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Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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*Wednesday, March 28*

**Parent Ed: Social Media Wellness**  
*Wednesday, March 28, 7:30-9pm, MPR*

**Minimum Day**  
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- 30** Minimum Day

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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](mailto:jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com).



- 13** 7th Grade Parent Network Meeting
- 18** Parent Ed Night
- 20** 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting

**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](mailto:mfittoria@pausd.org) or Ashley Yee-Mazawa: [Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org)  
We look forward to having you join us!

## JORDAN NEWS

### **NEW! Jordan PTA - Special Meeting on Renaming School - A Collaborative Discussion & Success - Thank You**

On **Tuesday (3/20)** evening about 31 parents, students, Staff, and community members attended the Special PTA Meeting in the Jordan Library to learn about the names presently recommended for Jordan Middle School. There was a great discussion on the pros/cons of each suggested name. Written-in comment from parent was also shared. Next, we will be sending a written document consisting of all viewpoints shared at this meeting to our PAUSD Board Representative, Melissa Baten-Caswell, ahead of **Tuesday (3/27) Board meeting**. Thank you to all who attended the meeting. It was very productive and deeply respectful of one another's viewpoints. Well done Jordan.

### **NEW! Take It Personally: Project Cornerstone's Engaging Workshop for Parents and Caregivers**

A strong family is the best predictor of children's success. Join us to discover tools for strengthening your relationship with your children in this 5-week workshop. Each week we will discuss and practice ways to show caring, giving support, setting boundaries, and building strong relationships that help youth succeed in school and life! You do not need to be a parent from Jordan, just an adult who cares about helping kids thrive. [Language Translation available upon request.](#)

**Class Title:** Take It Personally

**Dates:** Wednesdays: 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9 (5 weeks)

**Time:** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**Place/Host:** Jordan Middle School - Multi-Purpose Room

Workshop paid for by PAUSD / Suggested donation for workbook & materials: \$20.00

Sign Up today: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945aba72d6-take>

Questions? Contact Mary Crum at [Mary@projectcornerstone.org](mailto:Mary@projectcornerstone.org) or Husna Hashmi at [husnah@gmail.com](mailto:husnah@gmail.com)

### **NEW! Jordan Book Drive**

The annual Jordan Book Drive is almost here! We will begin collecting your gently used Kindergarten - 6th grade books starting the week after spring break, April 9th. Most donated K-5 books will go to the classroom libraries of Dorsa Elementary school, a school in the Alum Rock school district of East San Jose where 100% of the students receive free and reduced lunch, and their school library is only open for 4 hours every other week. Some of the donated 4th - 6th grade books will go to the new Ravenswood Middle School in East Palo Alto, a new school with hardly any library at all, and zero books in classroom libraries. The books you donate will make a huge difference in the lives of these bay area students, so please go through your old books and see if there's anything you're not reading anymore that you might want to donate. Our goal is to collect 2000 gently used books, both paperback and hardcover.

There will also, of course, be prizes! If we reach our 2000 book goal, Principal Royaltey-Quandt has generously offered to dye her hair for a day any color that we as a school decide. Should we reach our goal, there will be a poll on Schoology to choose the color(s). And for each grade, there will also be a prize for the advisory that collects the most books. The 6th

grade advisory team that collects the most books will win the opportunity to participate in a water balloon battle with each other and at least one of the administrators! The 7th and 8th grade advisory classes that collect the most books will each get a pizza party! Please bring donated books to your advisory classroom. Library club will be coming around each week from April 11th - April 25th to count and collect donations. Thank you for supporting literacy!

## **NEW! Boxes for Book Drive**

It's almost time again for the annual Jordan book drive collecting books for a bay area school in need. But before we can start collecting books in advisory, we need boxes for every advisory class. If you have medium to large boxes suitable for collecting donated books, please bring them to the Jordan library by the beginning of Spring Break.

## **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=Â>

## **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](mailto:ann@balva.com)

### **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](mailto:lvu001@gmail.com)

### **Jordan PTA - Bylaws Amendment Committee - 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sjmarylee@yahoo.com) or Jade Chao at [jordanptapresident@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kmissett@pausd.org).

## **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](mailto: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**

**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! Proxima junta del Latino Parent Network, Ohlone Elementary School co-patrocinado por PAUSD y el concilio del PTA**

*Martes, Abril 17, 6 - 7:30 PM, Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue*

El Latino Parent Network se enfoca en incrementar el número de estudiantes hispanos que están completamente preparados para entrar a la universidad o carrera a la hora en la que se graduen.

Conozca al coordinador de equidad del distrito, Keith Wheeler, quien aboga por aumentar el acceso y el éxito de nuestros niños. La presentación y la discusión se llevarán a cabo en español con traducción en inglés disponible. Cuidado de niños y pizza.

## **Latino Parent Network meeting at Ohlone Elementary School co-sponsored by PAUSD and PTA Council**

*Tue, Apr 17, 6 - 7:30 PM, Ohlone Elementary School, 950 Amarillo Avenue*

The Latino Parent Network aims to increase success for Hispanic students and ensure that 100% are college and career ready by the time they graduate. Meet the district's Equity Coordinator, Keith Wheeler, who is advocating to increase access and success for our children. The presentation and discussion will be conducted in Spanish with English-translation available. Childcare and dinner provided.

## **PAUSD Secondary Art Exhibition**

*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@gm ail.com](mailto:CacBusDriverAppreciation@gm ail.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://cacpaloalto.org/>

## **PTAC NEWS**

### **NEW! How we do know what's true anymore?**

*Mon, Apr 9, 7 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center*

Democracy requires well-informed voters to thrive. Yet truth and facts are under assault from misinformation, disinformation, propaganda and fake news. Learn strategies, tips and tools to gauge the credibility of information from experts at Snopes, Data for Democracy, Google, Facebook, Stanford University, and the Institute for the Future. Event is designed for high school students, parents and all other adults, and co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Palo Alto and the Palo Alto PTA Council. Registration (free) & information: <https://goo.gl/SHLwww>

## 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](http://wizbots.com/afterschool)

## SUMMER CAMP

### **UPDATED! Summer Camps Held at PAUSD Sites**

Looking for a summer camp in your neighborhood or at one of our Palo Alto Unified school sites? Now you can find it at the PTAC website at <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/2018-summer-camps/>.

Camp providers listed on this page 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. PTA Council does not endorse one camp over another. This service is offered to give parents an easy way to find out what is being offered and where. Please contact the [PTAC Webmaster](#) to recommend updates to this information. There is no charge to providers to be listed.

### **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](http://www.palyscioly.org). Questions or Concerns? Please email us at [palysciencecamp@gmail.com](mailto: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 [palmathclub@gmail.com](mailto:palmathclub@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](http://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](http://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](mailto:summercamp@palyrobotics.com). For further details, go to <http://palyrobotics.com/summercamp/>.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **NEW! Boy Scout Troop 50 Open House**

*Mon, Mar, 26, 7.30 - 9.00PM, Boy Scout Fire Circle, Lucie Stern Community Center, Palo Alto*

Palo Alto Boy Scout Troop 50 is having an open house in order to give kids (grades 5-10) and their parents a chance to get to know Troop 50 to see if it is the right troop for them. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the troop and about scouting. The open house will be at the Boy Scout Fire Circle at the Scout House at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301.

For more information about Troop 50, please see the following web site: <https://sites.google.com/view/patroop50/home>

### **NEW! Help Students Who Need You Most - Learn about All Students Matter on April 25 or 26**

Come learn about volunteering next school year, once a week in a K-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park where students face many challenges and are eager for your support to build academic and social/emotional skills. Hear about the impact you can have by joining us 10am on Wed, Apr 25 in Atherton or Thurs, Apr 26 in Palo Alto at the home of a current volunteer. Contact Jeanette Kennedy at

[jkc\\_kennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:jkc_kennedy@yahoo.com) to receive details. Learn more about us at [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org).

### **NEW! Host Families Wanted for 2018-19 Foreign Exchange Students**

Is your student interested in studying abroad? Is your family interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? AFS is the largest student exchange organization in the US, with about 1,000 US high school students currently studying abroad, and 2,200 foreign exchange students studying in the US this year (30 in the Bay Area). Currently AFS has 1 student at Paly, and

typically hosts 1 or 2 students at Gunn. Study abroad is a great way for your student to learn a culture, language, and to mature. Hosting a student builds bonds that can last a lifetime, and is a great way to broaden your student's horizons. Learn more at [www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org)

### **NEW! Teenpower Safety and Self Defense Workshop**

*Sun, Apr 15, 1-6 PM, 3900 Ventura Court*

Designed for teens ages 13-17, this workshop gives teens focused practice in using boundary-setting, conflict resolution, self-protection, and self-defense skill. Includes physical skills with a padded instructor. \$140 per teen. Pre-registration required. For more information, contact [safety@kidpower.org](mailto:safety@kidpower.org) or call (800) 467-6997.

[www.kidpower.org](http://www.kidpower.org)

### **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/>

### **Grassroots Ecology and Watershed Stewards Program Volunteer Opportunities**

*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](http://gamblegardenpart1.eventbrite.com) (3/17) and [gamblegardenpart2.eventbrite.com](http://gamblegardenpart2.eventbrite.com) (3/31)

questions: [devon@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:devon@grassrootsecology.org)

### **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/>

### **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://paloaalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739e7c09f5a63400f8ce33> for

this event.

### **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://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a739fed09f5a63400f8ce4e> for this event.

### **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!

### **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!

### **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.

### **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](https://tinyurl.com/AdvocacyPA2018) Contact Minka van der Zwaag

@ [minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto: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*

### **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](mailto: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/>*

### **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>

### **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

### **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](mailto:rnavarro@pausd.org)

### **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](http://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/>

### **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](mailto: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**

*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](mailto: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>

## JORDAN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### Volunteering at Jordan

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

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

### UptoUs login instructions:

**Login:** your email address

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

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

Volunteers are essential to implementing many of the programs and activities at Jordan. Questions? E-mail [jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com).

Thank YOU so much for volunteering!

## 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](mailto:jordanweeklynews@gmail.com)  
For events relevant to the whole PAUSD community, you can also submit to [ptaenews@yahoo.com](mailto:ptaenews@yahoo.com)

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

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