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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.



**25** Joint Middle School Parent Ed: Screens and Memes

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### 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 - MPR

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)

**JORDAN NEWS**

## **NEW! Spring Forward Event On Wednesday April 18**

On Wednesday April 18, join together. Celebrate Spring by choosing earth-friendly school commutes! Walk, bike or scooter, try carpooling or ride the bus to school with friends on Wednesday and as often as possible. Help reduce auto congestion at our school. Fewer cars means less gas emissions and noise, and improved safety for everyone!

As you arrive at school, pick up your fruit snack and raffle ticket. The raffle for cool prizes will take place at lunchtime in Hugh Center Court.

### **PALO ALTO WALKS & ROLLS**

For safer streets, healthier bodies, a greener planet

If you can help with Walk and Roll Day by giving out fruit snacks and raffle tickets to students please sign up [HERE](#).

## **NEW! 7th Grade Parent Network Meeting**

Please join us on April 20, 8:30-9:30am in the MPR for a parent panel hosted by 8th grade parents. It's a wonderful opportunity for 7th grade parents to discuss 8th grade with current 8th grade parents!

## **NEW! We are having another author visit!**

Jen Petro-Roy just published her first novel, a sweet middle grade realistic fiction novel called P.S. I love you. It's the story of a girl whose older sister has disappeared right when she needs her most. In her absence, the girl writes her letters asking for advice. What she most needs advice about is the new girl in school, June, who is quickly becoming her friend, and maybe more.

We are hosting this author on very short notice after her tour dates at some schools on the east coast were canceled in protest of the (very mild) LGBT content in the book. We are proud at Jordan to be an open and inclusive school, and it is my hope that many of you will buy Ms. Petro-Roy's book as a show of support! To do so, download the linked form and bring it to the library with a check by **Monday the 23rd**, and you'll get a signed copy of the book!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YnzAQ64YQ0kYE63sKmkeI8kzCpJVfmLD/view?usp=sharing>

## **Joint Middle School Parent Ed: Screens and Memes: Understanding Your Child's Digital Life**

*Wednesday, April 25th from 7-8:30 PM, JLS Cafetorium*

Our kids are "digital natives" - they have grown up in a world of online access and ever changing media devices. Do you wonder how to teach your child responsibility

and ethics online, how to ensure they are aware of their actions, and how to best parent them in the digital age?

Come join My Digital TAT2 for a highly engaging and informative presentation on Wednesday, April 25th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the JLS Cafetorium. Recommended for anyone interested in an overview of the digital landscape and learning about thoughtful ways to navigate media with your children. You will come away with strategies that support both you and your child. It is an event you will not want to miss! For more information about My Digital TAT2, please visit: [www.mydigitaltat2.org](http://www.mydigitaltat2.org) or [click here for flyer](#).

Refreshments and Spanish/Mandarin translation will be provided. Please RSVP here: <https://goo.gl/forms/mtYj878CevOeIIDZ2>

### **Unase a la platica educacional para los padres: pantallas and memes: comprensión de la vida digital de su hijo.**

*El miércoles, 25 de abril de 7-8: 30 PM. Cafeteria escolar de JLS.*

Nuestros niños son "nativos digitales": han crecido en un mundo de acceso en línea y dispositivos de medios siempre cambiantes. ¿Se pregunta cómo enseñarle a su hijo la responsabilidad y la ética en línea, cómo asegurarse de que conozca sus acciones y cómo ser el mejor padre en la era digital? Ven y únete a My Digital TAT2 para una presentación muy interesante e informativa. Recomendado para cualquier persona interesada en una visión general del panorama digital y en aprender sobre maneras inteligentes de navegar por los medios con sus hijos. Saldrás con estrategias que te ayudarán a ti y a tu hijo. ¡Es un evento que no querrá perderse! Para obtener más información acerca de My Digital TAT2, visite a [www.mydigitaltat2.org](http://www.mydigitaltat2.org). Se proporcionarán algo ligero de comer e interpretación simultánea en español y mandarín. Por favor confirme su asistencia aquí: <https://goo.gl/forms/mtYj878CevOeIIDZ2>

中学联合家长教育讲座：电子屏幕和**Memes**：了解您孩子的数码生活  
4月25日星期三晚上7点到8点30分，JLS Cafetorium

我们的孩子是"数码本地人" - 他们成长在一个在线和千变万化的媒体设备世界中。您是

否想知道如何教育孩子网上责任和道德，如何确保他们意识到他们的行为，以及如何最好

地在数码时代引导他们？请于4月25日星期三晚上7点至8点30分在JLS Cafetorium 来

参加我的数码TAT2，这是一次富有吸引力的信息介绍。建议任何对数码景观概览感兴趣

或希望了解有关孩子导航媒体知识的人来参加。您会获取到对您和你的孩子有帮助的策

略。这是一次不容错过的活动！有关我的 Digital TAT2 的更多信息，请访问：

[www.mydigitaltat2.org](http://www.mydigitaltat2.org)

有茶点和西班牙/普通话翻译提供。请点击此处回复：

<https://goo.gl/forms/mtYj878CevOeIIDZ2>

### **NEW! Attention current 7th graders!**

Ms. Balbuena will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, April 25th, to discuss next year's 8th grade D.C. trip. The meeting will take place at Jordan in room N3, from 6:30 - 7:00 (doors will open at 6:15, and I will be available until 7:30 to answer questions). Next year's trip will include stops in D.C., Gettysburg, and New York City! Space is limited! Please pass this message to other 7th graders and their parents! The travel dates will be over spring break, March 29th, 2019 (red-eye flight), and return the evening of April 4th, 2019. (Since this is not a school, nor district sponsored trip, I picked dates that would not interfere with your child's school schedule). If you have any questions, please email Ms. Balbuena at [jordandctrip@gmail.com](mailto:jordandctrip@gmail.com). Hope to see you all on April 25th!

### **NEW! Attention, 8th Graders!**

Are you interested in giving a speech or performing at the end of year awards ceremony or promotion ceremony? This is your chance.

Auditions will be held the 1st week of May so pick up an audition form in the front office today!

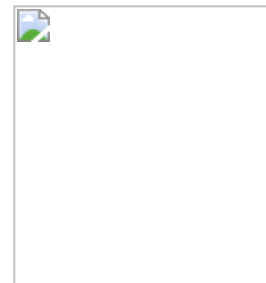
Forms are due by **Wednesday, April 25th**

If you have any questions, see Ms. Babcock in the Guidance Office!

### **NEW! Register your 8th Grader for the Promotion Party!**

The 8th Grade Promotion Party will take place on Friday, June 1 immediately following the Promotion Ceremony until 10:30pm . The celebration will include food, games, entertainment, music, dancing, and lots of fun. Your student won't want to miss it! The goal is to get everyone to attend their last fun event of the school year.

Your student must register prior to **May 18th**. Please register online at: <https://JordanMSPTA.myschoolcentral.com>. The cost is \$45 per student. Scholarships are available.



**Scholarships:** Scholarships are available through Ms. Vickie Perry at [vperry@pausd.org](mailto:vperry@pausd.org). Please contact her to access a scholarship for the party.

### **Volunteers are needed for Promotion Party**

We are looking for parents to help on the day of the event, Friday June 1. If you can help, please sign up on UpToUs by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Donations Needed for 8th Grade Promotion Party Scholarships**

We want to ensure that every 8th grader can attend the Promotion Party. You can donate to the Promo Party Scholarships at <https://JordanMSPTA.myschoolcentral.com> and click on '8th Grade Promotion Party - Donations & Scholarships'. Additional donations will be used to purchase prizes for games during the night (Gift Cards, Paly Gear, etc.)

### **NEW! Jordan students in Tony Award musical**

Several of Jordan students participate in the upcoming production of "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", the Tony Award musical.

The show runs at Palo Alto Children's Theater, April 26-May 13. Come to enjoy the play and to support your own Jordan actors!

The tickets are available at <https://sa1.seatadvisor.com/sabo/servlets/EventSearch?presenter=PALOALTO&venue=PACHILDREN&tck=true>

### **Harry Potter Jeopardy -- Battle of Hogwarts**

When: April 30th - May 7th

Where: Jordan Library

When: Preliminary rounds Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; Finals Monday the 7th winners of the preliminary rounds go head to head!

What: Are you a Harry Potter fan? Want to test your knowledge? Form a team of 4 and sign up in the library starting April 15th to compete in the Harry Potter Jeopardy,

and put your knowledge to the test! Only 16 teams will be allowed to compete in the prelims, so sign up early! Preliminary rounds will be held at lunch in the library on Monday April 30th, Tuesday May 1st, Thursday May 3rd, and Friday May 4th. The top team from each preliminary round will then go head to head for the top prize the following

Monday, May 7th, to see who are really the Harry Potter masters!

### **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 Royalty-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!

### **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 Royalty-Quandt at Jordan Middle School. Dashboard Link is provided here for your convenience.

<https://www.caschooldashboard.org/#/ReportDetail/43696416060065/3/2>

### **Upcoming Just Parties**

#### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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**

## **NEW! LEGOLAND**

**Enjoy a day at LEGOLAND on us!** PTA Family Field Trip: Visit LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium for only \$55 per adult or child. That's half off the regular price! Must be reserved and pre-paid by phone. Call (760) 438-5346 and have your school name ready (*minimum purchase 6 tickets*).

PTA Kids Go Free (Online): Visit [www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscount](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscount) to purchase one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium and receive one free child admission. Enter discount code **15031**.

PTA Kids Go Free (Flier): Visit [www.LEGOLAND.com/pta flyer](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/pta flyer) to print your own flier and bring it to a LEGOLAND California ticket booth to receive one free child with one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium.

### **Sun safety and skin health: Parent talk by PAMF Dermatologist Dr. Amy Adams**

Tue, Apr 24, 6.30PM, Fairmeadow Elementary School, MP Room, 500 E. Meadow Dr. Palo Alto

Join PAMF Dermatologist and parent Dr. Amy Adams for a brief informative talk on sun safety. With warm sunny days just around the corner, kids will be spending more time outside. This means more exposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays, which increase the risk of skin cancer. It's time to get prepared! Amy's talk will cover: why kids' skin needs protection from the sun, why sun protection isn't only for people with pale skin, how to get adequate vitamin D, how to choose a sunscreen for your family, how to recognize skin cancer. Parents and caregivers, children and staff are all welcome. Please RSVP at

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d2c5joMquZQQw-ICpKYuEYBSqPVa0k0RqJaVEe0qqOI/edit#gid=0>

For any questions, please contact Belinda Ryan at [belinda.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:belinda.ryan@gmail.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](http://wizbots.com/afterschool)

## SUMMER CAMP

### 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! Volunteers Needed!**

Host families needed for exchange students in the Bay Area. Currently, FLAG, a U.S.-based nonprofit international exchange organization with more than a 25 year history, is seeking host families in the Bay Area. Please contact Janine at 408-505-2353 for more information or visit: <https://www.flag-intl.org/host.html>

### **NEW! Palo Alto World Music Day 2018**

#### **10th Anniversary Save the Date, Musicians and Volunteers Wanted**

*Sun, Jun 17, 3-7:30 PM, University Avenue from Webster-High St. (closed to traffic and open for pedestrians)*

The City of Palo Alto has declared Sunday June 17th as World Music Day! World Music Day is a fun, free and unique music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year close to the Summer Solstice. Now, for the tenth year in Palo Alto, 50 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres: jazz, pop, rock, classical, world music, choral, dances and more! All performances are **FREE** and open to the public.

For more information please visit [www.pamusicday.org](http://www.pamusicday.org) or e-mail [info@pamusicday.org](mailto:info@pamusicday.org)

To Volunteer please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaba72ea5fc1-paworld1>

World Music Day is presented by the Stanford Federal Credit Union and organized by the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation. Event sponsors include: the City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association, Live SV, and News for Chinese.

## **NEW! Project Safety Net (PSN) Community Meeting: Innovating Approaches to Youth Well-being**

*Wed, Apr 25, 3:30-5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room, 1213 Newell Road*

Please join PSN for an informative Partner-In-Action presentation by Mary Hofstedt, Community Engagement Director of Challenge Success. Ms. Hofstedt's presentation is entitled: Why Challenge Success? Changing the Conversation to Support Student Well-being and Engagement. She will provide an overview of how Challenge Success works with schools, families, and communities to support change toward greater well-being. Ms. Hofstedt will also share national research findings about student engagement and lack of balance.

As always, volunteer/service hours are available to students attending PSN meetings.

RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psn-community-meeting-innovative-approaches-to-youth-wellbeing-tickets-44820233525>

## **NEW! Family Fun Day - FREE Preschool/Elementary Event @ Parents Place**

*Sun, Apr 29, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave.*

Celebrate families and young children at Parents Place Family Fun Day! Bounce in our toddler fun zone, rock out to live music, sample a tasty treat, and play at one of the many children's activity tables, sponsored by our community partners. Meet parenting experts and pop into a 20-minute mini-workshops on everything from mindfulness to toileting tips, while your children enjoy our playroom. FREE for kids of all ages (and their grown-ups too!). Free Community Event! Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parents-place-family-fun-day-2018-all-ages-registration-39100005168>

## **NEW! Mindful Moms Yoga Class with Krassi Harwell**

*Tues Apr 10-Jun 12 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 ongoing group is for moms who have kids of *all* ages - particularly helpful for moms who have toddlers thru teens! Registration is required for this group offered by Mind Body Moms, in partnership with the Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

<http://mindbodymoms.com/schedule/>

## **NEW! FREE Women's Wellness Workshop: A Taste of the Season with Jalene Salus**

*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/tasteoftheseasonforspringfree/>

## **Spring Women's Wellness Group with Jalene Salus**

*Fri Apr 20-Jun 15 9:15-11:15am. Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA*



In this nourishing group, Jalene Salus will share the wisdom of Integrative Nutrition as she introduces sweet and simple ways to nourish your mind, body and spirit. Enjoy a little taste of organic, local, seasonal winter bites while you discuss foods to support your unique body - and your family's health - 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 as space is limited! <http://mindbodymoms.com/wellness-groups/>

## **NEW! LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY SURVEY**

In order to better gauge the experiences and needs of the LGBTQ+ community, the Human Relations Commission(HRC) of the City of Palo Alto has created a survey. Friends, family members and allies are also welcome to complete the survey. The HRC wants to learn what it can do to better support the LGBTQ+ community in Palo Alto and establish priorities for future projects and initiatives. The survey is located at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQS survey](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQS_survey). The deadline to respond is June 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Minka van der Zwaag, Human Services Manager at [minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-463-4953.

## **NEW! Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Auditions for New Members**

*Sun, Apr 15 & 29, Mitchell Park Community Center*  
PACO invites young string musicians (elementary through high school age) to audition for the 2018-19 season. For more information and to schedule an audition please visit [www.pacomusic.org/auditions/](http://www.pacomusic.org/auditions/). Email [info@pacomusic.org](mailto:info@pacomusic.org) or call (650) 856-3848 for questions.

## **NEW! Palo Alto Friends Nursery School's Annual Fiesta Carnival Fundraiser and Silent Auction**

*Sat Apr 21 11am-2pm at Friend's Nursery School, [957 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto](#) (between Louis & Greer)*

Palo Alto Friends Nursery School's Annual Fiesta Carnival Fundraiser and Silent Auction is on Saturday, April 21st from 11am-2pm. The Fiesta Carnival and Silent Auction will have games, crafts, face painting, food, balloon animals, music, silent auction, bake sale, prizes, and special interactive performances from the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Admission is free, but please bring money for the bake sale, silent auction, food, and games. It is a fun-filled day for the whole family. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund to help provide quality preschool for all children.

### **NEW! iSing Silicon Valley "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Run!" (5k/2.5k)**

*Sat, Apr 21, 9 AM, Bedwell Bayfront Park, 1600 Marsh Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025*

Come join the fun at this 80's-themed run/walk benefiting singers from iSing Silicon Valley girls choir as they fundraise for their upcoming tour of Germany, Czech Republic, and Austria. All proceeds directly benefit the girls in this award-winning choir! There will be entertainment, prizes, and plenty of neon. Pre-event registration fees are: \$10 for kids 12 and under, \$15 for teens aged 13-17, and \$20 for adults (adult registration price increases to \$25 at the event). Note: children 12 and under need to attend with a parent or adult; youth 13 to 17 need to run/walk with a buddy. Register or donate online here: <http://isingsv.com/funrun>

### **NEW! Grace Lutheran Preschool Community BBQ and Silent Auction**

*Sun Apr 29 4-7pm at Grace Lutheran Church*

Join us for an evening of old fashioned BBQ and fun with Zuc's Frontyard BBQ, a jumpy house, face painting, and a silent auction with offerings for the whole family. Proceeds support the Grace Lutheran Preschool scholarship fund and Grace Lutheran Church Youth Group.

Purchase tickets in advance at [gracepre.org](http://gracepre.org). \$15 for adults/\$10 for children under 10.

**Questions? 650-493-8942**

### **NEW! I am an Artist and a Mom Exhibition**

*Sat, Apr 21, 2-6pm, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room, Palo Alto*  
***I am an Artist and a Mom*** Exhibition is a free event open to the public. This exhibition aims to shine a light on our community of women and demonstrate their strong will and passion through artwork created by artist moms. In this exhibition, 35 artist moms will present 83 pieces of beautiful artwork. Please feel free to bring your children and friends.

For further information or questions, please email [info@simplestepscc.org](mailto:info@simplestepscc.org).

### **NEW! Learn about Girl Scouts April 30**

*Mon, Apr 30, 7-8pm Girl Scout House (In Riconda Park near the Junior Museum) 1120 Hopkins Ave Palo Alto 94301*

Come learn about Girl Scouts while having fun with games, songs, and activities. Learn how troops are formed, how to register, and meet with other interested families. Girls are welcome but not required. If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please contact [ddrummond@girlscoutsnorcal.org](mailto:ddrummond@girlscoutsnorcal.org)

### **NEW! Take a spin in an electric vehicle for Earth Day!**

*Sat Apr 14, 10 - 1PM, 1900 Geng Rd., Palo Alto*

Want to do something nice for the planet? Take a demo ride in an electric vehicle for Earth Day, and discover why EVs not only fight climate change, but are also *fun to drive!* Come to get your demo ride, ask questions, and view the many makes and models on display. Honor the earth and check out an EV for Earth Day - a win win!

### **One on One Aides Needed at School Sites**

*Mon-Fri, 4-6.5 hrs hours per day at a number of our schools*

The PAUSD Special Ed Department has a critical need for Student Attendants (one on one Aides) to provide classroom support to students with learning and behavioral needs for the remainder of this school year. If you have some extra time, and would be interested in working in the schools, apply on line at [www.pausd.org/explore/pausd/human-resources/jobs](http://www.pausd.org/explore/pausd/human-resources/jobs) You may also call Anne Le, PAUSD Classified HR, 650-329-3957 for more information.

### **Let's Talk**

*Mon. Apr 16, 7pm - 9pm, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos*

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality. Organized by SELPA 1 CAC <http://www.selpa1cac.org/>

### **Taking Care of You: Mindfulness and Parenting with Challenges**

*Wed Apr 18, 7-9 pm, Santa Rita Elementary School, 700 Los Altos Road, Los Altos*  
With Dr. Linda Lotspeich, Child Psychiatrist and Clinical Professor. Parenting a child with disabilities can lead to difficult emotions and stress. The practice of mindfulness, including meditation, can reduce stress, improve self-esteem and allow you to better manage these emotions. Learn to move from coping to living a more meaningful life in the present moment, while still planning for the future.

### **Wildflower Yoga Women's Circle at Blossom**

*Tue, Apr 17, 7:45-9:15pm, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA*  
This 6 week series invites women of all ages to treat yourself to a unique offering of vitalizing yoga, inspiring meditation, self-love journaling followed by a sharing circle nourishing your soul and body with laughter, tea and divine treats. By making the time to nourish yourself and cultivate your own wellbeing, you will plant joyful seeds of more self-care and regain more energy and inspiration to nourish your loved ones. Register now for this 6 week series as space is limited!  
<https://www.blossombirth.org/wildflower-yoga-womens-circle.html>

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### **Teen Wellness Group with Danielle Seybold, Associate MFT**

*Sat Apr 14 - May 12 3-5pm 4966 El Camino Real ste #115, Los Altos, CA*  
Teens will have the opportunity to explore a fulfilling mixture of mindfulness, community, and expressive arts activities. Activities include gentle movement warm-ups, sensory-awareness mindfulness practices, creative arts and a dialogue about common sources of stress to help normalize the challenges teens face. Teens will also learn practical,

simple & straightforward techniques to increase resilience during challenging times.

[http://mindbodymoms.com/event/teen\\_wellness\\_spring\\_2018/](http://mindbodymoms.com/event/teen_wellness_spring_2018/)

## **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).

## **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)

## **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.

## **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

## **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/>

### **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 &

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## 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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### SUBMIT AN ITEM TO THE eNEWS

For your Jordan related event, send a blurb including title, location, time and a brief description of your event to [jordanweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:jordanweeklynews@gmail.com)

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

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

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