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## Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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#### **Cotillion Dance**

*Tuesday, October 17, 7:30-8:30pm, MPR*

#### **8th Grade Parent Network Meeting**

*Friday, October 20, 8:30am, N1*

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- 1** Parent ED Event - Donovan Somera Yisrael
- 8** 6th Grade Ice Skating Party



**PiE Rally Days - Challenge Grant**

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.



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.



### Data Clean-Up

We are in the process of cleaning up our family contact lists. We want to make sure that our records are up to date. If you know of someone for any reason is no longer receiving eNews or UpToUs notifications, please notify Lisa Daly ([jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com)) for UpToUs, Yumei Xiong or Anabel Pieper ([jordanweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:jordanweeklynews@gmail.com)) for eNews.

## JORDAN NEWS

### Attention 8th Grade Parents!

**Due to popular request, the deadline to turn in 8th grade baby ads has been extended until Monday, October 16.**

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](http://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 page sizes. Prices start at \$55. The new deadline is **Monday, October 16, 2017**. If you have questions or need more information, please contact the yearbook adviser, Daryl Richard, at [drichard@pausd.org](mailto:drichard@pausd.org).

### **NEW! Play Chess with Former President of the Stanford Chess Club Alexandra Botez**

Jordan Chess Club has invited former president of the Stanford Chess Club Alexandra Botez to play chess with any student on **Wednesday 10/18** during lunchtime in room P2.

Alexandra Botez is

- Woman FIDE Master (USCF rating 2000+)
- US Chess National Girls Champion at 15
- 3X Canadian Women's Olympiad Team
- Former President of the Stanford Chess Club
- Co-Founder of CrowdAmp (a VC-Backed AI-Messaging Startup)

*Any student with a chess-set* will be able to play against the former US Champion!

Come to room P2 on Wednesday Oct 18 during lunchtime !

## 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 see 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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## NEW! Jordan YCS Club Invites You to a Community Service Day on Saturday, October 21

Sat. Oct. 21, 9:00AM-1:30PM YCS "Make a Difference Day" service event.

Jordan YCS Club students (Club sponsor Ms. Walsh and YCS staffer Caroline Malloy) invite Jordan families to join PAUSD families in a national day of service. We will gather from 9:00-10:00AM at DLA law firm (2000 University Ave. EPA) for juice and bagels with County Supervisor Joe Simitian. Then service teams will grab a bag lunch (provided) and choose among eight service projects in Palo Alto or East Palo Alto locations - including senior centers, tree planting, and projects at Ravenswood District schools. Parents and siblings invited! Select your project in advance at [www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org).

## NEW! Parent ED Event: Screenagers

Thu, October 26, 7-9pm, Haymarket Theater, 50 Embarcadero Road

Please join us for a viewing of Screenagers at Palo Alto High School's Haymarket Theater. Screenagers deals with the complex realities that families face in the digital age. After the screening we will have a panel discussion and offer multiple tips and suggestions for families. This event is for adults and children over 10 year of age. This is a joint Parent Ed event between Jordan Middle School, JLS Middle School, and Terman Middle School.

Sign up via EventBrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screenagers-growing-up-in-the-digital-age-tickets-38662064275>

## NEW! 6th GRADE PARENT MEETING - BREAKFAST POTLUCK (10/25/17 8:30 AM)

Please save the date for our next 6th Grade Parent Meeting and RSVP if you can come and/or bring a dish. This one will be a Breakfast Social, held at Megan Heredia's home at 1492 Hamilton Avenue at the corner of Hamilton and Newell.

From 10-10:30 am, we are planning on breaking up into groups of our Advisory Classes. Thank you Megan for hosting! Please sign up to let us know that you are coming. There are 2 signups, one to RSVP for the Social, one if you can volunteer to bring a breakfast item.

Member RSVP: [https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?\\_flowId=directLink-flow&communityId=6010&extraId=21962&action=opp](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=directLink-flow&communityId=6010&extraId=21962&action=opp)

Guest RSVP (no login

required): <https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/ydA1RsfZHqIRxMUG1LJUyCycuMK63LokDUrYUym3>

Member breakfast dish sign-up: [https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?\\_flowId=directLink-flow&communityId=6010&extraId=21954&action=opp](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=directLink-flow&communityId=6010&extraId=21954&action=opp)

Guest breakfast dish sign-up (no login

required): <https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/fikb2DPGuOHI36iNTzimjYkf4ztR3WTdj1R2Wa1s48o=>

Look forward to seeing you there!

## Author Kate Milford is Coming to Jordan

Kate Milford, author of the acclaimed mystery for young people, Greenglass House, is coming to Jordan to talk about her new book, Ghosts of Greenglass House! She will be here during 6th period, the first period.

the day, on **Wednesday, October 25th!**

If your child would like a signed copy of either of the Greenglass House novels, use the attached form to place your pre-order! Forms must be returned to the library with a check made out to Linden Tree Book October 18th to get your personalized and signed copy!

### **Greenglass House**

It's wintertime at Greenglass House. The creaky smuggler's inn is always quiet during this season, and twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his holidays relaxing. But on the first night of vacation, out of nowhere, the guest bell rings. Then rings again. And again. Soon Milo's home bursting with odd, secretive guests, each one bearing a strange story that is somehow connected to the rambling old house. As objects go missing and tempers flare, Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, must decipher clues and untangle the web of deepening mysteries to discover the truth about Greenglass House--and themselves.

### **Ghosts of Greenglass House**

Welcome back to the irresistible world of Greenglass House where thirteen-year-old Milo is, once again spending the winter holidays stuck in a house full of strange guests who are not what they seem. There are fresh clues to uncover as friends old and new join in his search for a mysterious map and a famous smuggler's lost haul.

## **NEW! A Terman PTA Sponsored Event for all PAUSD Middle School parents-Guiding Teens to Safe Choices, Connected Relationships, and a Love of Learning**

*Wednesday, November 1st, 6:45-8:30PM, Terman Middle School Cafeteria*

DONNOVAN SOMERA YISRAEL "Why do people do hurtful and risky things?" "What skills must we learn and practice in order to live an inspired and fulfilling life?"

Donnovan is an inspiring TEDxPaloAltoHighSchool Speaker. He is the manager of the Emotional and Sexual Health Programs for the Vaden HealthCenter at Stanford University. He brings a deep passion for Positive Psychology (a.k.a. The Science of Happiness) and teaches powerful practices for Emotional Intelligence personal growth. Donnovan has served the surrounding communities as a Health and Happiness Educator for over 25 years.

## **Jordan Vision Screening Volunteers Needed - Wed., Oct. 25th**

The Jordan Health Office holds Vision Screenings every year. They could use the help of a few parent volunteers to escort the classes to and from the screening locations. If you're able to help, please sign up on UpTous at the following link:

<https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/nvzpW2LteDrs0WJ2qvyCm2CllfMBxm5uCXhJVO8tfB8=Ifyouhaveanyquestions,pleasecontactjordanptavolunteer@gmail.com>

## **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.

**We need a few more volunteers** to help check in, serve food, set up and clean up. Please sign up by clicking here: <https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/SmfF2F4o3chDdODndno5UXhwQE1IGG0HFPMGTFLAKVQ=>

Questions: [jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com](mailto:jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com)

## 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 grade now, tickets are limited!!



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Questions: [jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com](mailto:jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com)

## Buddies4Math

Volunteer at **\*\* Buddies4Math\*\***. An award winning after school program to teach elementary students through games and play! A wonderful volunteering opportunity for Jordan students to work closely with 5th graders on improving and building Math fluency and take on leadership roles. Volunteer hours count towards community service.

Interested? Sign up [HERE](#)

**WHERE:** Mariano Castro Elementary School (505 Escuela Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040) and Edith Landels Elementary School (115 W Dana St, Mountain View, CA 9404) Monta Loma Elementary School (460 Thomson Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043)

**DATES:** Oct (13, 20 & 27); Nov (17); Dec (1)

**TIME:** Two sessions- 4:00- 5:00 pm. and 5:00- 6:00 p.m.

**CONTACT:** [buddies4math@gmail.com](mailto:buddies4math@gmail.com)

**INFORMATION:** [www.buddies4math.org](http://www.buddies4math.org)

## Basketball Coaches Wanted!

The City of Palo Alto is looking for basketball coaches for the 7th and 8th grade season. Practices are Monday-Thursday, with Friday's being optional. Practices run for 90 minutes and can fall between the time of 3:15-7:30. Games for B teams are all played in Palo Alto at our 3 middle schools, while the A teams games from Palo Alto to Half Moon Bay. Pay is negotiable depending on experience, and volunteers are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated. The City of Palo Alto is looking for coaches who can commit to their practice and game schedule, and who are dedicated to advancing these athletes skills on and off the court. If you are, or know anybody who would be interested, please email [Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org) to begin the hiring process.

## 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 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 partici date. Students are NOT permitted to leave campus then return for JAWS. **Binder Reminders are stud tickets into JAWS. It must already be filled out by the student with assignments to work on for th 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 tu on silent). If a student needs to make or receive a call, please use courtesy, notify/indicate to an adult 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 progra Any students who habitually disturb or disrupt the learning environment will be asked to leave JAWS 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 wor early or need to check out early for appointments, please use the JAWS iPads to sign out. Once stude 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 studer who ride the school bus. Students must wait in the N. California bus loop immediately after JAWS dismissal to ride the bus.

## **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 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(t 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-5),

After School: Codiac(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 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

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Sumita Vasudeva: [sumita.vasudeva@gmail.com](mailto:sumita.vasudeva@gmail.com)

## **Shop at Amazon.com and Benefit Jordan**

Amazon is giving 0.5% out of every purchase to schools!

By shopping on [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) your shopping experience and prices are exactly the same. The only difference is that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Jordan. Use [this link](#) to start giving back to our school! Click on the image below to start shopping.

Don't forget to go to start [here](#) every time you shop on Amazon. Your small and large purchases make a difference!



## **PAUSD NEWS**

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### **Unity Day 2017 - When We Stand Together, No One Stands Alone**

Palo Alto's 5th Annual Unity Day! WEAR ORANGE to show your support!

Wednesday, October 25th, all PAUSD schools

PAUSD will celebrate Unity Day 2017 to show that our community is united against bullying, and promote kindness towards all students. Each school will participate in its own way, so find out what your school is doing. Also, join in sending a message that we are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion by wearing Orange on Wednesday, October 25th!

### **NEW! Unity Night -- Social Emotional Learning Community Event**

*Wed. Oct. 25, 6:30- 8:00 PM*

*, Palo Alto High School, Media Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd*

You're invited to hear from special guest R. Keeth Matheny, a nationally recognized Social Emotional Learning (SEL) teacher, advocate and author. He returns to lead participants through a selection of lessons from the School Connect program being piloted at Paly and Gunn. Participants will engage in activities focused on building the SEL soft skills of active listening, disagreeing without being disagreee and building understanding and empathy for others. Open to PAUSD families from all grades and sch and all Palo Alto Community Members. Mandarin and Spanish interpretation will be available. Co-host by PAUSD, Palo Alto Council of PTAs and the Palo Alto CAC. Register at

[GOO.GL/P9XPGC](http://GOO.GL/P9XPGC)

## PTAC NEWS

### **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 mov dyslexic high schooler pursues admission to a leading college - a challenge for a child who didn't learn 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, 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](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com)

### **"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" Ki 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 th program begins at 7PM.

## 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. T course includes *confidence building, interactive oratory, body language*, and much more. For seven ye Rose Debate has shared the world of speech and debate with middle and high school students in Silico 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-v communication has decreased. We create an environment where students can grow as communicator with their peers. **LEADERSHIP** - Strong introductions, meaningful conversations, and persuasive spea are the building blocks of good leadership. Registration is \$395 per student & covers all course materi For a full list of dates, and to register, visit our website at [www.rosedebate.com/jordan](http://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 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. Pare 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](http://www.wizbots.com/afterschool) to enroll at Jordan Mid School.

## **Gurus Education is Back with Personal Finance and 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! Paly Math Club's AMC 8 Workshop**

*Sun, Nov 5, 1 - 4 PM, Palo Alto High School, Room TBA*

This workshop offers individually paced training and one-on-one teaching, with rigorous curriculum taught by former USAMO/USAJMO and AIME qualifiers as well as a math teacher, all from Palo Alto High School.

The AMC 8 is a middle school mathematics competition designed to promote the development of problem-solving skills. The workshop provides an opportunity for middle school students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Students will use classroom skills to unique problem-solving challenges in a low-stress and friendly environment.

Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/5PUR5sBD9NY732gC3> Contact [palymathclub@gmail.com](mailto:palymathclub@gmail.com) for any questions.

### **NEW! Start a Conversation: learn how you can talk to young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships**

*Wed Oct 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Aquarius Theater, Palo Alto*

This is a special, for-adults-only screening of *Escalation* -The One Love Foundation's (<https://www.joinonelove.org/>) film that follows a young relationship from its very happy beginnings to a tragic end - followed by a discussion led by One Love CEO Katie Hood. Come learn how to talk to young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships and ways that you can bring this critical conversation to your community. RSVP: <https://www.picatic.com/oneloveinpaloalto> or contact [sarah.bigler@joinonelove.org](mailto:sarah.bigler@joinonelove.org) for more information.

### **NEW!**

### **Fostering Resilience in Children and Teens, & Why it Matters**

*Fri Oct 20, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford*

Raising resilient children & teens who thrive in our rapidly changing & uncertain world is no small task. What can parents do to best support mentally & physically healthy kids who are engaged in learning & have strong connections with friends, families, & their communities? It turns out, quite a lot. Join Challenge Success for an evening of education & inspiration to explore how parents can build resilience for our kids today & our adults of tomorrow (<http://mailchi.mp/challengesuccess/your-summer-newsletter-f-challenge-success-880161?e=cf77275871>) Open to the public. \$10

## **NEW! Developmental Assets in Palo Alto: A Community Context (Project Safety Net Community Forum)**

*Wed, Oct 25, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room 1213 Newell Rd. Road*

Project Safety Net invites you to a community forum with Project Cornerstone and other local leaders to review Palo Alto specific results from the latest Developmental Assets Survey. Developmental Assets are the positive values, relationships, skills and experiences that help young people thrive and become caring, responsible, successful adults. Because of its basis in youth development, resiliency, and prevention research, the Developmental Assets framework has become one of the most widely used approaches to promote positive youth development in the United States. Please contact [psnpaloalto@gmail.com](mailto:psnpaloalto@gmail.com) or (650) 329-2432 with questions. For more information, visit [www.psnpaloalto.org](http://www.psnpaloalto.org).

## **NEW! Stanford's Center for Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences Research (CIBSR) Social Skills Study**

CIBSR is recruiting for a Social Skills study and is looking for boys aged 8-18 with a developmental or intellectual disability to take part in a research study investigating the effect of behavioral training methods on duration of social gaze. Participation includes a visit to Stanford for 3-4 days, cognitive testing, two optional MRI scans, and social skills training with a behaviorist. For more information please go to: [www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills](http://www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills)

## **NEW! Play Family Day Sunday**

*Sun, Oct 15, 2- 4:30 PM, 1313 Newell Road*

Join the Palo Alto Art Center for a free Play Family Day! This playful afternoon of activities will feature hands-on art making and performances inspired by our current exhibition, *Play!* Art Center teaching art will show you how to create mini golf holes, work with balloons, play pinball, blow bubbles and much more. A special live performance by acrobatic chair balancer Jeremy Vik, presented by the Circus Center, will be held at 4 p.m. All activities are suitable for ages 5-adult. For more information: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/events/famdays/default.asp>. This program is presented in partnership with Jefunira Camp, LCC.

## **NEW! Palo Alto Players present PETER PAN**

*Nov 3-19, Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301*

Fly along with that mischievous sprite to the second star to the right and straight on 'til morning as Palo Alto Players presents one of Broadway's most beloved family musicals, *Peter Pan*. Based on J.M. Barrie's classic story of the boy who refused to grow up and featuring dazzling flying effects by ZFX, Inc., Palo Alto Players' annual family offering will surely "hook" all those who truly believe. Recommended for all ages. Tickets (\$25-55) can be purchased at [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org) or by calling the Box Office at 650-329-0891.

Students/Educators enjoy \$5 off regular priced tickets to any performance, except preview night. For information, including show times, visit, [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org).

## **NEW! Community Meeting on Stanford University's General Use Permit**

*Thu, Oct 19, 6 - 8 PM, Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.*

Santa Clara County has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for development proposed by Stanford University. There will be a public meeting in Palo Alto in the Palo Alto City Council Chamber to discuss the application and solicit public comment and feedback on the proposal. The community

meeting will serve as an opportunity to hear about the proposed development and the process for reviewing it, including the opportunity for public engagement. It will also be a forum for the community to offer comments for consideration in the Final EIR. County Planning staff will also be on hand to describe the application, explain the process, and answer questions.

### **NEW! Join Little Vikes Cheer & Dance Team at Paly Football Game**

*Tue, Oct 17 & Thurs, Oct 19: 3:34-5:15pm; Fri, Oct 20, 5:00-8:15pm Palo Alto High School*

Join the Paly Spirit Squad for two afternoon workshops and the Paly football game on Oct 20. Kids will cheer and perform with the Squad through halftime. One free adult entry to the game. Ages 3-14. \$50 for workshops + game. Your fee is tax deductible and helps the team pay for uniforms, training and other essentials. <http://www.palycheer.net/little-vikes-football-night.html>

### **NEW! Shop for school holiday camps on ActivityHero to raise money for Palo Alto PTA**

A reminder that PAUSD is off for Veterans Day and the full week of Thanksgiving this year. Our winter break is Dec 22 - Jan 7. High schools also have Jan 8 off. You can find holiday camps on ActivityHero when you book online with this link, the PTA earns a % of your purchase. <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltopta>

### **NEW! Basketball Coaches Needed**

The City of Palo Alto is looking for basketball coaches for the 7th and 8th grade season. Practices are Monday-Thursday, with Friday's being optional. Practices run for 90 minutes and can fall between hours of 3:15-7:30. Games for B teams are all played in Palo Alto at our 3 middle schools, while the A teams play games from Palo Alto to Half Moon Bay. Pay is negotiable depending on experience, and volunteers are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated. The City of Palo Alto is looking for coach who can commit to their practice and game schedule, and who are dedicated to advancing these athletic skills on and off the court. If you are, or know anybody who would be interested, please email [Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org) to begin the hiring process.

### **NEW! Beat the Street for Little Feet**

*Sat Oct 21 9:30-11:30am at Friend's Nursery School, [957 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94303](https://www.google.com/maps/place/957+Colorado+Ave,+Palo+Alto,+CA+94303)*

Friend's Nursery School is hosting its Second Annual Fall Fun Run Fundraiser on Saturday October 21st from 9:30-11:30am. "Beat the Street for Little Feet" will include a fun 1 mile walk/run for the adults, a 50-yard dash for kids 8 and younger, coffee, bagels and fruit, face painting, pumpkin crafts and music.

Please sign up today and be sure to invite any friends and family who you think might enjoy this Friends Nursery School community event. Pre-registration fees are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child; on-site fees are \$30 per adult and \$20 per child. All proceeds benefit the scholarship program, so that no family is turned away due to inability to pay. More info at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/PaloAlto/FriendsNurserySchoolFallFunRun>

### **NEW! "Make a Difference Day" Community Service**

*Sat Oct. 21, 9:00am-2pm, Gathering Point: DLA Piper LLP, 2000 University Ave., Palo Alto*

Join Youth Community Service for our annual Make a Difference Day! The day will kick off with breakfast and a guest speaker. Groups will then go out to volunteer at various service sites around the area. For more information and to register, visit: [www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org) All Ages Welcome!

### **NEW! Celebration of Oneness Festival**

*Sat & Sun, Oct 21-22*

Festival in Palo Alto the weekend of October 21-22 on the theme of the "Oneness of Humankind." Events include a Children's Festival in Mitchell Park on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10a-1p featuring live musical and art performances, storytelling and activity booths; a Performing Arts Show at Sofia University October

21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9p featuring a diversity of dance and musical performance by local artists, and an art exhibition. Events are free and all are welcome.

Details available at: [www.celebrateoneness.com](http://www.celebrateoneness.com).

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CelebrationOfOnenessFestival](http://www.facebook.com/CelebrationOfOnenessFestival).

Email: [celebrateoneness@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateoneness@gmail.com). Festival sponsored by the Palo Alto Baha'i Community.

## **Festival of Lights: A Diwali Celebration**

*Sun, Oct 29, 12-5PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd, Embarcadero Room*

Come celebrate Diwali at the Palo Alto City Library! We'll have music, dancing, henna, crafts and lots for the whole family to enjoy! Join us at the Rinconada Library on Sunday, October 29 as we celebrate cultures of our community. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated every autumn in the northern hemisphere. This free event starts at 12PM and features a variety of performances and activities that reflect the celebration!

## **Paly Cheer Fundraiser -- Order your Holiday Pies!**

*Fri, Oct 20 (order deadline), Tues, Nov 7 is pie pick-up at Paly 3:30-5:45pm*

Enjoy delicious farm fresh pies while supporting your Cheer and Dance teams! Apple, Two Berry, and Pumpkin Pies are available. They are flash-frozen from Gidzich Farms in Watsonville and are simply scrumptious! Get all the details at: <http://www.palycheer.net/holiday-pies.html>

## **Project Cornerstone - for parents and caregivers!**

*Mon Oct 30, 8.05 - 9.35AM, Hoover Elementary School, Palo Alto*

The Palo Alto Unified School District is offering a free series of parent meetings open to all parents and caregivers. Join Project Cornerstone's engaging workshop - Take It Personally, starting Monday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:05 to 9:35 AM at Hoover Elementary School. You do not need to be a parent from Hoover, an adult who cares about all kids.

## **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](mailto: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 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](mailto:selpa1cacinfo@gmail.com)

## **NEW! Whole Foods (downtown Palo Alto) Nickels for Non-Profits**



**Oct 15 to Jan 15th**

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Oct 15 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>.

**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).

**City of Palo Alto International Games Day**

Thu, Nov 2, 4-6 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Center & El Palo Alto Room

Play or compete with others on console game systems, Ping-Pong tables, air hockey, pool, card game board games, mini golf and more! Grades 6-12.

**Romance of Risk: Helping Teens Stay Safe (Middle/High School)**

Tue Oct 17, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto

Participants discuss roadblocks to communicating with teens on critical topics such as smoking, drinking, sexual behavior, and drug use. Learn effective strategies for how to listen and support teens to make responsible decisions regarding risky behaviors. With Susan Stone, BSE. Fee: \$45

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/romance-of-risk-helping-teens-stay-safe-middle-high-school-registration-35887069190>

**Connected or Disconnected: Technology and Your Family (Middle/High School)**

Thu Oct 26, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto

Join us for a compelling conversation about families and screen time. Explore the advantages and drawbacks for our digital natives, recognize the top signs of screen addiction, and discuss as a family the realities and challenges of your own digital use. With Havi Hall Fee: \$45

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/connected-or-disconnected-technology-and-your-family-middle-school-registration-35887009010>

**Empathy is the App: Raising Thoughtful Kids in the Digital Age**

Wed, Nov 8, 7-9:00 PM, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School, [50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto](https://www.paloalto.org/50-Embarcadero-Rd-Palo-Alto)

The 2017-18 Palo Alto Parent Education Parents Series kicks off with nationally acclaimed author of "Screenwise" (<https://www.raisingdigitalnatives.com/>) and TED Talk "Raising a Digital Native" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRQdAOqvGg&feature=youtu.be>) Dr. Devorah Heitner. Parents whose teens are addicted, detached or distracted because of digital devices. According to Heitner, our concern should go far beyond what kids are doing today. Tech-savvy Digital Natives need mentorship to thrive, develop social skills and succeed in a future where they will likely find a job, meet their spouse and build their reputations online. Parents, students, faculty/staff and community members welcome!

Spanish/Mandarin interpretation will be available. Free admission. Tickets available beginning October (via <https://heitner2017paly.eventbrite.com>).

**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! Cheer out the whiteboard in the Teen Zone and let us know your favorite YA books. Grades 6-12.

## **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](mailto: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 11:30-12:15 in room N-1. She will provide us with a purpose, instructions, a tour of the school grounds, 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#](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#)

Questions? Please contact Sachi Hwangbo [sachi\\_hwangbo@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:jordanweeklynews@gmail.com)

For events relevant to the whole PAUSD community, you can also submit to [ptaenews@yahoo.com](mailto:ptaenews@yahoo.com)

Jordan eNews Submission Deadline: **Thursday at 6 pm** for the following Sunday eNews

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