



## JLS PTA eNews

May 30, 2021

### JLS News

#### Important Dates

- **May 31**- Memorial Day Holiday, No School
- **June 2**- 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
- **August 11**- First Day of School Grades 6-12



#### 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](mailto:anelson@pausd.org) or Hanisi Accetta at [haccetta@pausd.org](mailto: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!

#### Seeking Volunteers for Materials Return Next Week

The JLS 2020-2021 School Year is almost over! We are looking for volunteers to help out with our "Materials Return" next week. There are 3 time slots we are looking to fill. Please sign up on the Google Sheet: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QiC-WeuA0d-DuErcLEOKyu8mfaljzeeh\\_s9PMg\\_LcEo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QiC-WeuA0d-DuErcLEOKyu8mfaljzeeh_s9PMg_LcEo/edit?usp=sharing) Thanks!



#### From Mr. Ambrose- JLS Librarian

##### Library Books are Due!

Please return JLS library books to the school library 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!

#### 2021-22 JLS SITE COUNCIL SEEKS NEW PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

JLS is looking for parents to volunteer for the Site Council. The Site Council is a

representative body made up of parents, staff, and students. It is responsible for developing and monitoring the Single Plan for Student Achievement, allocating resources to meet the goals identified in the plan, and providing broad-based input on school effectiveness.

Membership on the Council consists of four parents, four students, and eight staff members. Parent membership consists of three elected positions and one position appointed by the PTA. Elected parent members of the Site Council hold office for two years, provided that they continue to be a parent at JLS; otherwise, the term of office is one year.

If you have questions about the Site Council and/or are interested in serving on the Site Council, please contact Judy Lukensmeyer, Site Council Coordinator, at [jlukensmeyer@pausd.org](mailto:jlukensmeyer@pausd.org).

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### **Seeking New Editors for PalyLink (Palo Alto High School Enews)**

If you are a rising or a current Paly family, the editors of palylink are seeking 2 to 3 new editors for the 21/22 school year. Editing the link is a great way to volunteer; the hours are flexible, it is a great way to stay on top of what's happening at Paly, and the software is very easy to use. The editing team works on a rotating basis so ideally you will only need to edit every 4 or 5 weeks. If you are interested, please email Sally Yencken ([sallyyencken@gmail.com](mailto:sallyyencken@gmail.com)) or Manuela Wei ([manuelawei@gmail.com](mailto:manuelawei@gmail.com)).

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### **From Principal Grierson**

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## **Palo Alto PTA Council News**

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### **\*NEW\*\*PTA Council Congratulates the Gunn and Paly High Schools Graduating Class of 2021.**

This is a time to celebrate all your achievements, prepare for a future, and embrace a world filled with possibilities. This is a remarkable milestone, and we wish you the best in your next adventure. For all of our rising students, we salute you. We know that this school year has been challenging, and we hope that you can take a moment today to savor all of your hard work and accomplishments. Bravo!

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### **\*\*NEW\*\*PTAC - Gabrielle Conway Memorial Scholarship - FINAL UPDATE**

Thank you to those of you who have generously contributed to the Gabrielle Conway Memorial Scholarship. Gabrielle Conway was a long time PTA volunteer (Walter Hays, Jordan/Green, PTSA/PTAC), parent, mother, friend, and colleague. We are pleased to announce at least two female PAUSD graduates heading to MIT will be applying for this distinguished scholarship. If you would still like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please do so now. Thank you for helping to advance our women going into STEM, engineering, and the sciences.

Make your check payable to: "PAUSD" and in the Memo: Gabrielle Conway Memorial Scholarship  
Mail check to: PAUSD Business Office, Attn: Roxana Valdez, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306

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### **\*NEW\*\*Grants for Teens - PAID Summer Projects with the County of Santa Clara**

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department Tobacco-Free Communities Program is pleased to share two new funding opportunities for teen vaping/tobacco prevention. There is a \$5,000 grant

(application due July 14) Tobacco-Free Communities - Public Health - County of Santa Clara and the Youth Action Project grant \$3,500 (application due June 14) [www.youthactionprojects.org](http://www.youthactionprojects.org). If your student or someone you know is interested in a (PAID) summer project, this is it. PTA Council can assist in your submission. Contact Jade at [president\\_19\\_20@paloaltopta.org](mailto:president_19_20@paloaltopta.org). For more details you can also email: [tobaccoprevention@phd.sccgov.org](mailto:tobaccoprevention@phd.sccgov.org).

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### Health & Wellness eNews

[Where to go for Free COVID Vaccines](#)  
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[California State PTA COVID-19 Resources](#)  
[Family Resources here: Health Wellness Resources](#)  
[Teen Mental Health Resources](#)  
[Children's Mental Health Resources](#)

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### **\*\*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](#)

[Mitos y datos acerca de las vacunas contra el COVID-19](#)

[Preguntas frecuentes sobre la vacunación contra el COVID-19](#)

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](#)

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## Community News



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### **\*NEW\*\*Learn about South Palo Alto Bike Path plans**

The City of Palo Alto is undertaking an effort to improve bicycling along East Meadow Drive, Fabian Way, and the Waverley Bike Path in South Palo Alto. These corridors serve as key walk-and-roll routes for students traveling to multiple schools and connect the community to the new Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Project at Adobe Creek, as well as other Palo Alto communities.

Join us for a series of upcoming virtual events to share your input and learn more about potential bikeway enhancements under consideration. Learn more about the project and register at [cityofpaloalto.org/Bikeways](http://cityofpaloalto.org/Bikeways).

Engagement Summary – Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:30 PM

The City of Palo Alto would like your feedback on how to make walking and biking better along the Waverley Bike Path, East Meadow Drive, and Fabian Way.

Student safety is a goal of this project, so the City would like to design this with as much student involvement as possible. Take the survey [here](#) and share your experiences using these corridors.

Visit the project website at [cityofpaloalto.org/bikeways](http://cityofpaloalto.org/bikeways) for more information.

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### **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](mailto:coachalanna@palydance.com) for any questions, and fill out our interest form at [bit.ly/padt2122](http://bit.ly/padt2122)

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## 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](http://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](mailto:chris@dreamcatchersyouth.org).

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