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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.



## JORDAN NEWS

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch

### 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

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[husnah@gmail.com](mailto:husnah@gmail.com)

*Thursday, May 3*

Please help us to show our appreciation for our wonderful Jordan teachers & staff by signing up to help with the staff appreciation luncheon using the following link on UpToUs:

<https://goo.gl/eJZ7BA>

You can also make their day by contributing to a gift card donation for each staff member. You can Paypal a donation to Melinda Zschietzschmann at

[paypal.me/MZschietzschmann](https://www.paypal.me/MZschietzschmann) or send a check to Kathleen Hart, 920 Palo Alto Way, Palo Alto, 94301, by **Friday, April 27th**.

Let's help them to feel appreciated for all that they do for our students!



### **NEW! Jordan Drama Club presents Cheaper by the Dozen,**

*April 26th and 27th, 7:00 pm, MPR*

This timeless classic based on the real-life memories of growing up with 12 children in the 1920s. Only two opportunities to see this heartwarming comedy. Performances are April 26th & 27th at 7:00 pm in the MPR. Tickets are \$5 for student/child and \$10 for adults. Visit the Drama website for more information.

### **NEW! Jordan 8th Grade End-of-School-Year Parent Social**

*Wednesday, May 9, 5 - 6:30pm, PACE Gallery (229 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto)*

Our kids have made it (almost) through Jordan and we should celebrate with wine and some contemporary art at PACE Gallery! Please bring a beverage to share (alcoholic or non) but no red wine or grapes (staining) at the request of the gallery. Free entrance to the gallery as well as good company. Make a plan for dinner downtown afterwards!

RSVP here:

<http://evite.me/vejgHPcSGG>

-Your 8th Grade Parent Network Coordinators: Nerissa ([nerissaw@gmail.com](mailto:nerissaw@gmail.com)), Amy ([amyewardwell@yahoo.com](mailto:amyewardwell@yahoo.com)), Shannon ([shannon@colton.net](mailto:shannon@colton.net)), Lina ([lina.liu@gmail.com](mailto:lina.liu@gmail.com)), Asma ([asma.rabbani@gmail.com](mailto:asma.rabbani@gmail.com))

### **NEW! Jordan Science Olympiad Club Open House in May**

Does your rising 6th, 7th or 8th grader have a knack for science or engineering? Teachers, parents and students are invited to join us at Jordan's Science Olympiad (SciOly) Club Open House. See student-built balsa airplanes, cars, roller coasters and hovercrafts in action and learn more about Science Olympiad and Science Bowl. Tentatively scheduled for 7-9pm on May 3, 8 or 11. Sign up here to attend - <https://goo.gl/forms/LRhYUAthEbKk1ILX2>

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### **NEW! Parent Ed - Dr. Tauheed Zaman, Cannabis and the Young Brain**

*Tuesday, April 24, 7 - 8:30pm, Paly Haymarket Theater*

Next **Tuesday, April 24th** Paly PTSA will be hosting their final parent ed series of the school year with guest speaker **Tauheed Zaman, MD who will talk about cannabis and the young brain**. This is a **FREE** event open to

parents, guardians, staff, and students. You do need to register to attend as we have limited seating. It's easy to register, please use this link or go to <https://cannabis2018paloaltohs.eventbrite.com>. We hope to see you there.

More details about the talk:

What does the evidence show about today's marijuana (cannabis)? How does the potency of today's "weed" impact the developing adolescent brain? Can marijuana be addictive? Don't miss this critical presentation on "clearing the smokescreen" around marijuana.

Dr. Tauheed Zaman is an addiction psychiatrist at the San Francisco VA Medical Center and UCSF. He serves on the California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM) Committee on Marijuana Policy Reform and authored the American Psychiatric Association's position statement on marijuana as medicine.

Questions? Contact Diana Pang, Palo Alto High School Parent Education Committee, [palyparentedseries@gmail.com](mailto:palyparentedseries@gmail.com)

## **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.

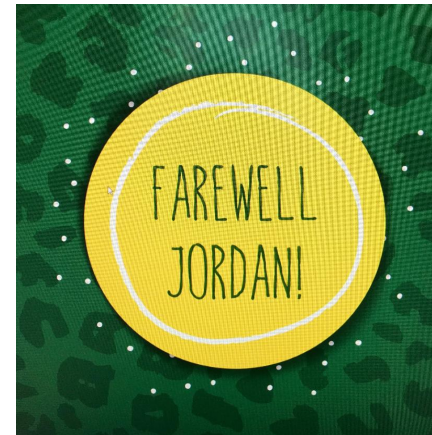
**Scholarships:** Scholarships are available through Ms. Vickie Perry at [vperry@pausd.org](mailto:vperry@pausd.org). Please contact her to access a scholarship for the party.

### **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.)



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

*Thursday, April 26, 1-1:55pm, library*

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>

For more information please click [here](#) .



## 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)

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<https://goo.gl/forms/mtYj878CevOelIDZ2>

### **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!

### **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!

### **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!

### **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>.

## Upcoming Just Parties

### May 5 Wildcats Band Dance 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.

### **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!** PAUSD Special Olympics Schools Partnership: Track & Field Meet

*Friday, April 27th, 9:30AM-12noon.*

*Gunn High School, Athletic Fields, [780 Arastradero Road](#)*

[PAUSD](#) celebrates the third year of it's Special Olympics Schools Partnership program. Sports provide opportunities for special education students and their peers to work together as teammates to create inclusive schools. All community members are invited to cheer on students in this last event of the season. Over 100 student athletes from our elementary, middle and high schools will demonstrate their skills in track and field events. Volunteers are needed to ensure a successful meet. [Please signup here](#) for setup, field stations or clean-up. Student lunches are provided by the Palo Alto Lions Club, the Palo Alto Council of PTAs and the Palo Alto CAC for Special Education. For questions, contact Cameron Bradford <[cameronb@sonc.org](mailto:cameronb@sonc.org)> or [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com)



## **NEW! Click My Cause**

Speak up now for PAUSD students! Take action with a fast click of a button. Your voice needed to advance 3 critical CA education bills:

- **Increase funding for K-12 education (AB 2808).** CA schools are funded far below national average (cost-of-living adjusted)
- **Pupil suicide prevention and training (AB 2639, Asm Berman)**
- **Invest in Pre-K education (AB 1754).** Every dollar invested in early education saves CA many, many more dollars later
- Download the Click My Cause iPhone app (with download instructions) at <https://clickmycause.com/download/> Select "Palo Alto PTA Council" to send your alerts. Look for repeated alerts through September 30, 2018 Click "Ok" to allow notifications. You must do this to receive your mobile alerts

## **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/ptadiscout](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscout) 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/ptaflayer](http://www.LEGOLAND.com/ptaflayer) 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-ICpKYuEYBSqPVa0k0RqJaVEe0qgOl/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.

### **NEW! Summer Math Camp Provided by Nonprofit Classic Math School**

We would like to invite parents and students to our annual Summer Math Camp Open House which will be held on **May 8th, Tuesday, at 7:00 pm** in Jordan Middle School (750 North California Ave, Palo Alto).

This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, learn more about Classic Math School overall teaching principles and ideas as well as School-Year-Round programs.

After live presentation, your questions will be answered, while your students will be offered a free Interactive Placement Test.

Light refreshment will be served.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child on May 8th!

### **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 [palymathclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](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! The Palo Alto Photography Forum presents TOMAS VAN HOUTRYVE: Lines and Lineage**

*Friday May 4, 2018 - 7:30pm, Mitchell Park Community Center*

'Lines and Lineage' is a new powerful body of work by award-winning photographer Tomas van Houtryve that explores the reality of the US and Mexico border before 1848, when the United States seized half of Mexico's land and created the border that we know today.

Using glass plates and a nineteenth-century camera, van Houtryve has masterfully photographed landscapes along the original border and has created portraits of descendants of early inhabitants, imagining what that history might have looked like if photography had arrived in California before it was annexed by the United States

Tomas van Houtryve is a San Francisco-born conceptual artist and photographer whose major works interweave investigative journalism, philosophy and metaphor.

Moderator for the event is Photography Curatorial Assistant at SFMOMA: Sally Katz.

Light refreshments included.

For more info, please visit our website: [www.paloaltophotoforum.org](http://www.paloaltophotoforum.org)

For ticket info, please visit [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

## **NEW! Concussion Training and Virtual Reality Filming -- World-Renowned Expert Panel to Share Latest Insights on Concussions**

Sat, Apr 28, 7:15 AM (doors open; event starts at 7:30), Sequoia High School Football Field

TeachAids in partnership with Stanford University is creating the world's first VR-based education product for sports related head injury prevention to keep our kids safe. Be part of the dynamic LIVE crowd as the "extras" in this filming as we help over 10,000 schools provide youth with engaging concussion training. There will be a discussion with Stanford's leading experts on CTE and Concussion education - learn about leading causes of concussion. Free food is provided (Pizza, Donuts and Hot Chocolate). Limited space available so please RSVP at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2HqE3qjR2bag7sKEUvvCK1ooLYJupotvFdYSmrovaJpuR0A/viewform>.

**Note, each adult will need to RSVP on a separate form.**

Supporters of this initiative include: Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, Stanford Taube Concussion Collaborative, Brain Trauma Foundation, Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education, and world-renowned Olympic coaches and athletes.

## **NEW! Learn About Tutoring East Palo Alto Students Next School Year**

*April 26 10 -11am at a Palo Alto volunteer's home*

All Students Matter sends volunteers to East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to tutor where they are needed most. Volunteers commit to an hour each week during the school year. Join us for coffee and to learn more on April 26 in Palo Alto or April 25 in Atherton. Sign up on our [website](#) event page or contact Jeanette Kennedy at [jkc\\_kennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:jkc_kennedy@yahoo.com) to receive details.

## **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>

## **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.

## **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>

## **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/>

## **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/>

## 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/LGBTQSurvey](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQSurvey)

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.

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

*Sun, Apr 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.

## 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**

## 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)

## 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.

## 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)

# 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/>

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](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**

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE eNEWS

If someone you know would like to subscribe to the Jordan eNews please point them to [this web page](#).

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