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Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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6th Grade Group Photos

Tuesday, Oktober 3

Picture Make-Up Day

Tuesday, Oktober 3

Cotillion Dance

Tuesday, Oktober 3, 7:30-8:30pm, MPR

Walk and Roll Day

Thursday, Oktober 5

NO SCHOOL: Staff Development Day

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Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Sign up for one (or many) that fit your interest and/or skill set. Sign up online.

[UptoUs Jordan Middle School](#)

Questions? Email
jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com.



NEW! PiE Rally Days - Challenge Grant

Generous PiE supporters have offered a brand new Challenge Grant to PiE. Please donate or make a pledge by **October 16** at <http://papie.org/donate/>, and we can give an additional **\$235,000** to PAUSD students. Every gift counts. Gifts and pledges made by October 16 will be matched by a \$235,000 Rally Days Challenge Grant. This is the final Challenge Grant for the year. So please join PiE in supporting our children. If you have already given or pledged, thank you so much. If not, now is a great time to make your impact.



JORDAN NEWS

UPDATED! Jordan International Night

"Building A Vibrant & Diverse School Community"

On Wednesday, September 27, Jordan celebrated our super vibrant and diverse international community at Jordan's International Night. Yummy food, great raffle prizes, popular teen music, Jordan student art slides, and dancing were all showcased in the MPR. This speaks to our vibrant international community. Thank you to Mrs. DeStefano's and Ms. Gilbert's class students for baking over 500 cupcakes to be shared by all. Thank you for parent volunteers and students for hosting the country tables, including but not limited to, Finland, Sweden, Holland, France, Switzerland, Pakistan, China, Mexico. Each table showcased cultural items, sweet treats, tasty savories, and interactive hand-on games like shuffleboard to create an atmosphere that celebrated the global diversity in our midst. Enjoy the raffle prizes, include a travel tote, Japanese coin purse, English Breakfast Tea, French Candle, Dutch Shoes, and many more. A special thanks to the Jordan Cotillion dance students, Mr. Graelen's Art Students, the Brazilian Capoeira



troupe, and the planners for putting all this together. If you have ideas for next year, Wednesday, September 26, 2018 -- Yes!! We are already thinking ahead. Please email Kathleen Hart at jordaninternationalnight@gmail.com.

NEW! Picture Make-Up Day

Tuesday, October 3

Students requesting a retake, must bring their original picture package on picture day.

Walk and Roll day

Walk and Roll day at Jordan is coming on **Thursday, October 5**. If you are not a regular bicycle or pedestrian commuter, October 5 is your day to try alternative transportation. So check your bike now, make sure it is working. Find your bike helmet and make sure it still fits. Find your scooter, or check out the bus or shuttle schedule. Form a carpool with your friends. Choose an alternative to coming to Jordan alone in a car. See you October 5th!

Cycling Safely to School amidst Traffic

Please remind your children and students to obey the traffic rules and ride cautiously:

1. Wear your helmet and buckle it.
2. Always assume cars do not see you, make eye contact when possible, and move cautiously through intersections.
3. Stop the herd habit!--groups of bikes are not stopping at stop signs! Since cars will want their lawful turn at an intersection, it is a dangerous assumption that bikes can just plow through a stop sign.
4. As we move closer to winter, don't forget to remind your kids that if the sun is in THEIR eyes, it is also in the eyes of car drivers coming up behind them. Always keep to the right shoulder and try to be aware of upcoming cars.
5. A bicycle is a vehicle. Ride your bike on the same side of the road as cars going the same direction. Do not ride the wrong way, or on the sidewalk.

Attention 8th Grade Parents!

Honor your Jordan graduate with a recognition space in this year's yearbook and commemorate his or her achievement with congratulatory messages and photos. You can pick up order forms in the office or download them at: www.jordan.pausd.org/parents You can design your own ad online or you can choose to have us design it for you. Ads are available in one-eighth, one-fourth, half and full pages sizes. Prices start at \$55. The deadline is **Friday, October 6, 2017**. If you have questions or need more information please contact the yearbook adviser, Daryl Richard, at drichard@pausd.org

NEW! Jordan PTA - October Meeting

The October GENERAL ASSOCIATION PTA meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 12 @ 8:30 am** in Library to vote on PTA Events & Activities (see also PTA Calendar). Come hear how the departure of Dr. Max McGee and the appointment of the new Interim Superintendent Karen Henricks, might impact our students and staff. The Jordan Executive Board will meet immediately following the General Association Meeting. Agenda Items? Questions? Please email: jordanptapresident@gmail.com.

You're Invited! Jordan's "Just Parties" Big Kick-Off Event is coming up!



Please click [here](#) to RSVP

Join your fellow Jordan parents on **October 12 from 7pm - 10pm** to socialize, reconnect, and make some new friends - all to help out our school! Appetizers on us and a no-host bar at the University Club in Palo Alto! While enjoying the evening, you will have the opportunity to sign up for PARTIES and other fun gatherings that will be hosted by Jordan parents throughout the school year -- so don't forget to bring your checkbook or credit card and your calendar!

CALLING ALL PARTY HOSTS! We need more parties! Please get together with a friend (or three) to plan and host a party! It could be a small intimate gathering or a blowout; your choice! Bring your creativity and we will bring you the guests! Sample ideas for parties: Cinco de Mayo party, Night at the Oscars, How to Cook Italian, Chinese Dumpling Making Party, 6th grade Mom/Daughter Spa/Manicure. For more party ideas or to register your party (by October 4,) please contact one of the following "Just Parties" coordinators:

Julie O'Grady: Julie@ogradycom.com

Susan Scheel: susanischeel@sbcglobal.net

Wendie Karel: wendiekarel@hotmail.com

NEW! Jordan Ice Skating Party for the 7th and 8th Graders

Wednesday, October 25th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Winter Lodge 3009 Middlefield Road

Hey 7th & 8th graders, get ready to hit the ice for some serious outdoor skating fun! Grab your friends and join us at the annual 7th/8th Grade Jordan Ice Skating Party at Winter Lodge, Palo Alto's beloved ice skating rink. Skate rental, slice of pizza and cocoa included with admission ticket. Sign up before October 22 and get the early bird price of \$25 per skater. \$27 after October 22. Sign your 7th or 8th grader now, tickets are limited!!

PURCHASE TICKETS: Tickets can be purchased [HERE!](#)

IMPORTANT: No child will be allowed entry without a completed waiver form.

Parents can fill out the waiver online by clicking here:

<https://jordanptaweb.wordpress.com/ice-skating-party/>

For additional ticket information, hard copies of the waiver forms, or scholarship information see Jena Babcock at the front office.

Questions:

jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com



NEW! Jordan Ice Skating Party for 6th Graders

Wednesday November 8th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Winter Lodge 3009 Middlefield Road

Hey 6th graders, get ready to hit the ice for some serious outdoor skating fun! Grab your friends and join us at the annual 6th Grade Jordan Ice Skating Party at Winter Lodge, Palo Alto's beloved ice skating rink. Skate rental, slice of pizza and cocoa included with admission ticket. Sign up before November 6th

and get the early bird price of \$25 per skater. \$27 after November 6. Sign your 6th grader now, tickets are limited!!

PURCHASE TICKETS: Tickets can be purchased [HERE!](#)

IMPORTANT: No child will be allowed entry without a completed waiver form.

Parents can fill out the waiver online by clicking here:

<https://jordanptaweb.wordpress.com/ice-skating-party/>

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The JAWS Center is Open!

We are excited to announce that our Jaguar Academics and Wellness Support (JAWS) Center for the 2017-18 school year is now open! Our doors are open from 3:05 - 4:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Once students are checked-in, they are able to utilize all of our library resources including computer use and textbook/library book check out/check in. As we open this year, you may notice some differences from last year. This year our coordination team, who will be overseeing our JAWS services on their designated days, consists of Ms. Jennifer Pequegnat on Mondays, Mr. Keith Clarke on Tuesdays, and Mr. Garth Rogers on Thursdays.

Student Sign in:

Students must arrive in the library **no later than 3:15pm**. If a student will arrive later than 3:15, he/she/they must come with a pass from a staff member in their binder reminder marked on that particular date. Students are NOT permitted to leave campus then return for JAWS. *Binder Reminders are students' tickets into JAWS. It must already be filled out by the student with assignments to work on for the day.* Staff members will come around to check in with students using their binder reminders.

Snacks:

During the JAWS session, once all students have been signed in/checked in, snacks will be provided to students. Please notify our coordinators of any food allergies upon arrival at JAWS.

Cell phones:

While we understand the need for students to have a cell phone after school hours, please respect the students and staff working in the JAWS Center. Cell phones should not be visible or audible (please turn it on silent). If a student needs to make or receive a call, please use courtesy, notify/indicate to an adult and then step out of the library to use the phone.

Behavior expectations:

The JAWS Center is a place for students to have a safe and comfortable environment to work on their academic needs. All behavior expectations during the school day apply during this after school program. Any students who habitually disturb or disrupt the learning environment will be asked to leave JAWS and a parent will be notified.

Student dismissal/ sign out:

JAWS ends at 4:30pm, clean up will begin at approximately 4:20pm. If any students complete their work early or need to check out early for appointments, please use the JAWS iPads to sign out. Once students have signed out, they must leave campus immediately. Any students found wandering campus in unsupervised activities may warrant disciplinary action/consequences. A late bus is available to students who ride the school bus. Students must wait in the N. California bus loop immediately after JAWS dismissal to ride the bus.

Jordan 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting

10/20 8:30am, Jordan Room N-1

Please join us for our first monthly meeting of the school year. We'll meet Principal Valerie and hear from Meghan Ben and other counselors about mental health and well-being for our 8th graders. We'll also share a time-line for this school year and what to expect for Paly planning. Hope to see you there!

-Your 8th Grade Parent Network Coordinators

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Jordan Club

Monday, September 11 t hru Friday, December 15th

Anyone is welcome to join a club at anytime during the semester-just show up to a meeting!

Monday

Bookworms (Library), Game (F-10), Hype(H-3), Meditation(C-1), Meet New Friends (C-10), Robotics (E-6), Spook it! Horse (N-6), Superhero (G-6)

Tuesday

Harry Potter(A-4), History(F-10), Learn to Animate(E-6), Library (Library), Programming(E-6), Spelling Bee(H-4),

After School: GIFT-Intro to Programming(G-5), FUSE(G-3)

Wednesday

Boba(P-5), Chess(P-6), Clash Royale(F-5), Doctor Who(F-8), Drama(B-3), Lunch Bunch(H-7), Movie(H-5), Writers(F-3), Web Game(N-7)

Thursday

Art(F-10), Chinese Traditional Culture(P-1), Fantasy Football(E-6), Gay-Straight Alliance(B-6), Jordan Literary Magazine(P-3), Magic the Gathering(Library), Mavel&DC Recap(P-4), Star Wars(G-6), Youth Community Service(B-8), After School: Codiatic(H-5), Debate(H-3), Jordan Science Olympiad(G-6), Math(N-5)

Friday

Dungeons&Dragons(B-4), Jordan Origami(F-3), Subnautica(G-6), Super Mario Logan(P-4), You're Not Alone(B-8), Yummy Dummies(A-4)

2017-18 PTA Volunteering Opportunities at Jordan

Now is the time to get involved! Jordan and your middle school student need you! Jordan has some great executive and non-executive Board positions still available for 2017-18. Please consider volunteering for one and GET involved / STAY involved at Jordan! See a position below that you like? Please contact one of the PTA volunteers listed below. Additionally, if you want to get involved but don't see a match, please still contact us and we can help you find the right fit! Go JORDAN!

Parliamentarian

Executive Board Position. Provide advice regarding parliamentary procedures and by-laws. Attend monthly Executive Board meetings and Association meetings. Convenes Nominating Committee in Spring for following year. Revise by-laws every 2 years.

Family Buddies Coordinator

Meals on Wheels Coordinator
Service Day Coordinator
VTP Co-coordinator

If interested, please contact

Ann Balva: ann@balva.com

Monica Davisson: monicaandwill@yahoo.com

Lisa Daly: lisamariadaly@gmail.com

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PAUSD NEWS

NEW! Superintendent's Message from Friday September 29

We reposted Dr. McGee's weekly message, in case you missed it on his previous Infinite Campus email to you. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-sept-29-2017>

PTAC NEWS

NEW! Movie & Discussion for Families. The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia

Tue, Oct 17, 6:30 - 8 PM, Palo Alto High School, Haymarket Theater, 50 Embarcadero Road

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month (<https://dyslexiaida.org/>). Join us for this new eye-opening movie: a dyslexic high schooler pursues admission to a leading college - a challenge for a child who didn't learn to read until 4th grade. Additional accounts of the dyslexic experience from children, experts, and iconic leaders at the top of their fields help us to understand that dyslexia, a persistent problem with reading, can be both a gift and an obstacle. Discussion and Q&A following the film. Students and teachers are welcome to attend. Co-sponsored by Palo Alto CAC and PTAC. For questions contact paloaltocac@gmail.com

NEW! "The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation"

Tue Oct 17, 6.30 - 8.30PM, PAUSD Boardroom, 25 Churchill Av., Palo Alto

Join us for the screening of "The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation" Kim Kruckel, Executive Director of the Child Care Law Center based in San Francisco, and a leader in early childhood education will moderate the discussion and questions following the film. You can watch the 11min trailer at <http://www.raisingofamerica.org/watch> Light refreshments will be served at 6.30 and the program begins at 7PM.

Healthy Habits, Healthy Lives

Wed, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:30pm, SDC Room, District Office, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto

Navigating and understanding nutrition guidelines can be challenging and confusing. At this talk, Dr. Rosner will help to clear up some of this confusion. She will discuss healthy eating guidelines, as well as, healthy habits. Finally, she will provide ways to incorporate these suggestions into our daily lives and leave us empowered with the knowledge to lead a healthy life. Jeanne Rosner is a board certified anesthesiologist who practiced at Stanford Medical Center for nearly 20 years. Since retiring from anesthesia, she has been a nutrition educator at local middle schools throughout the Bay area and started a venture called SOUL (seasonal, organic, unprocessed, local) Food Salon (<http://www.soulfoodsalon.com>).

ONSITE AFTER SCHOOL

Rose Debate Institute Returns Monday, September 25th

Once per week on **Mondays** from **3:10pm - 4:40pm** for 11 weeks. Establishes a firm foundation for communication. Our *Public Speaking 1* course prepares students for every public speaking situation. The course includes confidence building, interactive oratory, body language, and much more. For seven years Rose Debate has shared the world of speech and debate with middle and high school students in Silicon Valley. We are committed to growing our students in three important areas: **CONFIDENCE**- Public Speaking is one of the most prevalent fears in the United States. PS1 grows students in the confidence they need to overcome this fear. **COMMUNICATION** - As internet use has increased, practice in non-verbal communication has decreased. We create an environment where students can grow as communicators with their peers. **LEADERSHIP** - Strong introductions, meaningful conversations, and persuasive speaking are the building blocks of good leadership. Registration is \$395 per student & covers all course materials. For a full list of dates, and to register, visit our website at www.rosedebate.com/jordan.

Wizbots - After school at Jordan

Wizbots is THE premier place for girls and boys to learn the art and science of robotics. Using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® and Java coding, our labs are a great way for kids to dabble in robotics programming and design for the first time or build on skills they have already developed. Exercising both creativity and problem-solving, students learn engineering, programming, math, and physics through our unique, gamified curriculum in a hands-on, collaborative way guided by experienced and caring mentors. Parents can experience all the fun too with student project videos posted online to see and share! We offer affordable year-round after school sessions. Visit www.wizbots.com/afterschool to enroll at Jordan Middle School.

Gurus Education is Back with Personal Finance ad Public Speaking & Debate Classes

Public Speaking & Debate Combo Series: 6th - 8th grade

Mondays 3:15 - 4:15 pm

09/25/2017 - 05/14/2018 (No class 11/20, 12/25, 01/1, 01/8, 01/15, 02/19, 03/12, 04/2)

Number of Classes: 26

Single Payment Option: \$495

Installments: \$75

Room Number: TBD

Personal Finance Series : 6th - 8th grade

Wednesdays 2 - 3 pm

10/04/2017 - 04/25/2018 (No class 11/22, 12/27, 01/3, 04/4)

Number of Classes: 26

Single Payment Option: \$495

Installments: \$75

Room Number: TBD

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW! Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing? Auditions Open Now for the 2017-18 Season of Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley

Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley serves the youth of Silicon Valley with 23 years of choral music instruction and performance excellence. Auditions are now open for our 2017-2018 Season.

Cantabile singers which also includes PAUSD students, ages 4-18, enjoy weekly rehearsals, seasonal concerts, participation in the annual Cantabile Festival for Young Voices and domestic and international tours. Cantabile Youth Singers offers a Training Division based on skill level and age: three levels of Preparatory Classes for students ages 4-9 and a fun and high-energy Intermediate Choir for students ages 9-12. Our Performance Division has four senior choirs: Ensemble , for young people ages 12-15 and Vocalise, Cantabile's most advanced group for youth aged 14-18. Cantabile has a Young Men's Division that supports boys' voice change (Bravi and Vocal Training Group) and an A Cappella girls' ensemble, Aria. Training Division Demo classes are held in August and January and auditions are held by appointment throughout each semester.

To audition please contact: info@cantabile.org 650.424.1410

NEW! Special Education Administration Panel

Wed. Oct 18, 7-9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary, 200 Los Altos Ave, Los Altos
Staff from the Special Education Departments from Los Altos SD (Jennifer Keicher, Director), Mountain View Whisman SD (Gary Johnson, Director), Mountain View Los Altos High SD (Kara Oettinger, Program Specialist) and Palo Alto Unified SD (Jennifer Baker, School Psychologist) will participate in a moderated panel discussion about issues in special education and respond to questions. A great way for new families to learn more! If you have questions now to start the evening, please submit them to selpa1cacinfo@gmail.com

NEW! Let's Talk, hosted by SELPA 1 CAC

Mon. Oct 9, 7 PM-9PM, 190 Arbuero Way, Los Altos

Let's Talk Support Group is a chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality.

NEW! Parent Chat, hosted by SELPA 1 CAC

Tue. Oct 10, 7PM-8:30PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos

Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

Whole Foods (downtown Palo Alto) Nickels for Non-Profits

Sept 28th to Jan 15th

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Sept 28 to Jan 15 and bring in your own bags, Whole Foods will donate 5 cents per bag to our Palo Alto PTA Council. The PTAC will be able to use these funds for more programs and events for our PAUSD students, staff, and parents!

Free Math Festival for Girls

Sat, Oct 21, 10AM - 12PM; 555 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Hands-on, collaborative activities that inspire a love for math, for girls grades 4 through 9. Please plan to stay for the entire duration of the festival, to participate in a sequence of scheduled activities rather than a drop in format. For more information, visit: <http://www.proofschool.org/community/#love-math>.

Celebration of Oneness Art Exhibition

Deadline: Sun, Oct 1

Call for submissions of original artwork on the theme of the oneness of humanity. Entries open to students and residents of Palo Alto of all ages and artistic levels. Selected artwork will be displayed at the Rinconada Library and other Palo Alto venues, including an opening reception on November 5th. Submission details available at: www.celebrateoneness.com, deadline October 1, 2017. Email: celebrateoneness@gmail.com. Event sponsored by the Palo Alto Baha'i Community.

Palo Alto Library -- Day of the Dead Altar

Sun, Oct 15 - Sun, Nov 5 Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto CA 94306

Submit a photo of a loved one whom has passed on to honor them at the entrance of the library's altar. Display created by Teen Library Advisory Board (TLAB).

Titans Youth Cheer Clinic

Sat, Sept 30. 10AM-2PM, Gunn High School Titan Gym.

Come join the Gunn High School Varsity Cheerleaders for a fun-filled Cheer Clinic for kids K-8th grade. Kids will learn cheers and a dance that they can later perform alongside the cheerleaders at the Gunn HS Football game on Friday, Oct. 13. Lunch, water and snacks are provided at the clinic. Check-in time is 9:30AM, cost is \$40 per child (\$30 for siblings after the first registration),

cash or check payment at the door. Email gunntitans.cheer@gmail.com to reserve your spot with "Youth Clinic" in the subject line and include the child(ren)'s name, age and grade.

Volunteers Needed for Adopt-a-School and Adopt-a-Teacher Programs at the Ravenswood School District!

Be a part of the exciting new things happening in Ravenswood! The Ravenswood Education Foundation (REF) is kicking off its annual Adopt-a-Teacher program for the Ravenswood City School District! The program offers the opportunity for individuals or small groups to help teachers in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park purchase much-needed supplies. REF is also launching a teacher appreciation program with an opportunity for volunteers to provide two meals honoring faculty and staff at a school. If interested, please contact Jazmin Sosa at jsosa@ravenswoodef.org or visit REF's website to learn more about other volunteering opportunities at www.ravenswoodef.org.

NEW! Information Nights for Parents of Rising 5th and 8th Graders

Are you wondering about the next big step in school for your child? Come learn about what to expect for the move to 6th grade and 9th grade! These evening events are hosted by PiE and replace their former fall middle and high school tours.

8th Grade Rising - Parent Info Evenings

Gunn: Weds, Oct 11, 7pm-9pm @ Gunn Bow Gym

Paly: Weds, Oct 11, 7pm-9pm @ Paly Perf. Arts Center

5th Grade Rising - Parent Info Evenings

Terman: Weds, Oct 18, 6:30-8:30pm @ Terman Cafetorium

Jordan: Weds, Oct 18, 7-9:00pm @ Jordan Multi-Purpose Room

JLS*: Thurs, Oct 19, 7-9:00pm @ JLS Cafetorium

At each school site, the Principal and other staff will provide insight on the school and what you can look forward to in this new chapter. Parents will share tips for a smooth transition. For more info, see <http://papie.org/news/5th-8th-gr-parent-info-eves/>

Open to all current 5th grade and 8th grade parents, respectively. No reservations needed. Translators will be available for Spanish and Mandarin speakers. This evening is geared for adults. Childcare will not be provided.

* The JLS information night will not include specifics on the choice program, Connections. Detailed information on the program will be shared at a special Connections Information Night on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00pm, hosted by JLS.

The 8th Annual Bike Palo Alto

Sun Oct 1, 1 - 4PM, El Carmelo Elementary School, 3024 Bryant St., Palo Alto

Get ready to ride and explore Palo Alto's enjoyable bike byways from Los Altos to Menlo Park to the Baylands! Bring your helmet, a water bottle for filling at water fountains, and a small pack to hold your maps and other bike goodies. Start at El Carmelo for registration, route maps, helmet fitting, and an ABC Quick Bike Safety Check. Choose from three routes with shorter and longer options with treats at special stops along the routes and start filling up a Frequent Rider Card that is redeemed later for a reward. For more details:

<https://bikepaloalto.org/> or [#bikepaloalto](#). Originated and organized by neighborhood green team volunteers, this free event provides a fun way for the community to learn about Palo Alto's great bicycling routes and resources. Bike Palo Alto encourages biking safely to more places more often and kicks off Walk & Roll week in PAUSD schools.

Stanford ADHD Study:

Looking for children ages 7-11 with a diagnosis of ADHD or with no diagnoses to participate in a study exploring changes in brain function in response to a novel neurofeedback training. Participation involves 6 sessions of cognitive training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at lchromik@stanford.edu or 650-724-2939 for more information or to enroll. For general information regarding participant rights, contact 1- 866-680-2906.

Palo Alto Library Teen Read Week

Month of October, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Zone
Share your favorite YA book, and get some reading suggestions from teens for Teen Read Week! Check out the whiteboard in the Teen Zone and let us know your favorite YA books. Grades 6-12.

NEW! Palo Alto Library Candy Sushi & Teen Anime

Tue, Oct 10, 4:30-6:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Midtown Room

Bring your creativity as we make candy sushi. Yummy! All candy provided. We will also be watching a Studio Ghibli film. Bring a friend after school. Registration Required. Grades 6-12.

Matemagos Math Tutoring in Spanish: Help Kinder & 1st Graders with Math, Gain Valuable Experience Volunteering.

Mandatory Tutor Orientation October 12, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Escondido Elementary, Room 1

1st Tutoring Session October 19 - November 30, Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:15pm, at Escondido Elementary, Palo Alto

Matemagos provides a great opportunity to work with Kinder and First Grade Spanish Immersion students in math through fun and engaging games. Tutors gain valuable experience through service while using their Spanish language skills, building a relationship with the students, and giving back to the community. Contact matemagos.tutor@gmail.com for details

How to foster the Essential Skills Adolescents Need to Thrive in College and Life

Sun, Oct 29. 10AM-4PM. Stanford University, Lathrop Library, Room 299.

This workshop focuses on the key emotional skills that parents must foster in middle-school and high-school students to prepare them for the challenges they will face when they leave home. Enrollment limited to 25 parents. Fee: \$245. Taught by child & adolescent psychiatrists Bina Patel, MD and Sujata Patel, MD, from Stanford University's Counseling & Psychological Services. Visit <https://continuingstudies.stanford.edu>, course # WSP 323, for further information.

JORDAN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering at Jordan

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Sign up for one (or many) that fit your interests and/or skill set. Sign up online at UptoUs:

<https://www.uptous.com/communities/JordanMiddleSchool>

UptoUs login instructions:

Login: your email address

Password: your existing UptoUs password OR ptavolunteer (if you are new to UptoUs)

- Once logged in, See Jordan Middle School under My Communities
- Under Jordan Middle School Community on the left see the various sub communities requesting volunteers
- Click on a sub community (e.g., PTA Volunteers, Music Volunteers, etc., to see volunteer opportunities)
- Signup sheets are located under "Activities and Signups" for each event

Volunteers are essential to implementing many of the programs and activities at Jordan. Questions? E-mail jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com.

Thank YOU so much for volunteering!

Noon Angels Wanted

We need Noon Angels! Noon Angels help keep our students safe during lunchtime. Our assistant principal, Magdalena Fittoria, invites you to come to a Noon Angels orientation scheduled for Tuesday September 12, 11:30-12:15 in room N-1. She will provide us with a purpose, instructions, a tour of the school grounds, as well as Q & A. Your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to watch out for the safety of our kids. We could not do this without your commitment! To sign up for the orientation and to sign up to volunteer, go to https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true# Questions? Please contact Sachi Hwangbo sachi_hwangbo@yahoo.com.

SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

PAPTAC maintains a web page featuring calendars, clinics, tryouts and camps for Peninsula sports teams of interest to Jordan Middle School students.

Web page: <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/sports-and-activities/>

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SUBMIT AN ITEM TO THE eNEWS

For your Jordan related event, send a blurb including title, location, time and a brief description of your event to jordanweeklynews@gmail.com

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Best regards,
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