



JLS PTA eNews

April 18, 2021

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Important Dates in April

- **April 20**- PTA General Meeting, 8:30 AM | [Parent Ed: Supporting Students for a Brighter Spring and Summer, 6:30 PM](#)
- **April 21**- Principal Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM | PTA Sponsored Earth Day Activity, 3:05 PM
- **April 21**- 7th Grade Parent Night Re: Health Connected, 7:00 PM
- **April 22**- Connections Parent Coffee
- **April 23**- Materials Distribution Day | PTA Sponsored Earth Day Activity, 3:05 PM
- **April 26**- 7th Grade Parent Night Re: Health Connected, 7:00 PM
- **April 28**- Principal Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM | Parent Ed Event- Mindful Technology for Challenging Times, 7 PM

Reminders

2020-21 CAASPP Testing. The dates for these California standardized tests will be Monday, April 19 and Monday, April 26, 2021.

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PTA General Meeting Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 AM

Please join us for our PTA General Meeting where we will report on current efforts, finances and plans for the rest of the year. We'll also hear an update from Principal Grierson. Here is the zoom link for the PTA meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87678142645?pwd=NjFzUk1tVi85bitld3pxUjRrQ1htdz09>



Principal's Coffee April 21, 8:30 AM

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

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

Earth Day

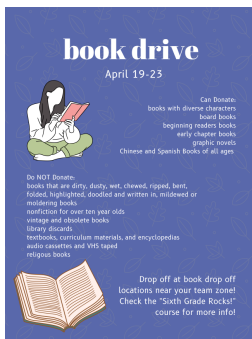
In celebration of Earth Day next week, you can sign up to join an afterschool activity decorating repurposed mugs and potting succulent starters. All students are invited. And all supplies provided -- sign up [here](#) for either Wed or Fri from 3:05-3:45. Questions? or if you want to pick up supplies to do at home? email jsptaemail@gmail.com

Materials Distribution Day, Friday, April 23rd (Last One)

We are planning an eighth distribution day this Friday, April 23 to distribute:

- 6th grade Wheel materials (for their next wheel)
- 7th and 8th grade novels, and elective materials

There will be a specific schedule coming out later in the week to parents from the Principal with three 1 hour windows for ANY ALPHABET to come, and also to students via *Schoolology* from their grade level administrator and teachers. Please get the Student Distribution Checklist for your child. Also, if your child will be in-person at any day the week after a parent DOES NOT need to attend the distribution day. If you are unable to come to campus during your assigned time, the north end of the gym will be open April 26-30th for you to come. Any questions, please contact Adam Nelson anelson@pausd.org.



6th Grade Student Council Book Drive April 19-23

The 6th grade student council is hosting a book drive April 19-23! Do YOU have any donatable books that feature characters of color, board books, beginner books, early chapter books, graphic novels, or any books in Spanish or Chinese? Are those books still in good shape? YOU can give them to the children's book project! Check below for more info!

The gift of culturally inclusive books in new or excellent condition makes children who need books feel valued. We welcome donations of new and like new books for children ages 0-18 that reflect the needs of the communities we serve, especially:

- books featuring characters of color
- board books
- beginning readers
- early chapter books
- books in Spanish or Chinese (all ages)
- graphic novels

Due to limited storage space and time, we can't accept:

- dirty, dusty, wet, chewed, ripped, bent, folded, highlighted, doodled upon, written in, moldering, or mildewed books
- nonfiction over ten years old
- vintage and obsolete books
- library discards
- textbooks and curriculum materials
- encyclopedias
- audio cassettes and VHS tapes
- religious books

Books may be dropped off at drop off locations near student team zone.

Parent Education Event: Supporting Students for a Brighter Spring and Summer by noted author, Ana Homayoun. Tues, April 21, 6:30-7:30 pm,

This event, sponsored by the Greene Middle School PTA, requires pre-registration here (<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/greene>). (There is no cost to attend, but you must register in order to receive the zoom link.) Ana has presented at Green before and was very well received. She will discuss how we set students up socially, emotionally and academically in the midst of pandemic pivoting, and how we support students going forward. www.anahomayoun.com

Parent Education event, "Mindful Technology for Challenging Times: Managing Stress and Screens"

Wednesday, April 28, 7 PM

Please join us for a JLS Parent Education event, "Mindful Technology for Challenging Times: Managing Stress and Screens," on April 28th, 7-8pm!

The pandemic has increased stress around screen usage. With online learning, gaming, and social media options, it is much more challenging to make healthy decisions about technology with our kids. Learn strategies for managing screens at home, while promoting healthy family relationships. [Patty Page](#) will be the speaker. Here is the zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92729856879?pwd=UkpGSUxzNTV1bEhwSVVmZXZDZzAyQT09> We hope you join us!!

From Principal Grierson

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Palo Alto PTA Council News

****UPDATED** PAUSD - 3rd Annual Family Leadership Summit – 2021 Series**

Sat, Apr 17 Day 2: Equity for Academic Success 9:00 AM – 12:45 PM

Sat, May 15 Day 3: Building Future Leaders 9:00 AM – 12:45 PM

PAUSD is excited to bring the community together for learning by hosting the 3rd Annual Family Leadership Summit! This year's theme "Unity Through Learning" aims to do just that; bring the community together during these trying times with three days of engaged learning opportunities. This is a fully virtual event. On the morning of the event, links will go live for the Keynote Speaker and all Breakout Presentations, RSVP to ensure you get the communications. See www.pausdfamilies.org for more information and sign-up to attend!

****NEW**Green Tip: Earth Week Activities at PAUSD!**

Celebrate the Earth throughout the district. Click here to get started!

Free bike repair clinic on April 24th for Fletcher and Gunn students, sign up here;

A talk by climate activist Tim Guinee on April 19th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, open to all PAUSD students 3rd grade and up, sign up here.

****NEW**Parent Event - Building Skills for College and Life: Why Service Matters**

Thurs, April 29 7:00 – 8:00 pm

RSVP at tinyurl.com/YCScollegeandlife

How does service-learning build & reinforce skills essential for success in college and the workforce? What are some impactful ways to earn community service hours that go beyond the checkbox? Answers to these questions and more will be discussed by our panelists representing college admissions, local businesses, and more. The panel will be moderated by a former PAUSD college student and is open to all in the community. Questions? Email ashley@youthcommunityservice.org. This panel is hosted by Youth Community Service (YCS), DreamCatchers, and PTA Council.

Health & Wellness eNews

[Where to go for Free COVID Vaccines](#)

[Where to go for Free COVID-19 Testing](#)

[California State PTA COVID-19 Resources](#)

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

[Teen Mental Health Resources](#)

[Children's Mental Health Resources](#)

****NEW**COVID Information for Spanish Speakers**

Please click on the following links for Free COVID vaccines [CLICK HERE](#)

[Facts About COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Qué esperar después de la aplicación de la vacuna](#)

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[Spanish language forum: "COVID-19 Vaccine: My Wellness, My Community!"](#)

[Learn more about important vaccine topics. Pre-recorded in Spanish \[El Foro Comunitario: Vacuna COVID-19\]\(#\)](#)

Community News

Paly Music Boosters Board Recruiting

The Palo Alto High School Instrumental Music Boosters Board is looking to add to our Executive Board next year. If your student will be a 9th Grader next year and planning to enroll in band or orchestra, this is your chance to gain more visibility into the music program & PALY as a whole.

Board Members are first in-the-know about exciting upcoming events, build collegiate relationships with teachers & get to form friendships with other parents.

This will be your way of building intimate community within the larger school structure. Join us! We are a fun bunch, the monthly meetings are relaxed, not too early or too late, and the Music Directors are dynamic and entertaining.

Open Positions:

- o Treasurer-in-training/successor
- o eCommerce Coordinator
- o Secretary
- o Flea Market Co-Coordinator (3-4)
- o Parent Volunteer Coordinator(s)
- o Community Outreach Coordinator

Curious and want to know more? Send Jeffrey Willner an email right now and express your interest in joining: jwillner@pausd.org

Please click [here](#) for Community News

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