students will be able to vote this time!
Students will be voting from Dec 16-18.
Winners will be announced on KJLS on Friday, Dec 18.
Submissions open and starts now!
Submissions are due by Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 10 AM.
Click here to submit your photos!

Hope you all can participate and join the fun with the students!

** Some families have asked about the possibility of dropping off holiday gifts at school for JLS teachers and staff. You are welcome to bring them to the office during school hours before the end of the day on Thursday.**
JLS PTA Bike Tune Up Day  
Saturday, December 19, 12 pm - 5 pm  
JLS main parking lot near bike cages

JLS PTA in collaboration with the City of Palo Alto Safe Routes to School is setting up a bike servicing tune up day on Saturday December 19 from 12-5 pm on the JLS campus. The event will be held unless the weather is extremely inclement, in which case an alternate date and time will be communicated.

We want to invite you to bring your child’s bike and have a complete safety check + tune performed on December 19th by Velofix. There will be two Mobile Bike Shops on the JLS campus near the Waverley bike cages with all the tools, parts and accessories necessary to complete any job. Expert mechanics from Velofix who are "Rider Support Technicians" have experience and the certifications to allow them to service all types of bikes: from basic kids bikes, to e-bikes and everything in between - bring what you have!

Please note all updated county social distancing protocols must be followed.  
https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/mandatory-directives-stay-at-home.aspx. Families may not wait on campus after dropping off their bikes.

Key Notes:
- Velofix will be on-site between 12:00pm-5:00pm
- All bikes needing service must be dropped off by 1:00pm
- All bikes must be collected by 5:00pm (Velofix will contact you once the bike(s) are completed)
- Any interested participants need to fill out the JLS Middle School - Bike Tune Up Day Sign Up Sheet
- Please note this offer is for ONE bike per child and is open only to currently enrolled JLS students.
- The service fee is being generously covered by the City of Palo Alto* Note: If significant parts are required, these would be payable by the participant (Velofix will contact you if this is required)

Please contact JLS PTA Safe Routes to School representative Anjani Sarma if you have any questions about the event.

6th District PTA Free Speaker Series  
Parenting in the Pandemic, Teaching Self Regulation  
Wednesday, 16 @ 7 PM

Self-regulation is crucially important for young children to acquire at an early age so they can be more engaged and successful in their education. This training will share why this is so important and provide tips and strategies to utilize, both at home and during distance learning.

To register for this event, please click here and for information on upcoming events in the speaker series please click here. For more information please visit https://capta6.org/parenting-in-a-pandemic/

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
Principal Grierson's Weekly messages

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Superintendent's Update
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Palo Alto PTA Council News

**NEW** Help Local Families Financially Impacted by COVID-19
The Palo Alto Community Fund (PACF) is supporting the urgent need in our nearby community, including PAUSD families. The most recent shelter-in-place order will bring additional financial needs to many families. PACF is working with school district staff to identify and support families of students attending PAUSD schools who are struggling to meet basic life needs. As PACF’s fund grows, so will the support to the community. Please donate if you are able to support this local effort.

https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/pages/covid19-testing.aspx
By-appointment testing will be available at the Palo Alto Art Center on Friday, December 18. Go here for more information and to sign up for an appointment starting 7 days in advance of the testing date.
Latest COVID-19 Updates for Santa Clara County
https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/home.aspx

**NEW** Mandatory Directive on Holiday Travel
The new Travel Directive by the Santa Clara County Department of Health contains information about how to slow the transmission of COVID-19. Directive on Travel will require people to quarantine for 14 days upon return to the County from travel of more than 150 miles. CLICK HERE for more information.

Weekly Thu, Dec 12-1pm via Zoom
Stanford Pediatrics welcomes the Stanford Children's community and general public to this weekly seminar series. This forum is explicitly devoted to the COVID-19 pandemic and is focused on its impact on the pediatric population and the surrounding community.
December 10: COVID-19 Open Forum
January 7: COVID-19 and Neurology
Join the event via Zoom: https://stanford.zoom.us/j/94846938153?pwd=aGdUYkdITTNQVjB2QjQybVZyYmdlQT09
You can also call in at: (650) 724-9799 Zoom ID: 948 4693 8153 Password: 802044

Community News
Corona Virus: What You Need to Know
Townhall with Assemblyman Marc Berman and Dr. Yvonne Maldonado
Thursday, December 17, 5:30 PM

State Assemblyman Marc Berman is hosting a town hall with Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, Professor of Pediatrics and Health Research and Policy Chief, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Stanford University School of Medicine, on Dec 17th 5:30-6:30pm. They’ll be covering the following questions: How does the new statewide stay-at-home order impact me, and for how long? What is the status of the vaccines? Are the vaccines safe? When can my family and I get the vaccine? How can I stay safe this winter? For more info and to register, see here: https://a24.asmdc.org/event/20201217-covid-19-town-hall

STEM Opportunity for Middle School Kids

STEM Enrichment Youth, a student-led nonprofit organization committed to promoting STEM education, is offering free online courses, personalized tutoring, competitions, and speaker events aimed towards students in grades 6-12.

This fall, we have been hosting a series of weekly live classes for six disciplines within biology, math, and physics. Our high school instructors are committed to mentoring and inspiring middle school students to pursue these subjects. They are largely members of rigorous STEM programs and competitions, including Science Olympiads, Science National Honors Society, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Olympiads, and national science fairs.

In addition to live classes, we provide supplemental lectures, activities, and academic resources through our Google Classrooms. We also produce virtual science labs to promote interactive learning; they are hosted on our website, http://www.stemenrichmentyouth.com.

The most engaged students in each class gain access to our VIP STEM Workshops with high-achieving field professionals, giving them an excellent chance to explore their academic interests in depth. Above all, we are dedicated to providing personalized academic support to our students through our one-on-one tutoring program. We facilitate tutor-tutee matches for K-12 students eager to learn or teach any STEM subject.

We believe that our series of fall classes are a great way to promote learning and educating during the pandemic. Also, since many extracurricular activities have been canceled, STEMEY classes provide a great opportunity for students that are looking into STEM careers to gain extra exposure to the field. It would be amazing if you could help us spread the word to the students of your school about this fantastic STEM opportunity!

The Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto

“Family to Family” For 64 years, the Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto has continued to serve those in our community who struggle financially. During the holiday season, funds contributed last year by many generous donors were distributed in small checks to over 636 low-income families. Overall, we helped 2500 individuals. All recipients are referred by local agencies who serve these families with children, single adults, and seniors with limited funds! Please visit our website and help us make a difference and spread holiday cheer!

www.christmasbureauofpaloalto.org
The Christmas Bureau is a non-profit [501(c)(3)], non-sectarian, all volunteer organization.
If you have already contributed to our 2020 Campaign,

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