



JLS PTA eNews

May 16, 2021

JLS News

Important Dates

- **May 17-** 8th Grade Virtual Washington DC Trip, 10 AM
- **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



Principal's Coffee May 19, 8:30 AM

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

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



From Mr. Ambrose- JLS Librarian

Library Books are Due!

Please return JLS library books *as soon as you can* but definitely by May 28! NOTE: exceptions are made for books you need for class. The library is open daily from 8 am - 3 pm (M, T, W, F). Thursdays from 8 am - 4 pm.

Summer Reading!

Make a good summer great...**READ!** Wondering what to read? Check out the titles [HERE](#) for suggestions. Fill out [a reading log](#) (3 books) and then come back in the fall for a free book and an ice cream sandwich to celebrate the beauty of books! Having trouble checking out books? See [this screencast](#).

Online Trivia Party Friday, May 21

We are excited to announce that next Friday, May 21, we will have an online trivia party for students. This is NOT like having a quiz at school -- it's working in teams to find answers that your students already likely know (Marvel characters? Avatar? Minecraft? Music? Logos? or a thousand other categories, geared for middle schoolers). If they don't know the answer, they will have fun guessing. This is an event run by a professional company -- and is absolutely going to be a good time.

Here are some more [details](#):

- 6th and 7th grade will have a combined event from 7-8pm on Friday, May 21

- 8th grade will have their event from 8-9pm on Friday, May 21
- A link will be sent out before the event
- Students will be randomly assigned to teams and compete
- Prizes (gift cards for ice cream, boba and more) will be awarded -- for teams with most points, best attitudes, funniest name, and other categories
- A snack bag will be available to pick up on Friday at school so you can munch on treats while you play
- There is no cost to any student to attend this fun party
- We will need a few parent volunteers to observe in the team breakout rooms -- if you're available, let us know in the RSVP form.

Here's the [RSVP](#) (that helps the company plan for the event and helps us plan for snack bags), but last minute attendees are always welcome.

Questions? Contact us at jsptaemail@gmail.com

8th Grade Promotion Volunteers Needed

Who: Attention 7th Grade Parents

What: We are looking for twenty 7th Grade parents to come help volunteer at our 8th Grade Promotion

When: 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 3rd at JLS

How: Please sign-up on this [Parent Volunteer Promotion Sign-up Sheet](#)

?: Any questions please reach out to Adam Nelson at anelson@pausd.org or Hanisi Accetta at haccetta@pausd.org

Once individuals have signed up, we will send a more detailed email with all the specific logistics. Thank you in advance for all your help in making our 2021 JLS Promotion a wonderful success!

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_R6ouNaQH9799PELYVCWQg45I/edit?usp=sharing

Google Sign Up Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHaG_480Be1r8TjaY-N7pR-WBYsMuVm-Gp-GIOyYtZDv_xQ/viewform

From Principal Grierson

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)

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****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

****UPDATED** Gabrielle Conway Memorial Update: May 16th 5:30 pm - 7 pm Lucie Stern Community Center**

The memorial service being held Sunday, May 16th at Lucie Stern Community Center from 5:30 pm - 7 pm will be recorded. If you plan to attend in person, please note that the County COVID restrictions and guidelines will be in effect and monitored at the live event. Register here to attend the virtual event. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6JUr-bePQ321OGmhhSGuwQ.

"Gabrielle Conway Memorial Scholarship." Donations to the scholarship fund can be mailed to :
PAUSD Business Office
Attn: Roxana
25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306

****NEW** 6th District PTA Health & Wellness Webinar
What Children and Youth Need to Heal and Thrive in a Post-Pandemic World**

Wed May 19 6:00 PM, https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RCI-7xNTStqUCXortOP5hA
The pandemic has impacted everyone in our community, especially our youth and children. Do you see signs of 'pandemic-stress' or trauma in your student? In this presentation, [Professor Rebecca London](#) will discuss the ways that pandemic life has affected the typical development of school-aged children and youth. She will describe how adverse experiences, like living through a pandemic, can affect young people and the ways that parents, schools, and communities can aid the healing process. Register for this webinar at: [Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: Health and Wellness. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.](#)

****NEW** City of Palo Alto Safe Routes to School**
Current 3rd families, please consider registering for a one-hour [Third Grade Socially Distanced Bike Rodeo Summer Series](#) event.

****NEW** Wheelkids Middle School Bike Skills Classes.**

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****NEW** City of Palo Alto Youth Services Budget Cuts--Complete the 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 and 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. Direct emails to City.Council@cityofpaloalto.org. Any concerns should also be voiced at the upcoming Palo Alto City Council meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:00 PM: [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#) Meeting ID: 362 027 238 Phone:1(669)900-6833

****NEW** COVID Vaccines for 12 years old & up are now available - sign up NOW!!**

Great news! PAUSD will be having COVID Vaccination appointments for our students 12 years old and older needing a 1st dose. All the clinics will be located at the Peery Family Center at Palo Alto High School. We will have 1st dose clinics on May 16th and May 23rd. 2nd dose appointments will be 3 weeks later. Those eligible and interested may sign up through the links below:

<https://mhealthsystem.com/SWYPAUSDCovid>

For consent forms and map of PALY click the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BzLEh8QL1Orl85Z4WdYNGhA8cDZ_ndUv?usp=sharing

Estimada comunidad de PAUSD, ¡Una gran noticia! Tendremos citas de vacunación COVID para nuestros estudiantes de 12 años en adelante que necesiten una primera dosis. Esta clínica estará ubicada en el Perry Family Center en Palo Alto High School (mapa adjunto). Tendremos clínicas de 1ra dosis el 16 y 23 de Mayo. Las citas para la segunda dosis serán 3 semanas después.

Los elegibles e interesados pueden registrarse a través de los enlaces a continuación:

<https://mhealthsystem.com/SWYPAUSDCovid>

亲爱的PAUSD 家庭，您们好！

在此告知您一个好消息！我们将为本学区需要第一剂COVID 疫苗的12岁及以上的学生开放接种预约，疫苗接种地点位于 Palo Alto 高中的Perry Family Center (附地图)。第一剂接种日期是5月16日及5月23日，第二剂约诊为3周后。

如果您符合资格并想接种疫苗，请在以下网站注册：

<https://mhealthsystem.com/SWYPAUSDCovid>

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 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

Auditions for the 2021-22 Paly Varsity Dance Team are fast approaching!

Prospective and returning dancers will learn audition combos Monday June 7th through Thursday June 10th from 9-11am on the outdoor basketball courts behind the small gym; auditions will be Friday June 11th with signups for time slots. Please email coachalanna@palydance.com for any questions, and fill out our interest form at bit.ly/padt2122

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.

Please click [here](#) for Community News

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