



## JLS PTA eNews

February 14, 2021

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in February

- **February 1- 20-** [21 Day Palo Alto Equity Challenge](#)
- **February 15-** President's Day No School
- **February 17- Principal's Coffee, 8:30 am, School Reopening**
- **February 19-** 8th Grade, Course Selection Forms Due
- **February 22-** Site Council Meeting, 3:45 PM
- **February 24-** Principal Coffee, 8:30 AM | Choice Applications Due
- **February 25-** Connections Parent Coffee



**Principal Parent Coffee, Reopening 7th and 8th Grade and 6th Grade Reopening Q&A**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 8:30 AM**

Please use the following zoom link  
<https://pausd.zoom.us/j/99873767585>

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



**JLS Service Week - Parent Volunteers Needed / Save your TP rolls, old T-shirts, and old tennis balls!**  
**March 22-26**

Get ready for JLS Service Week! This year, to allow for more flexibility in our virtual format, instead of doing a day of service, our community will do a week of service! We need parent volunteers to sign up to lead 1.5 hour, after-school virtual sessions with small groups of students on service projects the students can do at home. Parents, [get more information and sign up here](#) to lead a

virtual session at a time you choose! You will help students make cat and dog toys for local animal shelters.

Even if you can't lead a virtual volunteering session, please start saving the following materials so your students can participate:

- old T-shirts
- old tennis balls
- toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- pint sized, clear plastic containers

If you would like to donate extra materials so that students without these items can participate, please email [JLSServiceDay@gmail.com](mailto:JLSServiceDay@gmail.com) for donation instructions.

From JLS Librarian Mr. Ambrose





**BLACK**  
HISTORY MONTH

[Reading is power](#) and reading books by and about African Americans is powerful! This [link](#) has some titles for your middle school child. Happy reading!



Did your JLS Panther read [Ashlords in print](#)? As an [ebook](#)? If not, urge them to do so now!

Because [Bloodsworn](#), the sequel by JLS friend and author [Scott Reintgen](#), will be out on February 16 and the winner of Scott Reintgen's giveaway can choose either a [\\$500 gift card to their favorite bookstore](#) or a [PlayStation 5!](#)

Watch Scott Reintgen talk about the book [here](#). To enter the contest go [here](#)!



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### Middle School Athletics

The City's Recreation Department has been working hard to put together some additional winter fitness classes for the youth in Palo Alto. We will be offering some additional classes beginning March 8- March 25<sup>th</sup>, for girls skilled volleyball classes, co-ed football skilled classes and co-ed track skilled class. We will be offering either M and W classes, or T and TH classes. **The classes will be location specific, and not by school specific.** The three locations will be: Mitchell Park South East field will be our co-ed track skills classes, Mitchell Park South East field will also have our girls volleyball skills classes, and at Greer Park

Field 3 will be our co-ed football skills classes. Our registration will take place online only, starting on Thursday, February 18th at 8:30 am. You can sign up online at: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/palo-alto-ca/catalog>. The classes can be found under the In-person seasonal programs tab, under the MSA tab, under Middle School Athletics-Winter Fitness Classes.

We have a limited number of spots due to the number of coaches we have, along with the County and State Guidelines, which need to be followed. If you know anyone interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please feel free to contact us, and we can provide the steps, that you or someone you know, will need to complete before beginning to help out.

If you have any questions, you are more than welcome to contact us at: [MSA@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:MSA@cityofpaloalto.org), and our sports fitness staff or I, will get back to you as soon as possible.

### A Little Time = Great Results!

Become a PiE volunteer and help make a big difference. Next year, coming back from COVID, we'll want to build an even greater connection on campus. Join our team! It's fun and you get to meet new people. Grab a friend and volunteer together!  
*Interested? Email [info@papie.org](mailto:info@papie.org)!*

**\*\*NEW UPDATE\*\*:** PTA Parent Series: Parenting in a Pandemic

Free online webinars for parenting in a pandemic, organized by 6th District PTA. Please [CLICK HERE to register](#) for any of the talks below: Next workshops:

- ESPAÑOL - Estrés y El Bienestar de nuestra Salud Mental, *Miércoles, 3 de febrero de 2021, 7 PM*
- Improving Family Life While Working at Home, *Thurs, Feb 11 7 PM*
- Parenting During the Pandemic: First, Adjust Your Own N95 Mask! Creating Happiness for You and Your Family, *Wed Feb 24 7 PM*
- Supporting Children in our Changing World, *Wed March 3 7 PM*



**Volunteers  
Needed**

**Consider Joining the Gunn PTSA Executive Board or Chairing an Event in 2021-22!**

Is your child starting at Gunn next year? Are you interested in connecting with other parents, teachers, staff, and students while serving the wonderful Gunn community? Please consider joining the Gunn PTSA Executive Board or chairing a Gunn PTSA event or activity next year. Parents on this year's Gunn Nominating Committee are Annie Bedichek, Karrie Chen, Anne Marie Hallada, Julia Jacobsen, and Jackie Liang with Audrey Gold and Pilar Hsue as alternates. The job of the nominating committee is to find the next school year's new PTSA executive board and other chair positions for PTSA events and activities.

We are especially looking for our a co-Secretary, co-Treasurer, Health and Wellness Chair, Parliamentarian, Back to School packet chair, and Co-VP of Communications. Please contact Julia Jacobsen at [juliacjacobsen@gmail.com](mailto:juliacjacobsen@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**From Principal Grierson**

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)

## PAUSD News

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

**\*\*NEW\*\* View the Facebook Live Event in Spanish on COVID-19 Vaccine:  
COVID-19 Vaccine Community Forum, My Body, My Mind, My Wellness, My Community!**

See the recording at [@CountyofSanMateo Log into Facebook](#)

Nuevo: Evento en Español transmitido en vivo en Facebook para abordar las inquietu

The event addressed community concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine and included tips to avoid health, labor and social inequities and the psycho-emotional effects of the pandemic. The Spanish-speaking conversation included: A Stanford University infectious diseases associate professor, A County Health equity officer, A Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County representative and Mental health specialists. El evento abordó las preocupaciones de la comunidad sobre la vacuna COVID-19, con consejos para evitar las inequidades sociales, laborales y de salud y los efectos psicoemocionales de la

pandemia. La conversación en español incluyó: un profesor asociado de enfermedades infecciosas de la Universidad de Stanford, un funcionario de equidad en salud del condado, un representante de la Sociedad de Ayuda Legal del Condado de San Mateo y especialistas en salud mental.

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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.cacpalalto.org](http://www.cacpalalto.org).

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### **NEW Health Wellness**

Free COVID-19 Testing in Palo Alto

[https://www.cityofpalalto.org/services/public\\_safety/plans\\_and\\_information/coronavirus/testing.asp](https://www.cityofpalalto.org/services/public_safety/plans_and_information/coronavirus/testing.asp)

Family Resources here: [Health Wellness Resources](#)

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### **Palo Alto PTA Council Invites You to Policy Setting Sessions on Teen Vaping & Youth Health. Feb 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](#). Questions? Please contact Jade Chao at [president\\_19\\_20@palaltopta.org](mailto:president_19_20@palaltopta.org)

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## **Community News**

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### **\*\*NEW\*\*Green Tip!: Show Your Love Sustainably**

For this Valentine's Day, giving experiences can be just as valuable, if not more, than stuff. You can also opt for Fair Trade chocolates, pesticide-free flowers, and conflict-free diamonds. Finally, share some baked goods or get crafty with homemade, recycled Valentines. Everybody say love!

### **\*\*NEW\*\*School Holiday & Summer Camp Registration + Virtual Fair**

ActivityHero has local, in-person camp schedules -- small groups and socially distanced -- for President's Day, Spring Break and Summer. You can also find online classes. Attend the Virtual Camp Fair on March 20 and get a chance to win a free week of camp. The PTA earns a % of your purchase when you book online with this link.

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