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Second Jordan Challenge Day - February 27, 2018

What is Challenge Day?

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

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

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

JORDAN NEWS

Jordan PTA - Bylaws Amendment Committee - 6th/7th Grade Parents Wanted!!

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

Jennifer Nielsen visits Jordan

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

NEW! Jordan ELAC Meeting

A Jordan English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday 2/28, 9-10 am in the Library. Open to parents of English Learner students, we will have Spanish and Mandarin translation. Here is a link for more information on what the group is: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/cr/elac.asp>

Next week, we will talk about the new California state test all English Learners need to take as well as the reclassification process. Parents who have questions can contact Erica Ng at eng@pausd.org

NEW! Middle School Choice Programs Lottery

Wednesday, 2/28, 1pm, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto

Middle school choice programs lottery is scheduled on Wednesday 2/28, 1pm, at the district office USA- ROOM A. Parent attendance is not mandatory. More information can be found at <https://www.pausd.org/registration/meeting-dates-parents>

Screenagers

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

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

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

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

NEW! 7th Grade Parent Network Meeting with Guest Speaker Betty Krumboltz

March 2, 8:30-10am, MPR

Guest speaker Betty Krumboltz will share her insights on how parents can help students navigate the 8th grade in preparation for high school.

1. Keep the line of communications open.
2. Offer choices you can live with.
3. Monitor social media with regularity.
4. Offer assistance with time management and organizational skills.
5. Discuss grades in rational terms.
6. Keep in mind attitude and emotional well-being are foundational building blocks for both learning and life skills.
7. Help them limit their activities by exploring the available hours in a day/week.
8. Make and take the opportunities for knowing your student's friends.
9. Reach out to the friends' parents.
10. pursue and maintain strong relationships with us.

Betty will be available for Q&A at the end of the talk.

For more information about the meeting, please contact Wendie Karel wendiekarel@hotmail.com; Stephanie Maples playbirdplay@gmail.com; Amanda Vo Park avortpark@gmail.com

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

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

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

NEW! Jordan Parent Ed Night

"Social Media Wellness: How to Help Children and Adults Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World"

With Ana Homayoun, Noted Teen and Millennial Expert, Author, Speaker and Educator

Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 - 9 pm, MPR

In our always-on digital world, it can be hard for teens - and adults! - to successfully navigate online and IRL worlds. With empathy, compassion, and humor, noted Silicon Valley author Ana Homayoun will discuss some of the modern parenting dilemmas in the age of the smartphone and speaks about her latest book, ["Social Media Wellness: Helping Teens and Tweens Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World"](#). She will explore how the digital balancing act affects all aspects of our lives and personal wellness, and for students impacts academic abilities and social well-being as well as emotional and physical health. Ana's work, which is grounded in research and based on over fifteen years of working with students, offers practical

solutions for students, parents, and educators as they navigate the ever-changing issues involving social networking and healthy child and teen development.

Ana Homayoun is a noted teen and millennial expert, author, speaker and educator. She is the author of three books: [That Crumpled Paper Was Due Last Week](#), [The Myth of the Perfect Girl](#), and her latest, [Social Media Wellness: Helping Tweens and Teens Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World](#). Ana speaks at schools and organizations all over the world about organization, time-management, personal purpose, and overall wellness, and her work has been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, Daily Beast, CNN, San Francisco Chronicle, San Jose Mercury News, Chicago Tribune, and ABC News, among others. She is a frequent guest on NPR.

Ana is the founder of Green Ivy Educational Consulting, a Silicon Valley-based educational consulting firm, and has spent the past seventeen years working with students, parents, and educators around the world. For more information, please visit: www.anahomayoun.com and www.greenivyed.com.

Books can be purchased at the event. Ana will sign books.

Parking available on California and Newell Aves.

Volunteer is needed to help with this event.

Volunteer signup <https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/hNEgilPafJY9iXRITwAZ7INLPr86J7hbwQNV7b4nTQA=>

Middle School History-Social Science Materials Under Consideration for Adoption

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

Join us on March 28th for the Fifth Annual Jordan Day of Service!

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

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

To volunteer or to find out more, please contact

Magdalena Fittoria, Assistant Principal, Jordan mfittoria@pausd.org or

Ashley Yee-Mazawa: Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org

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

We look forward to having you join us!

New School Name Recommendation Coming Soon

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

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE - Jordan 2018 8th grade PromotionParty!

Friday, June 1, 7pm (following ceremony) until 10:30pm.
More information to follow ~ Stay tuned!

California Dashboard Reports School Performance

ALL PARENTS interested in learning more about Jordan Middle School can access the California School Dashboard. The Dashboard is available in various languages under the TRANSLATE tab. Please click to see how Jordan Middle School compares to other California schools in districts you may also be familiar. For more information please contact our School Principal, Ms. Valerie Royaltey-Quandt at Jordan Middle School. Dashboard Link is provided here for your convenience. <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/#/ReportDetail/43696416060065/3/2>

Upcoming Just Parties

March

15 - Sip and Swap

24 - Bollywood Night

25 - 7th Grade Moms High Tea in the afternoon

28 - Mother/Daughter Mani-Pedi Party

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

PAUSD NEWS

[NEW!](#) Read the Current Message from Our Interim Superintendent

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

PAUSD Secondary Art Exhibition

*PALY & Terman, Jan 11 - Feb 9; Gunn & Jordan, Feb 12 - Mar 9; JLS, Mar 13 - Apr 13,
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM, Closed Sat-Sun, Main Hallway, 25 Churchill Avenue*

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

PTAC NEWS

2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair

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

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

We want YOU to be on the PTA Council Board

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

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

Nominate Great People for Awards (Due March 1)

[Call for Nominations for HSA 2018](#)

Each year the Palo Alto Council of PTAs may bestow one of several California State PTA Honorary Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth in our community. The individuals or organization nominated must make far-reaching, notable contributions. The PTA Council HSA Committee selects persons or groups who have benefited children and youth on a district-wide or Palo Alto community level.

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

If you know of someone or an organization that deserves to be honored at this level, please complete this form: [Nominations for HSA2018](#) Recipients will be announced at our Honorary Service Award Reception on Thursday, April 26th, 2018. Visit here past recipients <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/honorary-service-awards/>. **Deadline for Nominations is March 1, 2018.**

SUMMER CAMP

Palo Alto Summer Camp Fair

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

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

Palo Alto Youth Journalism Summer Camp

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

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

Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2018

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

July 23 - 27; July 30 - August 3

This year, Paly Robotics will be offering two different weeks of our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th). We hope to spark interest and start future high school students on a path in science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Saturday, Feb 3, at 10AM.

Campers will be able to sign up for one of four sessions per week. This camp will be hosted at Palo Alto High School.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at summercamp@palyrobotics.com. For further details, go to <http://palyrobotics.com/summercamp/>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW! The 21st Annual Juana Run

Sat, Feb 24, First race

starts at 8:30 AM, Pick up race bib by 8:15AM at Juana Briones School

8K, 5K, 1-mile, and Kids' races. Fast, flat courses through scenic Barron Park. The race benefits Gunn High School Sports Boosters, Juana Briones PTA, and West Valley Track Club. Entry includes pancake breakfast and tech shirt. Parking is at Gunn High School. Details and registration at www.juanarun.org.

NEW! Project Safety Net (PSN) Community Meeting: Portraits of Mental Health & Wellbeing

Wed, Feb 28, 3:30 - 5:30

PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room, 1213 Newell Rd

Presentation by Sarah E. Kremer, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Board Certified Art Therapist, and PhD Candidate. Ms. Kremer will share information about her individual doctoral project involving a collaboration between Notre Dame de Namur University, Acknowledge Alliance, and Stanford University's Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing. The title of her presentation is "Portraits of Mental Health & Wellbeing: Using Digital Photography to Reduce Mental Health Stigmatization." The goal of the doctoral project is to create a model for successfully integrating a neurodevelopmental art therapy program into general mental health and wellness services for youth, building upon the benefits of sharing knowledge and ideas with other mental health professionals to mutually enrich the art therapy and adolescent mental health fields. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psn-community-meeting-portraits-of-mental-health-wellbeing-tickets-42441018228>

NEW! City of Palo Alto Earth Day Event: Participate or Volunteer

The City of Palo

Alto is seeking participants and event volunteers of ALL AGES for their upcoming Earth Day event. The event will be held at the Baylands Athletic Center on April 14th, 2018. The event kicks off with the Great Race for Saving Water, a 5K run/walk and kids 1K fun run to raise awareness about water resources, conservation and environmental health. The fun continues with an Earth Day festival offering team awards, raffle prizes, live music, food trucks, electric vehicle ride & drive, guided bird walk, group bike ride, nature walks, zoo animals, arts & crafts, library book mobile, Smokey the Bear, community booths, environmental and public safety resources. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIcRQQWNHHWwgvVgt7uJaDLun1eVp5hcO8P2subD0dHa17bA/viewform> to volunteer, and register <https://www.sweattracker.com/Registration/SavingWater> for the race. Questions? Contact PAUSD Sustainability Program Manager Rebecca Navarro at rnavarro@pausd.org

NEW! Friday Fun @ MP

Fri, Mar 2, 4-5:30PM,

Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Drop in for Legos, board games, and crafts. All ages are welcome!

NEW! Family Film Festival @ MP

Sat, Mar 10, 4-6PM,

Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Enjoy a movie with your family at the library. See library website for movie title. All ages are welcome!

NEW! Festival of Colors

Sun, Mar 11, 1-3PM,

Mitchell Park, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Ready to get a little messy with colored powder? Spring season is almost here, and we are going to have fun with colors! Register to participate in the colored powder activity, henna tattoo, arts & crafts, and enjoy music with other teens. Families of all ages welcome. Please [register](#) for this event.

NEW! - Paly 5K Fun Run

Sat Mar 24, 8AM, PALY

Viking Stadium, 50 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto

Paly Sports Boosters and the Paly Track & Field Team will be hosting the Paly 5K Fun Run & Walk. Along with the 5k run (or walk), we'll have a 2K Stroller Walk and Tot Trot, and sprint races for elementary school kids. The Riekes Center will be hosting a challenge course for the kids. There will be jugglers, ukulele players, balloon artists, and more! In partnership with Paly's Best Buddies program, all races are accessible. Sign up at <http://palysportsboosters.org/paly-5k-fun-run/>.

NEW! Stanford Interactive Literacy Promotion Event

Sat Mar 10 1-3pm Stanford

University IM Fields 641 Nelson Rd, Stanford, CA

"A, B, Trees," a free,

open event promoting literacy around the Bay area is welcoming all students growing in their reading skills. Run completely by Stanford Student-Athletes, there will be games, activities, reading stations and some food and drinks provided. English and Spanish speakers will be present to interact with the

readers. Stanford Athletic events will also be taking place throughout the day and around the time of the event for additional activities on campus. Contact eeastin@stanford.edu with questions.

The Minds of Boys and Girls Presentation by Michael Gurian

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

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

www.mpcsdspakerseries.com

El Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Auditions for New Members

Feb/Mar/Apr Palo Alto

Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony (soon-to-be Golden State Youth Orchestra) invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2018-19 Season. Led by an internationally renowned faculty, ECYS offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. Members are challenged with professional-level repertoire, receive support from experienced coaches, and perform in concerts throughout the Bay Area. There are openings for all instrumentalists, though the

most in-demand instruments are: Percussion, Bassoon, All Brass, String Bass, Viola, and Saxophone. Auditions are held in March/April for the season that begins in August/September. Apply online at www.ECYS.org. Call ECYS at 650-665-9046 for more information.

Youth Community Service Seeking Program Coordinators for Youth Initiative

Youth Community Service (YCS) is a community-based nonprofit that engages our PAUSD students in meaningful service-based learning that builds leadership and life skills. YCS has been funded by local government grants to launch a Youth Connectedness Initiative in Palo Alto. YCS is hiring two coordinators for this Initiative: a **Parent Program Coordinator** to help facilitate parent workshops and activities on youth connectedness;

and a **Youth Program**

Coordinator to work with YCS

staff to help adolescents develop protective factors, such as positive perception of self, service to others, and caring developmental relationships with peers and adults. YCS seeks candidates - either recent college

grads, or professionals who have stepped away from the workplace to raise a family or run a household. For more information and how to apply, visit: <http://youthcommunityservice.org/careers/>

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

Have you enjoyed helping in your child's classroom? Consider volunteering in a classroom in eastern Menlo Park or East Palo Alto where your help is especially needed. You'll have a real impact tutoring kids in grades K-5 where about 90% are low income and over 80% are performing below grade level in reading and math. Work once a week in the same classroom for about an hour with students eager to see you. All Students Matter provides training and coordinates everything. Sign up now to start in September. For more details or to sign up, visit www.allstudentsmatter.org or contact Keri Tully at keritully@gmail.com.

Paly Theatre Presents the World Premiere of "Venture"

Fri & Sat, Mar

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

Join the excitement at the world premiere of the musical **Venture**.

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

Reserved seating at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>.

Box office opens one hour prior to curtain.

Stanford Food and Mood Study is Recruiting!

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

Participants receive

\$325 for completing the study. Participants come in for clinical and cognitive evaluations, an MRI brain scan and a blood test 3 times over 2 years.

To learn more about the

study and to see if your child is eligible, contact Lizzy at 650-721-4049 or thepearlab@stanford.edu. You can also find out more about Stanford's Pediatric

Emotion and Resilience Lab (PEARL) at <http://med.stanford.edu/pedmood.html>. For general information about participation rights, contact 1-866-680-2906.

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Winter Concerts

Sun, Mar 4,

3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Michel Taddei, conductor) Debut Orchestra

Enjoy a series of winter concerts (January through March) featuring PACO's talented young musicians. In addition to orchestral and chamber pieces by well known composers Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven, you'll be enchanted by an array of works by Boccherini, Pleyel, and Dvorak to name a few. All concerts are admission FREE and for the entire family to enjoy.

For more information about PACO, please visit www.pacomusic.org or email info@pacomusic.org

Ongoing Stanford

University Brain Study on Executive Function Skills

Looking for children ages 7 and up with a diagnosis of ADHD or with no diagnoses to participate in a study exploring changes in brain function in response to a novel neurofeedback training. Participation involves 6 sessions of neurofeedback training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at lchromik@stanford.edu or 650-724-2939 for more information or to enroll. For general information regarding participant rights, contact 1- 866-680-2906.

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School

March 3-4,

17-18; April 7-8, 21-22; May 5-6, 19-20; June 2-3; and summer

too. 9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto

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

Contact: David Camner,

founder of Paly Glass, dcamner@pausd.org, for more information

& dates

VR Experience

Tue, Mar 6, 4-6PM,

Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Join us for a virtual

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

NEW! Teen Maker Tuesday - Duct Tape

Tues, Mar 20,

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

Fun hands-on program featuring different Maker projects for teens. See the online library calendar for details. Registration required. Registration opens 3 weeks in advance. Grades 6-12 only.

Blind Date w/ a Book

Month of

February, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

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

NEW! Adulting 101: Self-Defense @RI

Sat, Mar 10, 11AM-12PM,

Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Presented by Palo Alto

City Library, IMPACT Bay Area will teach self-defense techniques in the Matedero Room. Registration Required. Ages 14-21 only.

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!

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/>

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

For events relevant to the whole PAUSD community, you can also submit to ptaenews@yahoo.com

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

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Best regards,

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