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Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

This Week:

Spirit Week

Site Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 3:30-5:30pm, N1

Cotillion Dance

Tuesday, September 19, 7:30-8:30pm, MPR

School Fall Dance

Friday, September 22, 7-9pm

8th Grade Parent Social

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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.



- 22** Elections for 6th Grade Officers during 4th period in the MPR
- 22** 7th&8th Grade School Fall Dance, 7-9pm
- 22** 8th Grade Parent Social, 7-9:30pm
- 26** Cotillion Dance Class, 7:30-8:30pm, MPR
- 27** 6th Grade Spirit Assembly
- 27** International Night, MPR

**PiE Fundraising**

The PiE 2017-2018 fundraising campaign is happening now. Please join us in making a difference in the education of all kids in our community. PiE funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. PiE's funding provides enrichment and support in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), the Arts, and Wellness and Support. PiE-funded staff make a positive impact on our kids every day. Take two minutes to see (<http://papie.org/video/>) how the enriched education we want for our kids is only possible with PiE.

Every gift counts. Please donate today at <http://papie.org/donate/>.



JORDAN NEWS

NEW! Spirit Week This Week

Monday: Camo Day

Tuesday: Dress Alike Day

Wednesday: Disney Day

Throwback Thursday (Dress like you did in Elementary School)

Friday: Spirit Day-Decade Day (6th- 60's;7th-70's; 8th-80's)

UPDATED! First Site Council meeting Tuesday September 19

The first Site Council of the new school year is scheduled for Tuesday September 19, 3.30 PM in room N1. Site Council meetings are public and everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda has been published on <http://www.jordan.pausd.org/about/site-council>.

In the meeting we will go over the school goals, aka the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), and the funds of the School Improvement Program (SIP). We will start the meeting with inaugurating the new staff and parent members.

NEW! Jordan Club

Monday, September 11 thru 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 Dummys(A-4)

Jordan 8th Grade Parents Social

Friday, September 22 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Now that the kids are back to school, let's get together for a parents social!

Please see this evite for details and to RSVP: <http://evite.me/HxgEXw86vw>

Hope to see you there!

NEW! 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!

NEW! 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.

Jordan International Night

"Building A Vibrant & Diverse School Community"

Planning is now underway to celebrate Jordan diverse cultures at the Jordan International Night on **September 27**, Wednesday. We have over 100+ countries represented by our student body! Come celebrate our students' heritage with music, dance, fun, food, and prizes. Jordan Spanish, French, and Mandarin Class students will be invited to give presentations in the languages they are studying.

We are excited to announce our new co-chair for this event, **Kathleen Hart** at hart.kathleen@yahoo.com.

Think about giving a performance of music, dance or other formats? Plan to sponsor a country table? Sign up now! The slots do go fast. For all inquires, please email: jordaninternationalfair@gmail.com.



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

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

Science Fridays! Science, Engineering and Technology Fair Evaluators and Volunteers!

Couple of the most fun things at Jordan: Science Fridays! And the Science, Engineering and Technology Fairs and Science Expo in January.

On Science Fridays we have scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, professors, Paly/Gunn students come in to talk about their work and research. Our past topics have ranged from black holes, Google glass technology, sports medicine, wearables, finance, chemistry blowups...just pure fun! Would you like to come and talk to our students? Please send us an email. Oindrila Ray:

odray@pacbell.net, Sara Woodham Johnsson: sawoodham@gmail.com and Joo Chia: joochia@gmail.com

We need many evaluators for our science fair projects. The students get to have one on one time with the evaluator and often find the experience enriching. As evaluators ourselves, we have been blown away by the work and imagination of our students. So much creativity and energy!! Sign up to volunteer! https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#

And the then the science fair night...we have always had a huge turnout and for the past few years...liquid nitrogen ice cream!!! Nothing like the drama of seeing your ice cream emerging from the clouds of nitrogen. Delicious! Hoping to have it again this year. Though the best part is the student posters and talking to the students and of course the expo!

We need volunteers to pull it off and make a success of it! Please volunteer: https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#

Upcoming Parent Ed Program: "Talking to Our Daughters About Sex!"

If you squirm at reading this subject line, you are not alone! We know how hard it is to broach this difficult subject, and that's why we are excited to offer a new

parent education program aimed at helping mothers navigate conversations with your daughters about SEX.

"Talking to Our Daughters About Sex" is a four-week program for mothers of girls ages 10-13 years old. Classes will be offered:

Wednesday mornings, September 27th-October 18th , 9:30-11:30 in Palo Alto.

Please plan to attend all 4 classes. Please Register **by 9/24**.

To register and for more information please contact: Laura Prentiss, MSW at: lnprentiss@gmail.com or Liza Baskind, M.S., MFT at: lizabaskind@gmail.com

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.

International Fair Coordinators (3-5)

International Fair Coordinators meet in August and September to plan for the annual International Fair. Country Tables (food and cultural displays), evening program (dances, music, art display) and raffle prize giveaways -- are the program's major components. This is a great way to work with a small group of parents to plan and carry out this popular and highly anticipated Jordan Wed evening community building event that celebrates our school's diversity. Event Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 5:30 pm - 7 pm.

Co-Science Fair Chair

Family Buddies Coordinator

Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Service Day Coordinator

VTP Co-coordinator

If interested, please contact

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PAUSD NEWS

NEW! Notice of Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Tuesday September 26, 6:30 pm, Board Room, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto
The Board of Education will receive input from the public relative to certification that students have sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials for the 2017-18 school year. Additional information available through Educational Services at 650-833-4242

PTAC NEWS

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>).

Flag football practices are Monday-Friday 3:15-4:30 pm.
If interested in more information, please contact Chase Hartmann, City of Palo Alto Middle School Athletics Coordinator, at chase.hartmann@cityofpaloalto.org

ONSITE AFTER SCHOOL

NEW! 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 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! Road to Wellness Starts at Palo Alto Community Health Fair Sept. 23

As part of Palo Alto's Healthy City, Healthy Community priority set by the City Council, Palo Alto is partnering again this year with the Palo Alto Family YMCA to bring a speakers series, group exercise classes, interactive booths, fitness and nutrition classes, and other wellness events to the third annual Palo Alto Community Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 23. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and this year, will be held at City Hall with activities planned for both inside the Council chambers and community rooms, as well as on King Plaza.

Healthy City, Healthy Community was adopted as a Council priority in 2015 and encourages social, cultural and physical environments that promote healthy living and creative expression in our communities.

The Palo Alto Community Health Fair is open to all ages and will include a series of expert-led talks on a variety of health issues, fun group exercise classes, and community activities. [Pre-registration](#) is encouraged for many of the health lectures.

The fair coincides with Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and [Project Safety Net](#) is organizing a [QPR Suicide Prevention Training](#) course that can help bring greater education and emergency response to mental crisis.

There will also be a teen debate on universal mental health, a bike safety check station, a virtual reality booth, cancer screenings, push-up competitions and much more!

Click [here](#) for the full schedule of events, speakers and booth participants.

NEW! "Like" Your Favorite Photos in the Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest

Vote until Monday, September 25th at <http://bit.ly/EnjoyContest>

Vote for your FAVORITE PHOTOS that were submitted to the Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest hosted by the City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department (<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/default.asp>). The "Overall Audience Favorite" winner will be chosen based on the number of "likes." Enjoy and Happy Voting! Quick tip: Scroll down the page at <http://bit.ly/EnjoyContest> to see photos.

NEW! Paly Theatre presents: The Miracle Worker

Thu, Sep 28, 7:30 PM, Fri, Sep 29, 4 PM, Sun Oct 1, 2 PM & 7 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd.

Please join Palo Alto High School Theatre as they present their first play of the year, the 1960 Tony Award for Best Play, The Miracle Worker. Immortalized on stage and screen by Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke, this classic tells the story of Annie Sullivan and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller. Tickets are \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 students/seniors. Reserved seating can be purchased online at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/> or at the Box office one hour prior to curtain.

NEW! 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.

NEW! Connecting Palo Alto Workshop #2

Sat, Sep. 16, 10 AM - 2 PM, Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road

The City of Palo Alto is hosting a community workshop to address longstanding challenges associated with the four grade crossings on the Caltrain rail corridor that runs through Palo Alto. Parking spaces (94) and bike racks (6) are available on site. Parking spaces (82) are also available at the Rinconada Library. Public transit accessible via VTA bus line 35. Lunch will be provided. For more information, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/connectingpaloalto

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).

FREE Mindful Moms Class with Krassi Harwell

Tues Sep 26 12-1:30PM, 67 Encina Ave, Palo Alto, CA

Join our community of wise and caring moms as we navigate the rich and rewarding journey of raising kids into adults. We will practice yoga, meditate, and tap into the healing power of togetherness as we share stories, strength and support. This FREE class is for moms who have kids of **all** ages - particularly helpful for moms who have toddlers thru teens! Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited! <http://mindbodymoms.com/free-introductory-classes/>

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.

Ride, Drive & Be Green: A National Drive Electric Week Celebration

Sun, Sep 17; 1-4 pm, 3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto (Park on Elwell Ct.)

Take a FREE Test Drive in an Electric Vehicle on September 17! Did you know that the single biggest way to lower your personal carbon emissions is to drive an electric vehicle? Find out more by taking a FREE electric vehicle test drive on Sep 17. This is your chance to view and drive several models all at once, without having to visit multiple dealers. Participating vehicles will include the Chevy Bolt, Kia Soul EV, Nissan Leaf, Tesla S, and more! Adults and students 17+ years with a valid driver's license may take test drives; younger students may ride as passengers (please bring car seats if required).

Contact arianee@acterra.org. RSVP at tiny.cc/PA-NDEW2017 Pre-registration is not mandatory but appreciated!

Challenges of Dyslexia, SELPA 1 CAC Parent Education Event

Wed Sep 20, 7-9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary, Los Altos

Join Lindamood-Bell Center Director, Leila MacCurrach, for a conversation about how intensive instruction that builds the imagery-language foundation can enable students of all backgrounds and prior diagnoses to learn to read and comprehend to their potential. Lindamood-Bell's intensive, one-to-one, process-based instruction has been used to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension. The method has been proven successful for individuals with learning challenges, including dyslexia, hyperlexia, ADHD, and ASD.

Family Date Night - PLAY! Fort Building

Fri, Sept 22, 7:00-8:15 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Join your friends and neighbors at the library for an evening of fort building fun.

In collaboration with The Art Center's PLAY! exhibit. Please register each family member separately. Sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Library

The 8th Annual Bike Palo Alto, Sunday, Oct. 1 from 1:00-4:00pm

Explore Palo Alto's enjoyable bike byways from Los Altos to Menlo Park to the Baylands! Free treats are offered at rest stops along each route. 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. Bring your helmet, a water bottle for filling at water fountains, and a small pack to hold your maps and other bike goodies. Free registration is from 1-3 at El Carmelo Elementary along with any sort of bike help. Riders choose among three self-guided routes of various distances and can start filling up a Frequent Rider Card that is redeemed later for a reward. Preregistration is recommended at <https://bikepaloalto.org>.

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.

Society of Bookworms - *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher* by Dana Levy

Wed, Sept 20, 4:00-5:00 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6. Sponsored by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

NEW! Free Community Service Activity for Teens (Sponsored by Get Involved Palo Alto)

Thu, Sep 21 3-6 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center (Matadero Room);

Tue, Sep 26 3 - 6 PM, Rinconada Library (Embarcadero Room); Thu, Sep 28,

3 - 6 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center (Matadero Room)

Help Get Involved Palo Alto meet its goal of making 1000 bookmarks for local Meals on Wheels clients. Drop in, learn about issues facing the elderly and

earn up to 12 service hours making a difference. Have a snack, have some fun! For more information go to getinvolvedpal Alto.org

Tween & Teen Art Classes at the Palo Art Center

Unleash the creativity in your student by signing up for one of our Teen & Tween Art Classes. We have several classes with openings for students ages 11-18. Register online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Home> for classes focusing on Ceramics, Drawing, Photography and Watercolor. Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello (rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-617-3509).

Blind Banned Books

Month of September, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Zone
Banned Books Week in the Teen Zone! YA books wrapped in black paper on display in the Teen Zone have been banned or challenged. Celebrate your freedom to read by checking out banned or challenged books, and taking them home to rate your blind date for chances to win prizes. Grades 6-12.

Banned Book to Teen Movie

Tue, Sept 26, 4:30-6:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Midtown Room

Celebrate Banned Books Week with a movie and snacks! We will be watching a movie based on a banned book. Bring your friends. Registration Required. Grades 6-12.

Palo Alto Library Teen Maker Tuesday @MP

Tues, Sept 19, 4:30-5:30 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

An interactive program for teens featuring different Maker related projects.

Registration Required. For more information, go to: <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

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

Jordan girls interested in field hockey wanted! No experience required.

We are trying to put together a Jordan/Paly team for the youth field hockey league at Saratoga High School on Saturday mornings, with 7 v 7 games of mixed divisions. There will be 6 league play days as well as an Annual Hockey Gobble Tournament. These are generally club and school teams at a U14 level, but in the hope that Paly will start a team next year, they are welcoming our Jordan/Paly girls who are interested in field hockey to form a team. Cost is \$80 per player for individual entry to the league. If you are interested, please let me know asap: wendygwyn5@gmail.com. Please send name, grade and contact details. If you are already playing in the league with a club, please let me know that too.

DATES: 7 Saturdays (Upper Field, Saratoga HS) TIME: (8:30 - 11:30AM)
September 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21
November 18--- Hockey Gobble Tournament- (~9 - 3PM)

LOCATION:

Saratoga High School
20300 Herriman Ave
Saratoga, CA 95070

*Parking, bathrooms on site & track open for use.

Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

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

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