



## JLS PTA eNews

January 24, 2021

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in January

- Jan 25- Site Council Meeting, 3:45 PM
- January 27- Principal's Coffee, 8:30 AM | 8th Grade Gunn & Paly Parent Info Night, 6:30 PM
- Jan 28- Connections Parent Coffee



#### Principal Parent Coffee, MDTP Math Assessment Wednesday, January 27, 8:30 AM

Principal Grierson will discuss a recent Math assessment called MDTP. Please use the following zoom link <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/99873767585>

#### Upcoming Principal Parent Coffee Chats

- Wednesday, February 10: Transition to 2021-22 School Year
- Wednesday, February 24: AIB Literacy Assessment

Principal Chats are archived on the JLS Website [here](#).

#### Highlights from Principal Grierson's Return to School Message

**Second Semester Club Fair:** JLS students were invited to participate in the second JLS virtual Club Fair last week. Last semester there were about 20 clubs that hosted different sized groups of students (some as large as 40+). Last week during the fair, first time students could see the club opportunities for the second semester. Remember, there is no obligation for students to join clubs. Rather, clubs serve as opportunities for students to meet others with similar interests. More details about clubs can be found on students' Grade Level Schoology Course Pages: "6th Grade Rocks!" and "7th Grade Rocks!" and "8th Grade Rocks!"

**PAUSD's 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge:** We are excited to bring this event to our community. The Racial Equity 21-Day Challenge is a powerful opportunity for shared learning and growth that invites educators, students, families, and the community at large to develop a deeper understanding of how inequity and racism affect our lives and our community.

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/paequitychallenge> for the 21-day self-guided learning journey. Registration launched on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 18), and the challenge officially begins on Monday, February 1. Topics include racial identity, intersectionality, race and health, legal system inequity, allyship, and more. Participants will engage with articles, videos and podcasts related to that day's particular topic. (As an example, [here is A Letter to Martin Luther King](#) by Jedd Bloom, teacher at Greene Middle School.) Participants will choose one resource to explore, and will be invited to journal or chat about what they learned on the PAUSD discussion board.

#### Free Covid Testing Information Links

- [Stanford Health Care](#)
- [Santa Clara County](#)
- [Project Baseline](#)

**8th Grade Gunn and Play Parent Information Night  
Wednesday, January 27, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

Gunn Webinar Link: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/97180546156>

Paly Webinar Link: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/98912375853>

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**JLS Parent Ed Event: "Developing Social Skills While Social Distancing,"  
Wednesday, February 3rd, 7-8:30pm**

Please join us for a JLS parent event, a talk by Susan Stone (plus Q&A) on "Developing Social Skills While Social Distancing." The talk will be February 3rd, 7-8:30pm at [this zoom link](#). Susan Stone (<https://www.familycoachandspeaker.com/about/>) is a parenting coach and expert, and her talk will be aimed at middle school parents, as to how to help their children develop social relationships during this time. We hope you join us!

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Announcement: Special Bonus Challenge Grant!  
Due to donor generosity, PiE is able to offer an additional Challenge Grant this year! Donations and pledges made this week (by February 1) will be doubled up to \$40,000. Contributions made now will support staffing next year. Give today to ensure your students have the instructional and emotional support they need in the Fall. Double your impact: [Donate or pledge now!](#)

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**Parenting in a Pandemic - Free Speaker Series Offered by PTA Sixth District  
Wed & Thur starting January 21 and running through March 2021**

Register Today for the [FREE Virtual Webinars](#). The goal is to support our community with free Parent Education Resources to help them cope and continue to thrive even in these uncertain times. Topics include Navigating School During Uncertain Times, Optimizing Family and Emotional Health in the Time of COVID-19, Improving Family Life While Working at Home, Parenting During the Pandemic: First, Adjust Your Own N95 Mask! Creating Happiness for You and Your Family and Well-Balanced Student, among many more interesting topics. Please click here to see the full range of what is offered. <https://capta6.org/parenting-in-a-pandemic/>

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**Positive Parenting: Young Children Adapting to COVID  
Thurs, Jan 28, 7:00pm - 8:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://pausd.zoom.us/j/98433958329?pwd=NHdtRVZ5aUc5MVFMaHlkM3AybXpQQT09>

Meeting ID: 984 3395 8329 / Passcode: CASSY

PiE and CASSY are pleased to present an evening about strength and resilience in young children. Learn how adaptable your children are and how they have been coping through the pandemic. Find out how resourceful and resilient YOU are! Gain new skills to encourage them to be more flexible in this ever-changing environment. For parents of children from preschool to 1st grade.

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**From Principal Grierson**

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)

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## Palo Alto PTA Council News

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### California PTA - "Listening Sessions" on Race & Racism

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of California State PTA is excited to host three Zoom "listening sessions" this month around race, racism and PTA. We aim to listen to your authentic voices to help guide us in making all our members feel included, valued, and respected. Each session will be a safe, confidential space for members of that particular group to honestly share, without the burden of code-switching\* while participating. If you or someone in your PTA is interested, please [click here](#) for further information.

January 25, 6:00-7:00 pm: For Black/African American/multi-racial Black persons, facilitated by a Black/African American person.

January 26, 6:00-7:00 pm: For those Indigenous to California lands or multi-racial Indigenous, facilitated by a person Indigenous to California.

January 28, 6:00-7:00 pm: For non-Indigenous, non-Black persons of color or non-Black non-Indigenous multi-racial persons, facilitated by a non-Indigenous, non-Black person of color.

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### 2021 Annual CAC Sweetheart Awards - Call for Nominations

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, administrator, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, coach, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something for your special needs child with an IEP or 504? Honor that person by nominating him or her for a CAC Sweetheart Award. Submit [Nomination Form](#) before 2/19. The Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday, February 27, from 10am to noon on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to nominators and nominees directly to retain privacy. For info or questions contact [sweethearts.award@gmail.com](mailto:sweethearts.award@gmail.com) or go to [www.cacpaloalto.org](http://www.cacpaloalto.org).

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### HEALTH & WELLNESS - New

California State PTA COVID-19 Resources: <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/coronavirus-information>

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### Palo Alto PTA Council Invites You to Policy Setting Sessions on Teen Vaping & Youth Health. Feb 4, 23, and 25

The Palo Alto PTA Council successfully championed a 2020 CAPTA Resolution on Vaping: [Resolution A](#). The Santa Clara County Health Department is holding policy setting sessions specific to PTA advocacy. If you have elementary and middle school aged children, please consider attending one of these sessions. Register here: [eventbrite/PTA Advocacy Sessions](#). These sessions are for those in leadership positions interested in advocacy at their school (Health & Wellness Representatives, VP Advocacy, VP Community Outreach). Press Release: [PTA Announces Support for Measures That Prohibit E-Cigarette](#). Questions? Please contact Jade Chao at [president\\_19\\_20@paloaltopta.org](mailto:president_19_20@paloaltopta.org)

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## Community News

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### 2021 Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp Online

*June 7-11 and June 14-18, Speech from 10:00 AM-12 Noon, Debate from 1:00 - 3:00 PM*

[Registration](#) for the seventeenth annual 2021 Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp (PASDC) will be open on Dec 1st, 2021. Taught by Palo Alto's nationally ranked high school Speech and Debate team, our 4:1 student-to-counselor ratio provides students with individualized attention and support. PASDC's basic and advanced programs offer customized curriculum for campers of all experience levels and prepare students for high school level competition. To ensure the safety of our campers, we will be planning for a full virtual camp like the previous year, with counselors who are experienced with the online platform. Please [visit our website](#) or contact [palspeechanddebate@gmail.com](mailto:palspeechanddebate@gmail.com) to learn more about the program.

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