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Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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Tuesday, October 10, 7:30-8:30pm, MPR

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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.

October

- 10** Cotillion, 7:30-8:30pm
- 10** Site Council, 3:30-5pm
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PiE Rally Days - Challenge Grant

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





NEW! Data Clean-Up

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

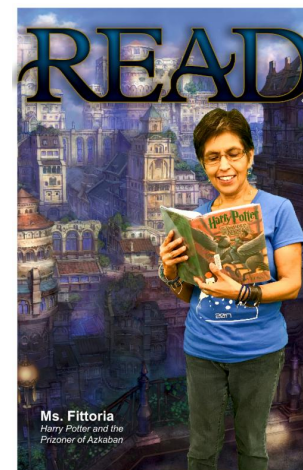
JORDAN NEWS

NEW! Jordan Remarkable Reader

Dear parents, it is that time again! Do you have a child who ALWAYS has their nose in a book? Who consistently dresses up as book characters for Halloween? Who would rather read than do just about anything else? Who read more than 10 books this summer alone? Who has read every single one of our 72 Naruto manga (or Harry Potter book, or whatever other series they are crazy about!) -- twice? If you answered yes, please consider nominating your child for recognition as a Jordan Remarkable Reader! Each student nominated will get the chance to have their picture taken with their favorite book for their very own READ poster!

Nominations are open now through October 13th here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/2BePac1X4wSssXtn2>.

Please only nominate students you feel are truly deserving of this honor, as we want this to be a really special recognition of the value of reading and literacy. Thanks!



NEW! Author Kate Milford is Coming to Jordan

Kate Milford, author of the acclaimed mystery for young people, Greenglass House, is coming to Jordan to talk about her new book, Ghosts of Greenglass House! She will be here during 6th period, the first period of the day, on **Wednesday, October 25th!**

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

Greenglass House

It's wintertime at Greenglass House. The creaky smuggler's inn is always quiet during this season, and twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his holidays

relaxing. But on the first icy night of vacation, out of nowhere, the guest bell rings. Then rings again. And again. Soon Milo's home is bursting with odd, secretive guests, each one bearing a strange story that is somehow connected to the rambling old house. As objects go missing and tempers flare, Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, must decipher clues and untangle the web of deepening mysteries to discover the truth about Greenglass House--and themselves.

Ghosts of Greenglass House

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

NEW! 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.

Interested? Sign up [HERE](#)

WHERE: Mariano Castro Elementary School (505 Escuela Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040) and

Edith Landels Elementary School (115 W Dana St, Mountain View, CA 9404)

Monta Loma Elementary School (460 Thomson Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043)

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

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

CONTACT: buddies4math@gmail.com

INFORMATION: www.buddies4math.org

NEW! Third Annual Paly Golf Team Fall Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 21st, 9-11am, Palo Alto High School Student Center

Please join the Palo Alto High School Boys & Girls Golf Teams for the Third Annual Fall Pancake Breakfast. If you have an aspiring golfer, here's a great opportunity to meet Coach Knight and find out about the Paly golf teams. Coach Knight is going to mingle around during breakfast meeting guests while members of the Paly Golf Team serve you delicious pancakes along with other scrumptious breakfast foods and beverages. Grab your aspiring golfer and other family members and come meet the Paly Golf Coach and Golf Team Members! For tickets, email Team Mom Pam Wagner (pamelajillwagner@comcast.net). Tickets \$10 per person.

NEW! Basketball Coaches Wanted!

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

UPDATED! Attention 8th Grade Parents!

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

Honor your Jordan graduate with a recognition space in this year's yearbook and commemorate his or her achievement with congratulatory messages and photos. You can pick up order forms in the office or download them at: www.jordan.pausd.org/parents 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 new deadline is **Monday, October 16, 2017**. If you have questions or need more information please contact the yearbook adviser, Daryl Richard, at drichard@pausd.org

Jordan PTA - October Meeting

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

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



Please click [here](#) to RSVP

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

CALLING ALL PARTY HOSTS! We need more parties! Please get together with a friend (or three) to plan and host a party! It could be a

small intimate gathering or a blowout; your choice! Bring your creativity and we will bring you the guests! Sample ideas for parties: Cinco de Mayo party, Night at the Oscars, How to Cook Italian, Chinese Dumpling Making Party, 6th grade Mom/Daughter Spa/Manicure. For more party ideas or to register your party (by October 4,) please contact one of the following "Just Parties" coordinators:

Julie O'Grady: Julie@ogradycom.com

Susan Scheel: susanischeel@sbcglobal.net

Wendie Karel: wendiekarel@hotmail.com

NEW! Jordan Vision Screening Volunteers Needed - Wed., Oct. 25th

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

<https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/nvzpW2LteDrs0WJ2qvyCm2CllfMBxm5uCXhJVO8tfB8=>

If you have any questions, please contact jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT: No child will be allowed entry without a completed waiver form. Parents can fill out the waiver online by clicking here: <https://jordanptaweb.wordpress.com/ice-skating-party/> For additional ticket information, hard copies of the waiver forms, or scholarship information see Jena Babcock at the front office.

We need a few more volunteers to help check in, serve food, set up and clean up. Please sign up by clicking here:

<https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/SmfF2F4o3chDdODndno5UXhwQE1IGG0HFPMGTFLAKVQ=>

Questions: jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com



Jordan Ice Skating Party for 6th Graders

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

Hey 6th graders, get ready to hit the ice for some serious outdoor skating fun! Grab your friends and join us at the annual 6th Grade Jordan Ice Skating Party at Winter Lodge, Palo Alto's beloved ice skating rink. Skate rental, slice of pizza and cocoa included with admission ticket. Sign up before November 6th and get the early bird price of \$25 per skater. \$27 after November 6. Sign your 6th grader now, tickets are limited!!

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

IMPORTANT: No child will be allowed entry without a completed waiver form. Parents can fill out the waiver online by clicking here: <https://jordanptaweb.wordpress.com/ice-skating-party/> For additional ticket information, hard copies of the waiver forms, or scholarship information see Jena Babcock at the front office.

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Questions: jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com

The JAWS Center is Open!

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

Student Sign in:

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

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

Snacks:

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

Cell phones:

While we understand the need for students to have a cell phone after school hours, please respect the students and staff working in the JAWS Center. Cell phones should not be visible

or audible (please turn it on silent). If a student needs to make or receive a call, please use courtesy, notify/indicate to an adult and then step out of the library to use the phone.

Behavior expectations:

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

Student dismissal/ sign out:

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

Jordan 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting

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

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

-Your 8th Grade Parent Network Coordinators

Nerissa (nerissaw@gmail.com)

Amy (amyewardwell@yahoo.com)

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Asma (asma.rabbani@gmail.com)

Jordan Club

Monday, September 11 t hru Friday, December 15th

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Art(F-10), Chinese Traditional Culture(P-1), Fantasy Football(E-6), Gay-Straight Alliance(B-6), Jordan Literary Magazine(P-3), Magic the Gathering(Library), Mavel&DC Recap(P-4), Star Wars(G-6), Youth Community Service(B-5),

After School: Codioc(H-5), Debate(H-3), Jordan Science Olympiad(G-6), Math(N-5)

Friday

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

2017-18 PTA Volunteering Opportunities at Jordan

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

Parliamentarian

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

Family Buddies Coordinator

Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Service Day Coordinator

VTP Co-coordinator

If interested, please contact

Ann Balva: ann@balva.com

Monica Davisson: monicaandwill@yahoo.com

Lisa Daly: lisamariadaly@gmail.com

Lucy Lee: lucyleemd@gmail.com

Joleen Roach: jroach@pausd.org

Sumita Vasudeva: sumita.vasudeva@gmail.com

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PAUSD NEWS

NEW! Unity Day 2017 - When We Stand Together, No One Stands Alone

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

Wednesday, October 25th, all PAUSD schools

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

PTAC NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

ONSITE AFTER SCHOOL

Rose Debate Institute Returns Monday, September 25th

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

Wizbots - After school at Jordan

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

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

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

Mondays 3:15 - 4:15 pm

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

Number of Classes: 26

Single Payment Option: \$495

Installments: \$75

Room Number: TBD

Personal Finance Series : 6th - 8th grade

Wednesdays 2 - 3 pm
10/04/2017 - 04/25/2018 (No class 11/22, 12/27, 01/3, 04/4)
Number of Classes: 26
Single Payment Option: \$495
Installments: \$75
Room Number: TBD

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW! Festival of Lights: A Diwali Celebration

Sun, Oct 29, 12-5PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd, Embarcadero Room
Come celebrate Diwali at the Palo Alto City Library! We'll have music, dancing, henna, crafts and lots more for the whole family to enjoy! Join us at the Rinconada Library on Sunday, October 29 as we celebrate the cultures of our community. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated every autumn in the northern hemisphere. This free event starts at 12PM and features a variety of performances and activities that reflect the celebration!

NEW! Paly Cheer Fundraiser -- Order your Holiday Pies!

Fri, Oct 20 (order deadline), Tues, Nov 7 is pie pick-up at Paly 3:30-5:45pm
Enjoy delicious farm fresh pies while supporting your Cheer and Dance teams! Apple, Two Berry, and Pumpkin Pies are available. They are flash-frozen from Gidzich Farms in Watsonville and are simply scrumptious! Get all the details at:
<http://www.palycheer.net/holiday-pies.html>

NEW! City of Palo Alto Costume Swap

Sun, Oct 8, 1 - 3 PM, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
Are you ready for Halloween? Attend the Halloween Scare/Share Faire to share goods, ideas, ghost stories, and a costume swap. Bring your gently used Halloween costumes, decorations, goodie bags and other holiday items to trade with your neighbors.

NEW! Project Cornerstone - for parents and caregivers!

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

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

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

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

To audition please contact: info@cantabile.org 650.424.1410

Special Education Administration Panel

Wed. Oct 18, 7-9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary, 200 Los Altos Ave, Los Altos

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

Let's Talk, hosted by SELPA 1 CAC

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

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

Parent Chat, hosted by SELPA 1 CAC

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

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

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

Sept 28th to Jan 15th

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Sept 28 to Jan 15 and bring in your own bags, Whole Foods will donate 5 cents per bag to our Palo Alto PTA

Council. The PTAC will be able to use these funds for more programs and events for our PAUSD students, staff, and parents!

Free Math Festival for Girls

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

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

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).

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.

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

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

8th Grade Rising - Parent Info Evenings

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

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

5th Grade Rising - Parent Info Evenings

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

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

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

At each school site, the Principal and other staff will provide insight on the school and what you can look forward to in this new chapter. Parents will share tips for a smooth transition. For more info, see <http://papie.org/news/5th-8th-gr-parent-info-eves/>
Open to all current 5th grade and 8th grade parents, respectively. No reservations needed. Translators will be available for Spanish and Mandarin speakers. This evening is geared for adults. Childcare will not be provided.
* The JLS information night will not include specifics on the choice program, Connections. Detailed information on the program will be shared at a special Connections Information Night on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00pm, hosted by JLS.

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.

NEW! City of Palo Alto International Games Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW! Empathy is the App: Raising Thoughtful Kids in the Digital Age

Wed, Nov 8, 7 - 8:30 PM, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School

Palo Alto Parent Education Parents Series kicks off with nationally acclaimed author of "Screenwise" and TED Talk "Raising a Digital Native," Dr. Devorah Heitner. Parents worry their teens are addicted, detached or distracted because of digital devices. Tech-savvy Digital Natives need mentorship to thrive, develop social skills and succeed in a future where they will likely find a job, meet their spouse and build their reputations. Parents, students, faculty/staff, and community members welcome! Spanish/Mandarin interpretation available. Free admission. Tickets available beginning October 8 (via Eventbrite). Palo Alto Parent Education Series events are sponsored by the Palo Alto High School PTSA and the Gunn High School PTSA

Palo Alto Library Teen Read Week

Month of October, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Zone

Share your favorite YA book, and get some reading suggestions from teens for Teen Read Week! Check out the whiteboard in the Teen Zone and let us know your favorite YA books. Grades 6-12.

Palo Alto Library Candy Sushi & Teen Anime

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit <https://continuingstudies.stanford.edu>, course # WSP 323, for further information.

JORDAN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering at Jordan

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

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

UptoUs login instructions:

Login: your email address

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

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

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

Thank YOU so much for volunteering!

Noon Angels Wanted

We need Noon Angels! Noon Angels help keep our students safe during lunchtime. Our assistant principal, Magdalena Fittoria, invites you to come to a Noon Angels orientation scheduled for Tuesday September 12, 11:30-12:15 in room N-1. She will provide us with a purpose, instructions, a tour of the school grounds, as well as Q & A. Your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to watch out for the safety of our kids. We could not do this without your commitment! To sign up for the orientation and to sign up to volunteer, go to

https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#

Questions? Please contact Sachi Hwangbo sachi_hwangbo@yahoo.com.

SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

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

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

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

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

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