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## Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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*Wednesday, February 21, 6:45-8:30pm, MPR*

#### 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting

*Friday, February 23, 8:30-9:30am, N1*

#### 6th Grade Parent Network Meeting

*Friday, February 23, 9:30-10:30am, N1*

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#### Other Links

### Second Jordan Challenge Day - February 27, 2018

[PAUSD Website](#)

[Palo Alto Council of PTAs](#)

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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](mailto:jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com).



### What is Challenge Day?

A one-day interactive program where students, staff, and community members come together to break down barriers and create connections.

- Using highly interactive and energetic activities, Challenge Day Leaders guide participants through an exploration of the ways and reasons people separate from each other, and model tools for creating connection and building community.
- Each Challenge Day consists of 85 students (7th and 8th grade), 25 adult volunteers, 15 Jordan Student Ambassadors (students who have participated in Challenge Day before), and 2 professional facilitators.

This is the Challenge Day Slide Show our 7th & 8th grade students are seeing in their Advisory Classes. Challenge Day [SLIDE-SHOW LINK](#).

## JORDAN NEWS

### **NEW! Jordan PTA - Bylaws Amendment Committee - 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Wanted!!**

It is that time of the year where we look forward to next year. We will be convening the Jordan PTA BYLAWS COMMITTEE to review and amend the Jordan PTA Bylaws so that we can work more efficiently and smoothly for the next three (3) years. This is important to provide the infrastructure to support Jordan students, staff, teachers, and our neighbors as the PTA organization at Jordan. Please consider joining this committee if you are member of the Jordan PTA or have experience in crafting bylaws. The Committee will have 2 meetings, 45 minutes per meeting. THANK YOU in advance for participating in this important work. Questions: Email: Mary Lee at [sjmarylee@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmarylee@yahoo.com) or Jade Chao at [atjordanptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:atjordanptapresident@gmail.com)

### **UPDATED! 6th Grade Parent Network Meeting - Engagement**

Due to a conflict with the 8th grade parent network meeting, our February 23 meeting time is rescheduled to 9:30-10:30am, in Room N-1 (for those of you with both 6th and 8th graders, this is right after the 8th grade meeting, in the same room). Initially, our topic was to be on Discipline, but due to speaker scheduling challenges, we will postpone that topic for another time. Instead, we will hold a discussion about Engagement - improving student and parent connectedness at Jordan. Additionally, Dean of Students (James Lubbe) approached us with a 6th grade student suggestion: holding a 6th grade Movie Night (and showing the movie "Wonder"). We think this is a terrific idea and want to come together to make this happen for our 6th

graders (it can't happen without your help!). So the second half of our meeting will be a working meeting to plan this event for our kids. Please join us!

## Jordan 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting

02/23 8:30am, Jordan N-1

Talking to our sons and daughters about sex and healthy relationships: join us to hear insights from Liza Baskind MFT and Laura Prentiss MSW

-Your 8th Grade Parent Network Coordinators: Nerissa ([nerissaw@gmail.com](mailto:nerissaw@gmail.com)), Amy ([amyewardwell@yahoo.com](mailto:amyewardwell@yahoo.com)), Shannon ([shannon@colton.net](mailto:shannon@colton.net)), Lina ([lina.liu@gmail.com](mailto:lina.liu@gmail.com)), Asma ([asma.rabbani@gmail.com](mailto:asma.rabbani@gmail.com))

## Jennifer Nielsen visits Jordan

Jennifer Nielsen, author of the popular *False Prince* series, as well as the *Mark of the Thief* series and *A Night Divided*, will be visiting Jordan on **Wednesday, February 28th, from 10:25 - 11:20am** to promote her new book, *The Traitor's Game*. The new book releases the day before her visit, and you can pre-order a signed copy by returning [the order form](#) to the Jordan Library by February 16th!

## Screenagers

Wednesday, February 28, 7pm, Terman Middle School Gym

Please join us for a viewing of Screenagers at Terman Gym on Wednesday Feb. 28th at 7 pm thanks to the Terman PTA. The movie is about 70 minutes and its FREE!

This film explores the impact of screens on kids, offers proven solutions, and dives deep into how tech impacts kid's development. It shows challenges of parenting in a digital world where we compete with video games, texting addiction, and social media. This event is open to parents & students.

You are welcome to bring a comfy chair (bean bag, camping): but otherwise it's metal chairs/bleacher seats. More info [www.screenagersmovie.com](http://www.screenagersmovie.com).

## Jordan Middle School Mandarin Bridge Students to Host Game Booth at The Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair

Sunday, March 4, 2018, 2-5pm, Mitchell Park

Jordan Middle School Mandarin Bridge Students will be hosting a fun Game Booth at the Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair. They will teach you how to play Chinese Chess, the game of "Go," and much more. All player levels welcome. Please come celebrate the fun, fanfare, songs, shows, game booths, and most of taste delicious savory and sweets at the Mitchell Park Community Center Courtyard. Parking is limited, so please walk, bike, or share a ride. See our [FLYER](#) for more details.

Questions? Email Manuela Wei at [manuelawei@gmail.com](mailto:manuelawei@gmail.com) or Jordan Teacher Ms. Alice Lung at [alung@pausd.org](mailto:alung@pausd.org).

## Middle School History-Social Science Materials Under Consideration for Adoption

Middle school history-social science materials under consideration for adoption are currently on display in the hallway at the District Office and in the Jordan Front Office. The Middle School History-Social Science Textbook Selection Advisory Committee welcomes the public's input. Comment forms are available and all feedback will be taken into account. If you have any questions about the history textbook pilot at Jordan, please contact Kirsten Missett, Jordan History Department Instructional Lead, [kmissett@pausd.org](mailto:kmissett@pausd.org).

## Join us on March 28<sup>th</sup> for the Fifth Annual Jordan Day of Service!

Jordan Day of Service is a fun way for students to explore different community service projects on (or very near) the Jordan campus. Groups of students will engage in service projects after school on March 28<sup>th</sup> then reflect on their impact on the community

We are looking for parents to help support this service opportunity! Parent volunteers are needed in the following roles: planning team, helping with student volunteer sign-ups, and driving/chaperoning to local non-profits on the Day of Service. Support will be needed from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

To volunteer or to find out more, please contact

Magdalena Fittoria, Assistant Principal, Jordan [mfittoria@pausd.org](mailto:mfittoria@pausd.org) or

Ashley Yee-Mazawa: [Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org)

Additional details and requests for volunteers will be posted in eNews and Upt to Us.

We look forward to having you join us!

## NEW! New School Name Recommendation Coming Soon

The Recommending School Names Advisory Committee will research, review, and recommend new names for David Starr Jordan Middle School and Terman Middle School by **March 31, 2018**.

Link to the Renaming Committee <https://www.pausd.org/committees-task-forces/recommending-school-names>

## UPDATED! ATTENTION!! 8th GRADE PARENTS - WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST at PALY (4/26)

Most students coming to Paly do not need to take a placement exam in world language. See <http://www.paly.net/academics/world-language-department-placement-policy>. The language Proficiency Test, however, will be offered on April 26, 2018 at 3:45PM to students. Please sign up here: <https://goo.gl/bSjW7a> (link is external) Questions: Contact Carla Guerard, World Language Instructional Leader with any questions at [cguerard@pausd.org](mailto:cguerard@pausd.org) (link sends email) For more information: <http://www.paly.net/academics/world-language-department-placement-policy>.

## SAVE THE DATE - Jordan 2018 8th grade Promotion Party!

Friday, June 1, 7pm (following ceremony) until 10:30pm.

More information to follow ~ Stay tuned!

## California Dashboard Reports School Performance

ALL PARENTS interested in learning more about Jordan Middle School can access the California School Dashboard. The Dashboard is available in various languages under the TRANSLATE tab. Please click to see how Jordan Middle School compares to other California schools in districts you may also be familiar. For more information please contact our School Principal, Ms. Valerie Royaltey-Quandt at Jordan Middle School. Dashboard Link is provided here for your convenience.

<https://www.caschooldashboard.org/#/ReportDetail/43696416060065/3/2>

## Picking the Dream Team - Jordan PTA Executive Board

We will shortly be convening the Jordan PTA (2018-2019) Nominating Committee to form next year's PTA Executive Board. Do you want to know what is happening at school in real time? Do you enjoy seeing students and making events happen at school to enrich their daily lives. Then, you should think about serving on the PTA. All positions are OPEN at this time. Monthly meetings, except December. Please

contact Kristina Vetter at [kvetter@me.com](mailto:kvetter@me.com). If you are also great with people and 6th grade parent, we especially invite you to join the nominating committee. Serve with your friends, it is a great way to deepen your relationship with amazing folks! Kindly email Ann Balva at [ann@balva.com](mailto:ann@balva.com).

2018-2019  
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 Vice Chair Parent Ed  
 VP Staff Appreciation & Events  
 Vice Chair SA&E  
 VP Community Outreach  
 VP Ways & Means  
 Vice Chair W&M  
 VP Communications  
 Vice Chair Communications  
 Parent Network Coordinator  
 Parliamentarian  
 Historian  
 Auditor

### **Buddies4Math**

Volunteer at \*\* Buddies4Math\*\*. An award winning after school program to teach elementary students Math through games and play! A wonderful volunteering opportunity for Jordan students to work closely with 2nd-5th graders on improving and building Math fluency and take on leadership roles. Volunteer hours count towards community service. Sign up here [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6lw-mom9P2\\_TLY-YExJy2fMki9PEPhvdBBZbwgxoTlyqgQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6lw-mom9P2_TLY-YExJy2fMki9PEPhvdBBZbwgxoTlyqgQ/viewform)

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: On Fridays

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)

### **Upcoming Just Parties**

#### **February**

**24** - Local Wine & Cheese Pairing

#### **March**

**15** - Sip and Swap

**24** - Bollywood Night

**25** - 7th Grade Moms High Tea in the afternoon

**28** - Mother/Daughter Mani-Pedi Party

You can still sign up for parties! Click [HERE](#) to view the parties and sign up!

## PAUSD NEWS

### **NEW! Read the Current Message from Our Interim Superintendent**

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' communications here each week, in case you missed it on her Friday Infinite Campus email to you. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/news> for the latest message from Karen Hendricks.

### **NEW! PAUSD Secondary Art Exhibition**

*PALY & Terman, Jan 11 - Feb 9; Gunn & Jordan, Feb 12 - Mar 9; JLS, Mar 13 - Apr 13,*

*Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM, Closed Sat-Sun, Main Hallway, 25 Churchill Avenue*

This exhibition features artwork by PAUSD 6-12 Visual Art students in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, Graphic Design, sculpture, ceramics, and glass.

### **NEW! Latino Parent Network junta copatrocinada por PAUSD y el PTA council**

*Miercoles, Febrero 21, 6 - 7:30 PM, Walter Hays Elementary School, 1525 Middlefield Rd.*

El Latino Parent Network se enfoca en incrementar el número de estudiantes hispanos que están completamente preparados para entrar a la universidad o carrera a la hora en la que se graduen. Conozca a la Especialista en Participación Familiar de la escuela intermedia del distrito, Ana Perez-Hood, y aprenda sobre el nuevo Plan de Equidad del distrito. Obtenga una mejor comprensión de los datos de rendimiento de los estudiantes latinos y cómo podemos abogar por ellos utilizando estos datos.

La presentación y la discusión se llevarán a cabo en español con traducción en inglés disponible. Cuidado de niños y cena.

### **Latino Parent Network meeting at Walter Hays co-sponsored by PAUSD and PTA Council**

*Wed, Feb 21, 6 - 7:30 PM, Walter Hays Elementary School, 1525 Middlefield Rd.*

The Latino Parent Network aims to increase success for Hispanic students and ensure that 100% are college and career ready by the time they graduate. Meet the district's middle school Family Engagement Specialist Ana Perez-Hood and learn about the district's new Equity Plan. Gain a better understanding of the Latino student performance data and how we can advocate for change using this data.

The presentation and discussion will be conducted in Spanish with English-translation available. Childcare and dinner provided.

### **Secondary School Lunch A la Carte Tasting Day**

*Thu, Feb 22, 2:30-5 PM, JLS Training Room (Room 730)*

The Student Nutrition Services Department, in conjunction with the PAUSD Wellness Council, have been requested to review and adjust the ala carte snack selections available for students to purchase at the secondary schools. The main emphasis of the review is to offer healthier alternatives. All secondary students, parents and interested community members are welcome. Student and parent input



into the potential replacements is important. Feedback and any additional suggestions will be collected via a short survey conducted at the event. There will be a Label Reading Activity available for students and chance to win prizes in a drawing. It is our plan to begin making changes effective the week students return from Spring Break.

## PTAC NEWS

### **NEW! 2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair**

*Sun, Mar 4, 2-5 pm, Mitchell Park Community Center (3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto)*

The Palo Alto Chinese Community cordially invite you and your family to celebrate 2018 Chinese New Year which features performances of Chinese folk music, instruments, and dances by students from the Palo Alto Unified School District and showcases Chinese art, cultural exhibitions, game booths, delicious foods and many more! The event is free and food will be sold for fund-raising to support the Palo Alto schools. This festive event is organized by the Palo Alto Chinese Parents Community in collaboration with the City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Council of PTAs, Mitchell Park Library, and Palo Alto Family YMCA. Parking is limited, so please walk, bike, or share a ride. Questions? Email Hannah Lu at [hannahlu00@gmail.com](mailto:hannahlu00@gmail.com).

### **We want YOU to be on the PTA Council Board**

The PTA Council Nominating Committee is currently seeking both nominations and expressions of interest from individuals in the community who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the PTA Executive Board for the 2018/19 school year. We are looking for community members who demonstrate strong leadership skills and have a passion for improving the educational experience of all students, preferably have experience on their school PTA or site council, and are interested in stepping into a leadership role at the district level.

PTA Council Officers and VPs: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, VP Advocacy, VP Communications, VP Community Outreach, VP Education, VP Health & Wellness, VP Parent Education, Auditor, VP Leadership Services. To find out more contact: PTA Council Nominating Committee Chair - [pat@magic.com](mailto:pat@magic.com)

### **Nominate Great People for Awards (Due March 1)**

#### [Call for Nominations for HSA 2018](#)

Each year the Palo Alto Council of PTAs may bestow one of several California State PTA Honorary Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth in our community. The individuals or organization nominated must make far-reaching, notable contributions.

The PTA Council HSA Committee selects persons or groups who have benefited children and youth on a district-wide or Palo Alto community level.

We also have a new award that debuted last year that honors exceptional PTA volunteers at the unit (school) level. Each PTA may nomination one person.

If you know of someone or an organization that deserves to be honored at this level, please complete this form: [Nominations for HSA2018](#) Recipients will be

announced at our Honorary Service Award Reception on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Visit here past recipients <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/honorary-service-awards/>.

**Deadline for Nominations is March 1, 2018.**

## SUMMER CAMP

### **Palo Alto Youth Journalism Summer Camp**

*Mon July 30 to Fri Aug 3 in the Media Arts Center at Palo Alto High School*

After three hugely successful summers, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again this summer with its fourth year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center) on July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>th</sup>. A new leadership team and with a plethora of journalism experience is in place and eager to educate new campers on a variety of journalistic skills including critical thinking, research, graphic design, and expository writing techniques. Counselors are the fun and qualified students of Paly's seven publications. The camp is open to all rising 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders, all proceeds support Paly's journalism program for the following year. Registration and more information can be found at this website: [paly.io/campmac](http://paly.io/campmac).

### **Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2018**

**Sessions: Robot Design & Hardware, Programming, Entrepreneurship & Website Design, Animation & Graphic Design**

*July 23 - 27; July 30 - August 3*

This year, Paly Robotics will be offering two different weeks of our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>). We hope to spark interest and start future high school students on a path in science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Saturday, Feb 3, at 10AM. Campers will be able to sign up for one of four sessions per week. This camp will be hosted at Palo Alto High School. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [summercamp@palyrobotics.com](mailto:summercamp@palyrobotics.com). For further details, go to <http://palyrobotics.com/summercamp/>.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **NEW! The Minds of Boys and Girls Presentation by Michael Gurian**

*Wed, Feb 28, 6:30pm, Hillview Middle School PAC*

In this inspirational, practical, and humorous presentation, renowned educator, family counselor, and bestselling author Michael Gurian focuses on helping boys and girls across the gender spectrum to succeed in school and life. Because boys and girls experience their home and school life differently, Michael explores how the minds of boys and girls develop distinctly-and how parents, educators, therapists, and others can care for and support the needs of our children. Based on more than thirty years of research and counseling practice, Michael traces how a child's learning mind grows, how the genders learn and grow differently, how acculturation influences boys and girls, and how crucial school success has become to life success. Michael will be available to sign books following the event and books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments and beverages served. Childcare available for potty-trained children. For more information:

[www.mpcsdspakerseries.com](http://www.mpcsdspakerseries.com)



## **NEW! El Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Auditions for New Members**

*Feb/Mar/Apr Palo Alto*

Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony (soon-to-be Golden State Youth Orchestra) invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2018-19 Season. Led by an internationally renowned faculty, ECYS offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. Members are challenged with professional-level repertoire, receive support from experienced coaches, and perform in concerts throughout the Bay Area. There are openings for all instrumentalists, though the most in-demand instruments are: Percussion, Bassoon, All Brass, String Bass, Viola, and Saxophone. Auditions are held in March/April for the season that begins in August/September. Apply online at [www.ECYS.org](http://www.ECYS.org). Call ECYS at 650-665-9046 for more information.

## **NEW! Youth Community Service Seeking Program Coordinators for Youth Initiative**

Youth Community Service (YCS) is a community-based nonprofit that engages our PAUSD students in meaningful service-based learning that builds leadership and life skills. YCS has been funded by local government grants to launch a Youth Connectedness Initiative in Palo Alto. YCS is hiring two coordinators for this Initiative: a **Parent Program Coordinator** to help facilitate parent workshops and activities on youth connectedness; and a **Youth Program Coordinator** to work with YCS staff to help adolescents develop protective factors, such as positive perception of self, service to others, and caring developmental relationships with peers and adults. YCS seeks candidates - either recent college grads, or professionals who have stepped away from the workplace to raise a family or run a household. For more information and how to apply, visit: <http://youthcommunityservice.org/careers/>

## **NEW! Help Kids in Grades K-5 with Reading, Writing, Math Next Year - You Could Change a Life**

Have you enjoyed helping in your child's classroom? Consider volunteering in a classroom in eastern Menlo Park or East Palo Alto where your help is especially needed. You'll have a real impact tutoring kids in grades K-5 where about 90% are low income and over 80% are performing below grade level in reading and math.

Work once a week in the same classroom for about an hour with students eager to see you. All Students Matter provides training and coordinates everything. Sign up now to start in September. For more details or to sign up, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org) or contact Keri Tully at [keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com).

## **Palo Alto Summer Camp Fair**

*Thu, March 1, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Ohlone Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 950 Amarillo Ave.*

Discover terrific summer camps (for grades K-12) all around Palo Alto, meet camp vendors in person, and get help planning a summer your entire family will love. Free to attend. Free pizza for the first 100 attendees, plus activities for kids, giveaways, and camp discounts. More info at: <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltofair>

## **Paly Theatre Presents the World Premiere of "Venture"**

*Fri & Sat, Mar 9-10; Fri & Sat, Mar 16 & 17, 7:30 PM; Thu, Mar 15, 4 PM; Sun, Mar 18, 2 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd.*

Join the excitement at the world premiere of the musical **Venture**. Gender politics, the challenges of love and ambition, a tech dynasty, how does a young woman in Silicon Valley figure it all out? *Venture* is a modern love story that follows the path of one woman as she makes her way through the complex, cutthroat Silicon Valley tech culture while navigating her deepening relationship with her boyfriend. Finding balance proves difficult. Rivals seek to destroy her. Mentors teeter on the brink of their own destruction. Who can she trust? How does a young visionary woman find her future? What will she risk in order to change the world? Tickets are \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 students/seniors. Reserved seating at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>. Box office opens one hour prior to curtain.

### **Stanford Food and Mood Study is Recruiting!**

Eligible participants are between 9-17 years old, are experiencing low moods or irritability, have a body mass index greater than 85%, do not have braces or metal in their body

Participants receive \$325 for completing the study. Participants come in for clinical and cognitive evaluations, an MRI brain scan and a blood test 3 times over 2 years. To learn more about the study and to see if your child is eligible, contact Lizzy at 650-721-4049 or [thepearlab@stanford.edu](mailto:thepearlab@stanford.edu). You can also find out more about Stanford's Pediatric Emotion and Resilience Lab (PEARL) at <http://med.stanford.edu/pedmood.html>. For general information about participation rights, contact 1-866-680-2906.

### **Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Winter Concerts**

Enjoy a series of winter concerts (January through March) featuring PACO's talented young musicians. In addition to orchestral and chamber pieces by well known composers Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven, you'll be enchanted by an array of works by Boccherini, Pleyel, and Dvorak to name a few. All concerts are admission FREE and for the entire family to enjoy. For more information about PACO, please visit [www.pacomusic.org](http://www.pacomusic.org) or email [info@pacomusic.org](mailto:info@pacomusic.org)

*Sun, Feb 18, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Jory Fankuchen, conductor) Sinfonia Orchestra*

*Sun, Mar 4, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Michel Taddei, conductor) Debut Orchestra*

### **Ongoing Stanford University Brain Study on Executive Function Skills**

Looking for children ages 7 and up 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 neurofeedback training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at [lchromik@stanford.edu](mailto:lchromik@stanford.edu) or 650-724-2939 for more information or to enroll. For general information regarding participant rights, contact 1- 866-680-2906.

### **Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School**

*Sat & Sun. Feb. 17-18; March 3-4, 17-18; April 7-8, 21-22; May 5-6, 19-20; June 2-3; and summer too. 9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto*

These 2 day workshops are open to the public, students and parents. You learn glass blowing technique in this hands-on 2-day weekend workshop. Advanced Sign up is required. Class limit is 4. Teens and adults. \$425 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School Fiery Arts Boosters.

Contact: David Camner, founder of Paly Glass, [dcamner@pausd.org](mailto:dcamner@pausd.org), for more information & dates

### **\*\*NEW\*\*VR Experience**

*Tue, Mar 6, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd*

Join us for a virtual reality experience! Bring your friends. Grades 5-12 only. Please [register](#) for this event.

### **Music Teacher's Scholarship Concert**

*Feb 24, 4PM, Paly Performing Arts Center (PAC), Palo Alto High School*

Tickets: \$15.00 adult (\$20.00 at door) / \$5.00 student/senior. For Presale tickets, send check and Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to Music Office, 25E Churchill Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94306 or call 650-3239-3944. Proceeds from the Music Teachers' Scholarship Concert will be used to award scholarships to PAUSD music students in grades 4 - 8. Scholarship money may be used to attend summer music camps, workshops or lessons, or to purchase instruments and supplies. Students who attend the concert will be given priority for their preferred audition time.

Auditions will be held on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> and should be of 4 minutes or less and should include two scales and an etude. Students will only be allowed to audition on the instrument/voice they play in their school performing ensemble. Fourth grade general music students may audition on recorder or voice. No piano scholarships will be awarded. Contestants are evaluated with other students of the same age and/or ability level. See your music teacher or call the music office at 329-3944 for more information.

### **Blind Date w/ a Book**

*Month of February, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd*

Go on a blind date with a book! If your blind date with a book doesn't work out, then check out a new one. No hurt feelings! Review your book date for a chance to win prizes.

## **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!

## 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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