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## Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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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.



- 11** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spirit Assembly
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### 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! Jordan 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball registration**

Jordan 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball registration will begin on **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am**. You can either go online to [cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy](http://cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy) and create an account ahead of time and register online, or you can come in person to Mitchell Park Community Center on the day of your child's schools registration (September 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 am). If you come in person I would recommend coming in person about an hour before our doors open, however we usually only get a handful of people registered who come in person, so the online system is a quicker approach to registering your child. We are NOT accepting registration forms by email or by fax, only online or in person, the day of your child's registration day.

For questions about Jordan Sports Signup, please contact Alex Comsa [alex@comsagroup.com](mailto:alex@comsagroup.com)  
If you know anyone that is interested in coaching basketball this season, please contact Chase Hartman [Chase.Hartmann@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Chase.Hartmann@CityofPaloAlto.org)

## **UPDATED! Jordan International Night**

### ***"Building A Vibrant & Diverse School Community"***

Jordan International Night is around the corner! Come join us in MPR to celebrate Jordan diverse cultures on **September 27, Wednesday, 5:30-8pm**.

Principal Valerie will kick off the event. Planners are proud to report the coming together of 14 Country Tables serving tasty treats, cultural items, beautiful costumes, etc. (Brazil, China, Germany, Mexico, ...) If you would like to host a country table, we have just a few spots left.

Please contact Kathleen Hart right away

at [hart.kathleen23@yahoo.com](mailto:hart.kathleen23@yahoo.com). You will hear our teen's hip music for

teen across the globe. If you have other favorite musical additions to our playlist, please email Jade Chao at [jadec0606@gmail.com](mailto:jadec0606@gmail.com). Student volunteers are needed to help announce our raffle prizes. Volunteers orientation is 30 minutes prior to the event at 5 pm in the MPR. Please sign up for volunteering (parents and students) at

<https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/kpTsBd875724zZo62Tc1vkidkgMgX2YF3Nnq!Lo79MA=>.

Mark your calendar! Don't miss it.

For all inquires, please email: [jordaninternationalfair@gmail.com](mailto:jordaninternationalfair@gmail.com).



## **NEW! 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 able to utilize all of our library resources including computer use and textbook/library book check out/check in. As we open

this year, you may notice some differences from last year. This year our coordination team, who will be overseeing our JAWS services on their designated days, consists of Ms. Jennifer Pequegnat on Mondays, Mr. Keith Clarke on Tuesdays, and Mr. Garth Rogers on Thursdays.

**Student Sign in:**

Students must arrive in the library **no later than 3:15pm**. If a student will arrive later than 3:15, he/she/they must come with a pass from a staff member in their binder reminder marked on that particular date. Students are NOT permitted to leave campus then return for JAWS.

**Binder Reminders are students' tickets into JAWS. It must already be filled out by the student with assignments to work on for the day.** Staff members will come around to check in with students using their binder reminders.

**Snacks:**

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

**Cell phones:**

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

**Behavior expectations:**

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

**Student dismissal/ sign out:**

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

**NEW! Jordan 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting**

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

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

-Your 8th Grade Parent Network Coordinators

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Asma ([asma.rabbani@gmail.com](mailto:asma.rabbani@gmail.com))

## Walk and Roll day

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

## Cycling Safely to School amidst Traffic

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

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

## Attention 8th Grade Parents!

Honor your Jordan graduate with a recognition space in this year's yearbook and commemorate his or her achievement with congratulatory messages and photos. You can pick up order forms in the office or download them at: [www.jordan.pausd.org/parents](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 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](mailto: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@ogradycm.com

Susan Scheel: susanischeel@sbcglobal.net

Wendie Karel: wendiekarel@hotmail.com

## **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: 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)

## **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](mailto:odray@pacbell.net), Sara Woodham Johnsson: [sawoodham@gmail.com](mailto:sawoodham@gmail.com) and Joo Chia: [joochia@gmail.com](mailto: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#](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#)

And 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#](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: [lprentiss@gmail.com](mailto:lprentiss@gmail.com) or Liza Baskind, M.S., MFT at: [lizabaskind@gmail.com](mailto: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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### **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.amazon.com/smile) 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 big difference!



**PAUSD NEWS**



**NEW! Superintendent's Weekly Message from Friday September 15**

We will re-post Dr. McGee's weekly communications here each week, in case you missed it on his previous Infinite Campus email to you. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-sept-15-2017>

**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](mailto:chase.hartmann@cityofpaloalto.org)

**ONSITE AFTER SCHOOL****Rose Debate Institute Returns Monday, September 25th**

Once per week on **Mondays** from **3:10pm - 4:40pm** for 11 weeks. Establishes a firm foundation for communication. Our *Public Speaking 1* course prepares students for every public speaking situation. The course includes *confidence building*, *interactive oratory*, *body language*, and much more. For seven years Rose Debate has shared the world of speech and debate with middle and high school students in Silicon Valley. We are committed to growing

our students in three important areas: **CONFIDENCE**- Public Speaking is one of the most prevalent fears in the United States. PS1 grows students in the confidence they need to overcome this fear. **COMMUNICATION** - As internet use has increased, practice in non-verbal communication has decreased. We create an environment where students can grow as communicators with their peers. **LEADERSHIP** - Strong introductions, meaningful conversations, and persuasive speaking are the building blocks of good leadership. Registration is \$395 per student & covers all course materials. For a full list of dates, and to register, visit our website at [www.rosedebate.com/jordan](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 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](http://www.wizbots.com/afterschool) to enroll at Jordan Middle School.

### **Gurus Education is Back with Personal Finance ad Publich 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! Basketball Registration Is Open!**

Attention girls and boys interested in playing basketball: Palo Alto National Junior Basketball aims to build individual skills, teamwork, character, friendly competition, and compassion. We offer K-2 clinics, leagues for grades 3-8 with professional coaching on Super Saturdays, and a high school program. As a community non-profit, we depend on parents to help coach-a magnificent way to positively impact and spend time with our children. Practices begin in late October, and games run from December through a tournament in late February. Scholarships available. Find out more and register at <https://palaltonjb.siplay.com/>.

**NEW! Presentation by Acterra: Hear How the Clean Energy Economy is Addressing Climate Change**

*Thu, Sep 28, 6:30 PM, Foster Art and Wilderness Foundation, 940 Commercial St., Palo Alto*

Parents and students are invited to join Acterra for a lecture with former California Controller Steve Westly. Now managing partner for the Westly Group, a sustainability venture firm in Menlo Park, Westly will discuss how developments in the clean energy economy are helping to address climate change.

\$10 for non-members. FREE for Acterra members. Register at <https://www.acterra.org/lectures>

**NEW! 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>.

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

Vote until Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

### **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](http://www.celebrateoneness.com), deadline October 1, 2017. Email: [celebrateoneness@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateoneness@gmail.com). Event sponsored by the Palo Alto Baha'i Community.

### **Palo Alto Library -- Day of the Dead Altar**

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

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

### **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-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:jsosa@ravenswoodef.org) or visit REF's website to learn more about other volunteering opportunities at [www.ravenswoodef.org](http://www.ravenswoodef.org).

## **NEW! The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Palo Alto**

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

Get ready to ride and explore Palo Alto's enjoyable bike byways from Los Altos to Menlo Park to the Baylands! Bring your helmet, a water bottle for filling at water fountains, and a small pack to hold your maps and other bike goodies. Start at El Carmelo for registration, route maps, helmet fitting, and an ABC Quick Bike Safety Check. Choose from three routes with shorter and longer options with treats at special stops along the routes and start filling up a Frequent Rider Card that is redeemed later for a reward. For more details: <https://bikepaloalto.org/> or #bikepaloalto. Originated and organized by neighborhood green team volunteers, this free event provides a fun way for the community to learn about Palo Alto's great bicycling routes and resources.

Bike Palo Alto encourages biking safely to more places more often and kicks off Walk & Roll week in PAUSD schools.

## **Stanford ADHD Study**

Looking for children ages 7-11 with a diagnosis of ADHD or with no diagnoses to participate in a study exploring changes in brain function in response to a novel neurofeedback training.

Participation involves 6 sessions of cognitive training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at [lchromik@stanford.edu](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.

## **NEW! Palo Alto Library Candy Sushi & Teen Anime**

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

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

## **NEW! Matemagos Math Tutoring in Spanish: Help Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> Graders with Math, Gain Valuable Experience Volunteering**

*Mandatory Tutor Orientation Thu Oct 12, 3:15-4:15PM., Escondido Elementary, Room 1*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Tutoring Session Oct 19 - Nov 30, Thu 3:15 - 4:15PM, at Escondido Elementary, Palo Alto*  
Matemagos provides a great opportunity to work with Kinder and First Grade Spanish Immersion students in math through fun and engaging games. Tutors gain valuable experience through service while using their Spanish language skills, building a relationship with the students, and giving back to the community. Contact [matemagos.tutor@gmail.com](mailto:matemagos.tutor@gmail.com) for details

## **NEW! Harry Potter Movie Showing**

*Tue, Sept 26, 4:30-6:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Midtown Room*  
Celebrate Banned Books Week with a movie that was challenged for teaching wizardry- Harry Potter! Snacks will be provided to this free event, and come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character with your friends. Grades 6-12. Registration required at <http://bit.ly/2hibkKm>

## **Free Community Service Activity for Teens (Sponsored by Get Involved Palo Alto)**

*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 [getinvolvedpaloalto.org](http://getinvolvedpaloalto.org)

## **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.



## 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 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#](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

### **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](mailto: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**

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/>

Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

### **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

## **SUBSCRIBE TO THE eNEWS**

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