



JLS PTA eNews

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Important Dates

- **May 13-** Connections Board Meeting
- **May 19-** Principal- Parent Coffee
- **May 26-** Principal Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM | All Grades Choir Concert, 7 PM
- **May 27-** Connections Parent Coffee
- **May 31-** Memorial Day Holiday, No School
- **June 2-** Principal Parent Coffee 8:30 AM | All Grades Band Concert, 7 PM
- **June 3-** All Schools Minimum Day, Last Day of School | 8th Grade Promotion Day
- **June 4-** First day of Summer Break

International Day, Wednesday, May 19

International Day is coming up on Wednesday, May 19. Please check out the Google Slides for more detailed information. We need around ten volunteers to lead a 20 minutes zoom session about any culture. If you are willing to volunteer, please make sure to sign up on the Google Form. The Google Sign Up Form is due May 7.

Thank you so much for your support; we really appreciate it. If you have any questions feel free to email us.

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Google

Slides: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Lv8xnYPUaS7JAJFK_R6ouNaQH9799PELYVCWOg45I/edit?usp=sharing

Google Sign Up Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHaG_480Be1r8TjaY-NZpR-WBYsMuVm-Gp-GIOyYtTzDv_xQ/viewform

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****NEW** 3rd Annual Family Leadership Summit – 2021 Series Day 3: Building Future Leaders Sat May 15, 11:05 AM**

AAPI Racial Affinity Group Sharing Opportunity- We want to hear from YOU!

Gunn's very own Diane Ichikawa (English/Yoga) along with Fletcher Middle School's Kristen Lee (Teacher Librarian) and Cherish Larsen (7th grade Math) and Melenaita Tupou (PAUSD PI Family

Engagement Specialist) are moderating the AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) Racial Affinity Group at the PAUSD - 3rd Annual Family Leadership Summit – 2021 Series:

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting https://pausd.zoom.us/my/equityinpausd](https://pausd.zoom.us/my/equityinpausd)

Come share your experiences, concerns, fears, celebrations

****NEW** Advanced Authentic Research (AAR) Needs Mentors for 2021-22!**

AAR gives high school students in grades 10-12 a capstone project opportunity to explore and conduct original research in a topic of their choosing in a supportive, personalized environment. We need continued support in recruiting a strong pipeline of volunteer mentors. Topics include STEAM, Humanities, Business, and Social Science. Would you be willing to devote a few hours per month mentoring one or two students? Your interactions with the students can be through multiple platforms including virtual meeting space, emails, etc. [For more info or to sign up, Click here](#). Or there are [other options for involvement, including guest speaker and industry expert advisor](#).

****NEW** Biking or Driving to School Again?**

Please see Palo Alto's [Walk and Roll Suggested Route Maps](#) for walking or biking to school safe routes. When driving, please share the road, providing 3 feet of passing distance to bicyclists. Park away from the school to avoid drop-off/pickup congestion and get a healthy walk in. For more educational resources, please click: [Safe Routes to School website](#). Current 3rd families, please consider registering for a one-hour [Third Grade Socially Distanced Bike Rodeo Summer Series](#) event.

Rising 6th grade middle School families should consider signing up for [Wheelkids Middle School Bike Skills Classes](#).

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Palo Alto PTA Council News

Date Announced for Memorial for Gabriel Conway

The memorial for Gabriel Conway is planned for Sunday, May 16 at 5:30 PM. You may make [Donations to the "Gabrielle Conway Memorial Scholarship" fund to :](#)

PAUSD Business Office

Attn: Roxana

25 Churchill Avenue

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Our dear friend and colleague Gabrielle Conway passed away on March 31 after a long battle with cancer. Gabrielle contributed so much to our family of PTAs, and her loss is immeasurable. She served as a parent volunteer at Walter Hays, Jordan/Greene, Paly, and on the PTA Council as VP of Communications for many years. She was a recipient of a PTAC Honorary Service Award for her tireless work on revamping and streamlining the communications piece for all 17 PTAs. Gabrielle led many committees and training sessions and offered support and advice to many other parent volunteers. She was a leader and team player, and professional and friendly every step of the way. She was a constant advocate for our students, and she will be genuinely missed.

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** Green Tip! Foot and Pedal Power to the Rescue!**

Non-electric sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks, and minivans are the #1 producer of greenhouse gas emissions. Walking or biking to school, or for trips of 2 miles or less, supports others to do the same, and do it more safely. Other tips:

Sign up for Bike Everywhere Day and get a free swag bag.

Share your support for bike and pedestrian projects by emailing city.council@cityofpaloalto.org.

Check out the Safe Routes Reading List for walking and biking books for every age.

Together, we can have an impact!

****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 contra el COVID-19](#)

[Seguridad de las vacunas contra el COVID-19](#)

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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

City of Palo Alto Youth Services Budget Cuts--Complete the Palo Alto Budget Survey to Make Your Voice Heard

The City of Palo Alto released its proposed 2022 budget, which includes cuts to many services that our students may use, such as crossing guard services, libraries, sports and recreation programming/classes, Children's Theater, the Teen Center, and Art Center programming/classes. There are numerous other proposed cuts that will affect services for all residents. [Take the City of Palo Alto Budget Survey](#) to give your feedback on which proposed service reductions should be restored.

Join the Gunn Cheer Family for the 2021-2022 Team!!

MAY 9 DEADLINE TO SIGN UP

New GHS Varsity/Competition Head Cheer Coach, Arianna Sweat, announces tryouts for the 2021-2022 cheer season! Tryouts will be held May 10-13 from 4-7pm. To safe as possible, tryouts will be held outside with masks at the outdoor basketball courts. Please use this [link](#) to register May 9, and to get more details regarding tryouts. We are looking for athletes of all levels who want to positively represent Gunn High and increase school spirit! Our goal is to compete locally and nationally as well as to support our sports teams. Come ready to work hard, make friends, and have fun! If your student can't make it to in-person tryouts on the provided dates, email Coach Sweat for information regarding a video tryout option. Please reach out to Coach Sweat at gunntitanscheerleading@gmail.com with questions! Stay safe and Go Titans!

Volunteer Tutors Needed for DreamCatchers After-School Program

DreamCatchers, an after-school tutoring program serving low-income PAUSD middle schoolers, is currently enrolling volunteer tutors in **rising 9-12 grades!** We ask for a two-hour commitment per week on one of our program days, Monday through Thursday, 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm. The program will take place in-person at Palo Alto High School and PAUSD middle school sites (TBD), and there will likely be an online option via Zoom. Please enroll by August 1 by filling out our application: tinyurl.com/DCTutors21-22. Our tutoring and mentorship program will begin in mid-August, one week after the beginning of school. Any questions? Please email Chris at chris@dreamcatchersyouth.org.

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