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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.



28 Parent Ed Night: Social Media Wellness
30 Minimum Day

April

2-6 Spring Break
25 Digital Tat2, 7-8:30pm, JLS



NEW! PiE Seeking Parent Input

Please check your inbox for the Partners In Education (PiE) annual parent survey! Every spring, PiE collects input from the parent community. This information, coupled with input from each principal, determines where PiE dollars are spent in our schools the following year. Please complete the **brief** survey to give PiE feedback and communicate what is most important to you.

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 12:00 - 4:30p on March 28th.

We are using [SignUp.com](#) - if you can volunteer to help out, click the link below. You can review the options and different service projects as you **sign up**. (You will not need to register an account.)

[Jordan's Day of Service SIGN UP LINK](#)

Note: [SignUp.com](#) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact one of the organizers below; we will sign you up manually. If you have any questions, please contact:

Magdalena Fittoria, Assistant Principal, Jordan mfittoria@pausd.org or
 Ashley Yee-Mazawa: Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org

We look forward to having you join us!

JORDAN NEWS

NEW! Jordan PTA - SPECIAL MEETING - Community Forum Picking School Name - THIS TUESDAY @ 6:30 pm.

All former, current, and future Jordan Parents, Students, and our Neighbors -- please join us for a SPECIAL PTA Meeting on **Renaming Jordan Middle School**. We have the opportunity to voice to others and hear from another the thoughts on picking the name for our beloved middle school. This is your opportunity to speak and be heard ahead of the Board vote on March 27th.

Subject: Jordan PTA - Special Meeting To Discuss School Name Adoption

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: MPR or Available Location at Jordan Middle School

The PAUSD Renaming Committee will be here to answer questions. By way of background, please watch last week's PAUSD Board youtube video link starting at time stamp 14:21.

<http://midpenmedia.org/palo-alto-unified-school-district-board-meeting-64-2-2-2-2-2-2/>

Top name candidates were individually presented at March 13 Board Meeting along with a powerpoint presentation slide deck on the Renaming Committee's process. We thank the Board and the Renaming Committee for the thorough and diligent work. It was a labor of love. Thank you!

Please note there is a concurrent LCAP meeting the same evening, so if you are unable to make the Jordan meeting, but wish to have your name preference and comments included, kindly email Jordan PTA president, Jade Chao, at jordanptapresident@gmail.com

NEW! Renaming Schools Advisory Committee Meeting

March 19, 7-8pm, 25 Churchill, Conference room A

The Renaming Schools Advisory Committee is holding a meeting tomorrow, **Monday, March 19 from 7-8pm** in conference room A at 25 Churchill. **Everyone who has an interest in this process is welcome.**

Over a year ago, after made aware that Jordan and Terman were named after the fathers of the eugenic movement, the Board voted to change the names of Jordan and Terman middle schools to more appropriate names that our students and community could be proud of. The Board asked a committee of community members to research names and make recommendations on new names to the Board. This committee reviewed over 1600 recommendations from the community and the majority of the recommendations were names of people.

The recommendation from the Committee is "a strong preference for the inspirational value of naming schools in honor of people". They ask that the Board choose 2 names from the names of 6 people who they have winnowed the list down to

after extensive research.

Committee members believe that students deserve to be inspired by role models of outstanding ability and accomplishment who recognized the inherent value and dignity of all people. To that end, six diverse candidates have been submitted for consideration: **Ellen Fletcher, Frank Greene, Jr., William Hewlett, Edith Johnson, Fred Yamamoto, and Anna Zschokke. The Committee has an especially strong consensus for naming one of our schools in honor of Fred Yamamoto.** These names will be appropriate for either school. Additionally, two geographic names, inspired by the natural settings near each campus, are offered: **Adobe Creek for Terman; Redwood Grove for Jordan.**

Please read their recommendations for all 6 of these

impressive people. [https://www.boarddocs.com/ca/pausd/Board.nsf/files/AWTVHZ71BB43/\\$file/REVISED-20180313RSNACExecSummary.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/ca/pausd/Board.nsf/files/AWTVHZ71BB43/$file/REVISED-20180313RSNACExecSummary.pdf)

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**

Digital Safety and Media Safe Kids

Wednesday, March 21, 7-9pm, Paly Haymarket Theater

Please join PAUSD in welcoming Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Angela Alvarado for an informative evening with PAUSD parents. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Please contact Emily Garrison with questions: egarrison@pausd.org.

UPDATED! Jordan 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting

Friday March 23, 8:30-9:30am (Jordan Library)

Palo Alto Police Resource Officer Bradley Young will speak at our March meeting about topics to be aware of as our 8th graders are about to enter high school, including vaping and marijuana

UPDATED! Presenting the Jordan PTA 2018-2019 Executive Board Member Slate

We are going to hang the slate on the board near the lost and found 28 days before our next general meeting for everyone to check out.

The PTA Nominating Committee will present the slate for the 2018-2019 Jordan Middle School Executive Board next Wednesday, March 14, 2018 near the Lost and found. The Executive Board is comprised of members of the PTA who have graciously offered their time and talent for volunteer and serve the General Association of Jordan Middle School's Parents and Teachers. You will vote in the new officers at the 2018 April PTA Meeting in the Jordan Library. **Until voted on by the General Association, all nominees are candidates. Please note the following Executive Board positions are considered OPEN as no nominees have been presented by the nominating committee. Please come to the April PTA Meeting if you wish to nominate someone or be nominated yourself. Those positions are as follows:**

Co-President

VP Parent Education & Student Programs

Vice President Communication

Vice Chair Communication

Vice Chair Volunteer Coordinator
Assistant Treasurer
Vice President Health and Safety

If you are interested in any of these above, please contact Nominating Committee Chair, Ann Balva ann@balva.com

NEW! Jordan Spring 2018 Orchestra Concert - Student as Teachers Program - March is Music in Our Schools Month - THANK YOU!!

This past Wednesday, Jordan Orchestra gave a concert under the directorship of Jordan Music Teacher, Ms. Rachel McGuire. 6th/7th/8th Grade Students presented the following music program: Archaic Voices by Doug Spata, Themes from the Planets by Gustav Holst, J. Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5 (6th Grade Chamber), Mango Tango by Robert Frost, Pirates of the Caribbean by Klaus Badelt, March from Suite No. 1 by Gustav Holst, The Arethusa by Turlough O'Carolan, W.A. Mozart's String Quartet k. 157 (7th/8th Grade Chamber), and The Adventures of Stringman by Richard Meyer. As if that was not enough, there was a SPECIAL PROGRAM by Students As Teachers where Jordan Parents, Adults, and even Principal Valerie played in the adult orchestra performing: Kangaroo/Crossing the Strings, Cycle of Strings Encore, and Hot Cross Buns. Thank you to all Students for your hard work and your working together! Special Thanks to Partners in Education (PiE) for supporting the Music Program at Jordan. It was a wonderful and festive night of beautiful music and fabulous students/parents participation. March is Music In Our School Month. Don't forget to thank a music teacher or a music patron for supporting our kids in music! By Jordan PTA President, Jade Chao.

NEW! Jordan Parent Visitation Day - Thank you to TEACHERS & STAFF for Making Parents Feel Welcomed

This past Thursday, Jordan Teachers and Staff welcomed Parents/Guardians to visit the classes of their sons and daughters. Parents checked in at the front office and proceeded to visit the individual classrooms. This is one of the ways parents/guardians can stay informed about happenings in the classrooms and also show your support for the excellent learning environment at Jordan. Teachers were most appreciative of the parents' financial support, in each classroom through the classroom grant, made possible through their annual giving to the Jordan PTA. The PTA would like to thank all Teachers, Staff, and Students for your hard work each day. Thank you also for making the parents feel welcome to campus during Parent Visitation Day. By Jordan PTA President, Jade Chao.

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, 7:30-9pm, 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 book will be sold at the event.

We kindly want to ask you to **RSVP** to this event here:



<https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/AHGkIcRsRAjYZPsWgsNLkCPigeu41s8KW1QhqKdoruE=>

Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

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

PALY PTSA OPEN POSITIONS

If you have a rising Freshman entering Palo Alto High School next year, we have some opportunities for you to immerse yourself in the school community. Volunteering is a great way to get to know the goings on in high school.

The PALY PTSA Nominating Committee is currently seeking enthusiastic and dedicated parents to fill the following positions:

Legislative Advocacy Chair

Parliamentarian

Sustainability Coordinator

Paly Link e-news Co-Editor

Staff Hospitality Leads: Back to School Lunch and Monthly Latte Cart

Field Day (all school picnic, May)

If you are interested in any of these positions or need more information, please email Lien Vu at lvu001@gmail.com

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

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.

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

24 - Bollywood Night

25 - 7th Grade Moms High Tea in the afternoon

28 - Mother/Daughter Mani-Pedi Party

April

21 - The Hills Are Alive: Hiking, Yoga and Brunch

21 - Brazillian BBQ Party

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

PAUSD NEWS

NEW! Read the Current Message from Our Interim Superintendent

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

NEW! Parent Event: Digital Safety and Media Safe Kids

Wed, Mar 21, 7 PM, Palo Alto High School Haymarket Theater

Please join PAUSD in Welcoming Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Angela Alvarado for an Informative evening.

Topics will include: How our kids communicate, our kids as publishers on the internet, digital reputation online, and bullying, sexting & criminal activity. There will be translation in Chinese and Spanish. Event is FREE, Parents Only Please. For additional information:

<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/events/2018/03/21/information-session/parent-event-digital%C2%A0-safety%C2%A0and%C2%A0media-safe-kids>

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.

Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, April 26th, 8 a.m.

Each year, the Palo Alto CAC honors the bus drivers who play a vital role in transporting students to and from school. The event will be on April 26th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., when we will serve breakfast to the bus drivers at their office. If you want to show your support for the dedication and kindness demonstrated daily by your child's bus driver, please send a thank-you note with your message to CacBusDriverAppreciation@gmail.com. If you would like to donate a breakfast item or gift card/money, please let us know as well. Please send your messages by Sunday, April 22nd. Sponsored by <http://cacpalalto.org/>

PTAC NEWS

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

ONSITE AFTER SCHOOLS

Wizbot

Come join Wizbots after school Robotics & Coding Lab, beginning Monday, April 9th! Wizbots is the best place for kids to learn the art and science of building robots. Perfect for novices and advanced students, alike, they will all learn engineering, Java programming, math & physics in a completely hands-on way. Open to students in grades 6-8. Learn more and enroll now at wizbots.com/afterschool

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camps Held at PAUSD Sites

Looking for a summer camp in your neighborhood or at one of the local school? Camp Providers listed in this section host activities/summer camps at PAUSD Schools, and pay rental fees to our district. These rental fees help to defray the cost of running our schools while providing local opportunities for our kids. Jordan PTA does not endorse one camp over another; we just want to give our parents heads up on what is being offered and where.

NEW! Paly science and engineering summer camp

Palo Alto High School's Science Olympiad team is running our fifth annual Science and Engineering Summer Camp for middle schoolers this summer. Members from our regional championship-winning Science Olympiad team will be running lab demonstrations and hands-on activities including crime scene analysis, dissections, engineering projects, and more! We are offering two sessions this year both from **July 9th to July 13th**. The morning session is from **9AM to 12PM** and the afternoon session is from **1:30PM to 4:30PM** each day at **Palo Alto High School (50 Embarcadero Rd)** and is for any rising 7th through 9th graders interested in learning more about science! We will be taking up to 30 students per session. For more information on the camp and to register your child, visit our website www.palyscioly.org. Questions or Concerns? Please email us at palysciencecamp@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon!

2018 Palo Alto Middle School Math Summer Program

Terman Middle School; 6/11-15 (Session 1) or 6/18-22 (Session 2); 1-4pm

Run by the Palo Alto and Gunn high school math clubs, the Palo Alto Middle School Math Camp aims to foster incoming 6th through 9th grader students' passion for mathematics through individually paced training and one-on-one teaching.

Students will learn problem-solving techniques geared towards the MathCounts and AMC 8 competition series. MS Math Camp will be suitable for any student who enjoys math and will be fun for students of all grades and math levels. We suggest a donation of \$300-350 for new students or \$250 for returning students, siblings, PAUSD Middle School Summer School students, and/or those also attending Paly Science Camp (<https://palyscioly.org/paly-science-camp/>). All income from the camp goes towards supporting the Palo Alto High School and Gunn High School math clubs for the following year, in order to allow high school students to attend math competitions. If you are interested in registering, please fill out the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/MSMathCamp2018>. Contact palymathclub@gmail.com for any questions.

Summer Math Camp provided by Nonprofit Classic Math School

Half-day (8:30 - 1:30 academics only) and Full-day (8:30 - 4:30 academics plus recreational sport activities) options.

Unique Math centered curriculum with Math, English, Science, Art, and Coding lessons (K-8) is designed to boost each student's Math potential and prepare for the next school year.

Geometry, Algebra II Crash courses and SAT I Prep offered to qualified 7-10 grades students.

Free interactive Placement Test by appointment.

"Last year rates" promotion ends April 1st.

Camp Dates: June 25 - July 20, M - F

Location: [750 N. California Ave](#), Jordan Middle School

More info and registration: www.classicmath.org

Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp

June 4th-8th and June 11th-15th, Speech 9am-12pm, Debate 1-4pm, Palo Alto High School

For two weeks each summer, Palo Alto High School's nationally ranked Speech and Debate team holds a camp at Paly to teach the fundamentals and advanced skills of both speech and debate to students around the Bay Area. Participants in our camp become more effective communicators and improve their public speaking and persuasion skills. Students learn to develop arguments and analyze those of their opponents while eliminating insecurities and building self-confidence. With an emphasis on leadership and initiative, our dedicated and well-trained counselors work tirelessly to cultivate an atmosphere of support and perseverance tailored to students of any skill level. Through increased personalized attention and a revamped and more engaging curriculum, this year's camp is looking to be the best yet! Sign your student up for our first session (the week of June 4th) or our second session (the week of June 11th), or both at [our website](#) today!

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! Rachel Simmons Speaking Engagement " *Enough As She Is* "

Mon, Mar 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Martin Family Hall, Menlo School 50 Valparaiso Avenue Menlo Park

Rachel Simmons, the nationally acclaimed author of Curse of the Good Girl and Odd Girl Out and TED Talk Resilience is beginning her new book tour for Enough as She Is. Rachel has personally invited the families of Palo Alto schools to join her on at the Menlo School. Gloria Steinem describes Rachel this way, "... may save millions of women from the idea that 'having it all' means 'doing it all.' Women, as well as men have the right to make choices that suit us uniquely, yet girls and women are more subject to external standards that we had nothing to do with creating. Rachel Simmons have given us the next step in our peaceful revolution: not only changing women to fit the world, but changing the world to fit women." Limited seating, names checked at door: Reserve tickets here (150 places available) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rachel-simmons-national-book-tour-enough-as-she-is-tickets-43993932035>

NEW! FREE Mindful Moms Yoga Class with Krassi Harwell

Tues Mar 27, 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/>

NEW! Building Youth Identity Through Service - benefiting Youth Community Service

Thu Mar 22 11AM - 1PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room

Youth Community Service invites you to join us at our annual fundraising luncheon featuring a candid conversation, moderated by Megan Swezey-Fogarty, featuring Dr. Clayborne Carson, Director of Stanford's Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute and Julie Lythcott-Haims, NY Times best-selling author and former Stanford Assoc. Vice Provost. Individual tickets and sponsorships start at \$25 per person. Visit our website at www.youthcommunityservice.org to reserve your seats today - space is limited. For more info, e-mail yca.annual.luncheon@gmail.com

NEW! Grassroots Ecology and Watershed Stewards Program Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday March 17 and March 31 9am-1pm, Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley Street

Please join Grassroots Ecology and the Watershed Stewards Program for this fun and family-friendly two-part event! Help install rain barrels and a native plant rain garden and learn how to use rainwater in your own home! Wear work clothes and sturdy shoes.

To register, visit: gamblegardenpart1.eventbrite.com (3/17) and gamblegardenpart2.eventbrite.com (3/31)

questions: devon@grassrootsecology.org

NEW! FREE Women's Wellness Workshop: A Taste of the Season

Fri Apr 13, 10-11AM, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA

In this FREE workshop, Jalene Salus will offer an introductory taste of Integrative Nutrition as she shows you some sweet and simple ways to nourish your mind, body and spirit. Enjoy a little taste of some seasonal spring bites while you discuss foods to support your unique body - and your family - this spring. Jalene will show you how aligning your self-care with the rhythm of the season can guide you on your path of women's wellness as she engages you in fulfilling dialogue with other thoughtful, wise women. Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited!

<http://mindbodymoms.com/event/tasteoftheseasonforwinterfree/>

NEW! Terrariums & Movie

Tue, Apr 3, 3-5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Make your own mini-world succulent terrarium to keep in your garden or give away to a loved one. We will also be watching a movie. Grades 5-12 only. Please register here <https://palalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739e7c09f5a63400f8ce33> for this event.

NEW! Cupcake Wars & Movie

Thu, Apr 5, 3-5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Decorate your own cupcake with as much icing as you want and then compete in Cupcake Wars! We will also watch a movie. Grades 5-12 only. Please register here <https://palalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739fed09f5a63400f8ce4e> for this event.

NEW! Friday Fun @ MP

Fri, Apr 6, 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, Apr 14, 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! Family Date Night - The Children of the World

Fri, April 20, 7:00-8:15PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Bring your imagination and help us create decorations for our May Fete Parade "float." All ages welcome! Please register for this event. Sponsored by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

NEW! Dementia Awareness - Making Palo Alto a Dementia Friendly Community

Wed, Mar 28, 7-9PM, Mitchell Park Community Center - El Palo Alto Room

Learn how to identify, communicate effectively with and support those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias in our community. Hear how small changes in your daily life can help people with dementia remain independent and socially engaged. See featured article in Palo Alto Weekly on this subject and event at

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/print/story/2018/03/02/palo-alto-looks-to-become-a-dementia-friendly-city> Mayor Kniss is one of the featured speakers.

To register, please go to tinyurl.com/AdvocacyPA2018 Contact Minka van der Zwaag

@ minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-463-4953 for more information.

This event is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, City of Palo Alto, Avenidas and Age Friendly Palo Alto and Silicon Valley

NEW! LBGTQ+ Listening Forum

Thu, Mar 29, 7-9PM, Mitchell Park Community Center - El Palo Alto Room

Members of the LBGTQ community, along with their families, friends and allies, are invited to share their needs and concerns. The County Office of LBGTQ Concerns and the HRC wants to learn what it can do to better support the LBGTQ community and establish priorities for future projects and initiatives. To RSVP, please go

to [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Y9LMPTTG](https://tinyurl.com/y9lmpttg) Contact Minka van der Zwaag @ minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-463-4953 for more information.

This event is co-sponsored by the County Office of LBGTQ Concerns and the City of Palo Alto Human Relations Commission <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/cals/>

NEW! Project Safety Net (PSN) Community Meeting, Youth Intensive Outpatient Programs

Wed Mar 28, 3.30 - 6PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Rd. 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

You're invited to PSN's March Community Meeting! Please join us for a forum on Intensive Outpatient Programs for youth. By the end of the forum, participants will: Understand the role of Intensive Outpatient Programs in the continuum of youth health care services, learn about the various youth Intensive Outpatient Programs available in our region and identify opportunities to improve youth mental health care utilization and access. Volunteer/service hours are available to students attending PSN meetings. Refreshments and light snacks provided.

RSVP appreciated at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-meeting-youth-mental-health-services-intensive-outpatient-programs-tickets-43263459171>

NEW! Society of Bookworms-A *Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

Wed, Apr 18, 4 -5 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

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

NEW! Mini Family Retreat: The Nourished Family

Sun Mar 25 1-4pm Private Residence, Los Altos Hills, CA

In this Mini Retreat for the Whole Family, parents and kids (6-12y) will have the opportunity to be immersed in nature together as they practice yoga, meditate, walk a labyrinth with mindful awareness and have a rich discussion on whole family nutrition.

Parents and children will be empowered to create their own healthy & nutrient dense snack - with a rainbow of color and nutrients, feeding their bodies with powerful, green-light foods. Cost is \$60 per person; address will be shared upon registration. <http://mindbodymoms.com/event/familyretreatmar2018/>

NEW! FREE Stress Relief Workshop for Moms & Teens

Sat Mar 24 7-9:30pm Yoga Source, 158 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto, CA

Moms and teens are invited to come enjoy a nourishing evening together to reduce stress, restore balance and replenish reserves. Moms will begin with Jaclyn Long in one studio, and teens will begin in the adjacent studio with Danielle Seybold. At the end of the evening, moms and teens will be invited into the same studio to practice a sweet relaxation practice together. Registration is required for this FREE workshop as space is limited.

<http://mindbodymoms.com/event/momsteensmar2018/>

Inclusion and Abilities Awareness 2.0

Wed Mar 21, 9 - 11 am, Los Altos School District Board Room, 201 Covington Rd, Los Altos

What does inclusion really mean, and how will it affect your child's classroom and learning experience? How does inclusion benefit students with special needs, severe disabilities, and the entire student population? Are there situations when inclusion is not appropriate? What do Ability Awareness simulations teach well, and how can they be improved? We will talk about more about the future direction of ability awareness and neurodiversity inclusion with panelists, including staff from the Santa Clara County. Visit <https://www.sccoe.org/depts/students/inclusion-collaborative/Pages/default.aspx> for more information. A variety of fun activities are planned.

More info: selpa1cacinfo@gmail.com or www.selpa1cac.org.

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

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/>.

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/>

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.

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

Palo Alto Art Center Summer Counselor-in-Training Application Now Available

The Counselor in Training applications for the summer of 2018 are now available. Summer Camp Counselors in Training (CIT) are volunteers (12-17 years old) who assist professional art instructors in the day-to-day running of the Children's Fine Art summer camps. CITs offer support through classroom management, encouraging campers, prepping art supplies and more. The Lead Counselor in Training (LCIT) program builds on experience as an Art Center CIT and provides opportunities for volunteers to help lead the CIT training, enjoy mentorship from college Children's Fine Art (CFA) interns, manage camper recreation, and take responsibility as the LCIT for one week of camps. Applications must be returned to the Palo Alto Art Center via mail or in person drop off. Only complete applications will be considered. Spots fill up fast, get your application in

as soon as possible! Summer 2018 Counselor in Training Application & Information: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63786> Summer 2018 Lead Counselor in Training Application & Information: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/63787>

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.

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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