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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.

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Questions? Email
jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com.



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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 or Husna Hashmi at husnah@gmail.com

JORDAN NEWS

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thursday, May 3

Thank you for signing up to help and/or donating money for staff appreciation! You can still donate money tonight (Sunday, 4/29) by Paypal a donation to Melinda Zschietzschmann at paypal.me/MZschietzschmann With your generous donations, we will be getting gift cards for all of our staff. Thank you so much!



Jordan Spring Fling Dance

Jordan's Spring Fling will be in the MPR on **Friday, May 4th from 7-9pm**. The dance is semi-formal and the theme is "Spring Fling". No need to go out and buy a gown or tuxedo; a fun dress or nice pants will do! Students must arrive before 8pm and be picked up by 9:15pm. No tickets will be sold at the door, so be sure to purchase your ticket during lunch in the snack bar area before next Friday. Tickets are \$10 each. A permission slip is required and will be attached to the ticket. All Dance eligibility requirements

are listed on the permission slip. Library fines and late books need to be cleared and returned by **Wednesday, May 2nd** in order to be cleared for the dance. Looking forward to seeing you at Jordan's Spring Fling Dance!

Questions? Please contact Liqa Moin at lmoin@pausd.org

NEW! Parents - we need your help with the Spring Dance! Please volunteer to chaperone or bring treats and/or drinks for the Spring Fling. You can sign up at the following link on UpToUs:

<https://goo.gl/nVW5Gi>

NEW! Joint 6th/7th Parent Network Meeting

Please join us on **Monday, May 7th, 8:30-9:30** in the **MPR** for a parent panel hosted by 7th grade parents. It's a wonderful opportunity for 6th grade parents to learn about grade 7. There will be an opportunity after the panel discussion for grade 6 and 7 parents to socialize.

To assist with facilitating the discussion, please feel free to submit questions ahead of time by clicking on the below link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ENZwUccMWsIEiG1DpsSln30VN0q94WDU2ki0E4INDIs/edit#gid=0>

UPDATED! Jordan Science Olympiad Club Open House - May 11 @ 7:30pm

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 from 7:30-8:30pm on May 11 in Jordan's MPR. See student-built balsa airplanes, cars, roller coasters and hovercrafts in action and learn more about Science Olympiad and Science Bowl.

NEW! Invitation to Annual Transition "In & Out" Brunch at The Foster - Thursday May 10th, 10-12 pm. RSVP

You are invited to the Year End PTA meeting & In & Out Brunch at the Foster. All current Jordan PTA Board members and Key Volunteers, as well as the newly elected Greene PTA Board members, you are invited to a Champagne Brunch*. The brunch (11-12 noon) will be held at The Foster Art Museum after a brief final Jordan PTA Executive Board wrap up meeting (10-11 am). The Executive Board meeting portion is a closed meeting or by invitation only. The Brunch is OPEN to all Jordan/Greene PTA volunteers. You've earned it!! Kindly RSVP by Monday May 7th. Questions? Please email Jade Chao at jordanptapresident@gmail.com
*champagne not paid for by PTA funds.

NEW! 8th Grade Parent Network Event: Vape and Marijuana Use

On May 22nd, Police Officer Bradley Young will give a talk on vaping and marijuana use in high school. Officer Young is the community resource PD officer at both Gunn and JLS. Please join the discussion and meet parents of 8th graders from JLS, Terman and Jordan.

Details: **Tuesday, May 22nd, 8:30-9:30am in JLS Room 730**

This is a 8th grade level parent network event for all three middle schools. **Due to space constraints, it is only open to 8th grade parents. Please RSVP on the**

attached sheet to reserve your spot.

8th Grade Parent Network Event: Vape and Marijuana Use : [member secure sign-up](#) or [Guest sign-up \(no login required\)](#)

NEW! 2017-2018 Jordan PTA - Congratulations & Job Well Done

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Jordan Executive PTA Board. We are so pleased with all the amazing work by all parent/staff volunteers to make this a super success year. Job well done! Thank you to all families for your collective generosity showing your support in dollars, time, and talents. Thanks to you we exceeded our fundraising goals, provided many needed classroom consumable items for students. All classes include physical education, wheel electives', choir, band, orchestra, year book, technology and special education. Your caring made it happen. The PTA also provided for administrative needs and asks as they arose. It was a collaborative year for the joint middle school (Jordan-JLS-Terman) Parent Education events, (6/7/8th) grade-level Parent Network events, district wide safe routes to school events, Challenge Days, International Night, Just Parties, and many other community building & community outreach efforts, too. Principal Valerie and her Staff thanks us for our collective support to all our middle schoolers' educational experience this year. We wish the families moving onto high school a successful transition. Finally to all current students' families, all incoming students' families, as well as all Staff and their families - have a wonderful summer!

NEW! Congratulations & Welcome Greene PTA & Online Back-To-School Packet & Payment System Coming Soon

Congratulations to Amanda Steil, PTA President, and the newly elected Greene PTA Executive Board. The PTA's namesake will officially change over on July 1.

Welcome Greene Middle School PTA Executive Board. If you see an OPEN position and wonder if it is a good fit, please email the President.

In conjunction with the new school name, we will also be migrating to an online Back-to-School packet and School Forms / donation / payment system. If you have ideas on how to further improve the content and delivery of the 2018-2019 Back-to-School materials, please email PTA President Amanda Steil

at jordanptapresident@gmail.com or the Executive Vice President, Ann Balva at ann@balva.com.

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), Amy (amyewardwell@yahoo.com), Shannon (shannon@colton.net), Asma (asma.rabbani@gmail.com)

UPDATED! 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. Jena Babcock at jbabcock@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.)



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 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!

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.

PTAC NEWS

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/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 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.

ONSITE AFTER SCHOOLS

Wizbot

Come join Wizbots after school Robotics & Coding Lab, beginning Monday, April 9th!

Wizbots is the best place for kids to learn the art and science of building robots.

Perfect for novices and advanced students, alike, they will all learn engineering, Java programming, math & physics in a completely hands-on way. Open to students in grades 6-8. Learn more and enroll now at wizbots.com/afterschool

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camps Held at PAUSD Sites

Looking for a summer camp in your neighborhood or at one of 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! Wizbots Robotics & Coding Summer Camps

Wizbots Robotics Summer Camp is the best place for girls and boys to learn the art & science of building and coding robots. Using LEGO and Java, your child will tackle new projects each week, while learning engineering, programming, math, and physics in a completely hands-on, collaborative way. We offer affordable half day, full day, and extended care. Our fun camps are conveniently located at El Carmelo Elementary from June 11 - July 20. Learn more and enroll at wizbots.com/camp.

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. Questions or Concerns? Please email us at palysciencecamp@gmail.com.

We hope to hear from you soon!

2018 Palo Alto Middle School Math Summer Program

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

Run by the Palo Alto and Gunn high school math clubs, the Palo Alto Middle School Math Camp aims to foster incoming 6th through 9th grader students' passion for mathematics through individually paced training and one-on-one teaching. Students will learn problem-solving techniques geared towards the MathCounts and AMC 8 competition series. MS Math Camp will be suitable for any student who enjoys math and will be fun for students of all grades and math levels. We suggest a donation of \$300-350 for new students or \$250 for returning students, siblings, PAUSD Middle School Summer School students, and/or those also attending Paly Science Camp (<https://palyscioly.org/paly-science-camp/>). All income from the camp goes towards supporting the Palo Alto High School and Gunn High School math clubs for the following year, in order to allow high school students to attend math competitions. If

you are interested in registering, please fill out the following form:

<https://tinyurl.com/MSMathCamp2018>. Contact palymathclub@gmail.com for any questions.

Summer Math Camp provided by Nonprofit Classic Math School

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

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

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

Free interactive Placement Test by appointment.

"Last year rates" promotion ends April 1st.

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

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

More info and registration: www.classicmath.org

Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp

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

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

Palo Alto Youth Journalism Summer Camp

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

After three hugely successful summers, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again this summer with its fourth year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center) on July 30th - August 3th. A new leadership team and with a plethora of journalism experience is in place and eager to educate new campers on a variety of

journalistic skills including critical thinking, research, graphic design, and expository writing techniques. Counselors are the fun and qualified students of Paly's seven publications. The camp is open to all rising 8th and 9th graders, all proceeds support Paly's journalism program for the following year. Registration and more information can be found at this website: paly.io/campmac.

Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2018

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

July 23 - 27; July 30 - August 3

This year, Paly Robotics will be offering two different weeks of our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th). We hope to spark interest and start future high school students on a path in science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Saturday, Feb 3, at 10AM. Campers will be able to sign up for one of four sessions per week. This camp will be hosted at Palo Alto High School. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at summercamp@palyrobotics.com. For further details, go to <http://palyrobotics.com/summercamp/>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW! Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk

Sat, May 5, 9 AM, Byrne Open Space Preserve Los Altos Hills

Come out for the 17th Annual Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk, and make Los Altos Hills Pathways your home run! This year's event will enjoy a special Cinco de Mayo theme so wear your favorite festive running attire. Free sombreros for interested participants will available at packet pickup and race day while supplies last. This fun annual event begins at the Westwind Community Barn, runs through the Byrne Preserve and extends into the Los Altos Hills Pathways system. The run features a hilly and challenging 5K and 10K Pathways Run/Walk and a 1-Mile Fun Run. Special comfy Home Run race shirts will be provided a long with finisher medals to those who register. To register, volunteer or for more race information contact Sarah Robustelli 650-947-2518, srobustelli@losaltoshills.ca.gov or visit the event website at www.lahpathwaysrun.org.

NEW! Tangos De Concierto: Tango Music for the Concert Hall

Sun, May 6, 7 PM, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Second Stage, Mountain View,

Virtuosic Argentinian pianist, Pablo Estigarribia to tango his way into your hearts! An alluring night of musical passion and classical elegance. The skillful blend of tango colors with classical virtuosity and jazz flavor hits the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts stage with Maestro Pablo Estigarribia from Buenos Aires. Come and delight in his award winning piano solos, Tangos De Conciertos, and the debut of exclusive works with local guest artists. The program highlights Pablo's original tango music with brief narratives. <https://tickets.mvcpa.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=214>

\$35 Adults/Seniors, \$26 Students (21 & Under), \$19 Children (12 & Under). Ticket price includes \$3 Facility Use Fee. Other fees, depending on method of purchase, may apply

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. \$15 for adults/\$10 for children under 10. Questions? 650-493-8942

NEW! Paly Theatre Annual One Acts Showcase May 3-5

Thu-Sat May 3 - 5, 7.30PM, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School

Paly Theatre is hosting their annual One Act One Acts which are a student produced and directed performance of a variety of short shows. Some of these shows were written by students, and all of them are directed by students. These shows are unique and it's not every day you get to see work that's created almost entirely by high-school students - don't miss out! Tickets will be sold at the door -- \$5 for students; \$10 for adults; cash only. More details available at <https://www.palytheatre.com/>

NEW! Parent Chat: Support for Parents of Teens with Mental Health Challenges

Tue. May 8 & Tue. June 12, 7 - 8:30pm, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health

Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

NEW! Let's Talk: Parent Spec Ed Support Group

Mon. May 14, 10am -12pm, 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/>

NEW! Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment for 2018-2019

Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 55 years, and is accepting new enrollment. School year starts on 8/17/2018. Class meets every Friday 7-9 PM at JLS Middle School. There are two tracks. The Mandarin track is offered from Preschool to Grade 12, for students from heritage families. The Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) track is offered from intro, beginning, intermedia to advanced level for students with various exposure to Chinese language. Please join us for a school open house and classroom visit on 4/27 and 5/4. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email contact@paloaltochineseschool.org.

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 17 as World Music Day. World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year around 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, etc. All performances are FREE and open to the public. This is a fun and unique family event not to be missed. Book the date now and tell your friends. The organizers are also looking for musicians and event volunteers from our community, including students from our schools.

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.

For more info: www.pamusicday.org or info@pamusicday.org.

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

Please invite all your Facebook friends to go to Palo Alto World Music Day 2018 10th Anniversary

<https://www.facebook.com/events/141970819972338/>

For more info on Make Music Day <http://www.makemusicday.org/>

NEW! Special Editions of Design_Code_Build @CHM

Sat, May 12 & Sun, June 10, 10 AM - 4 PM, Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View

These special events welcome middle school students (grades 6 through 8) and their parent/guardian to take part in an intergenerational exploration of computer programming concepts. Families will work hands-on with Raspberry Pi technology, write detailed instruction sets to "program" each other through a life-size maze, and learn about the relevance and impact of computer history. There is a \$15 registration fee per student; contact Cate Robbins (crobbins@computerhistory.org) for financial assistance or to sign up a group. Learn more and register here: <http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/>

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

For ticket info, please visit [Eventbrite](#)

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>

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/>

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

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 or 650-463-4953.

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

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 You may also call Anne Le, PAUSD Classified HR, 650-329-3957 for more information.

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

JORDAN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering at Jordan

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Sign up for one (or many) that fit your interests and/or skill set. Sign up online at UptoUs: <https://www.uptous.com/communities/JordanMiddleSchool>

UptoUs login instructions:

Login: your email address

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

- Once logged in, See Jordan Middle School under My Communities
- Under Jordan Middle School Community on the left see the various sub communities requesting volunteers

- Click on a sub community (e.g., PTA Volunteers, Music Volunteers, etc., to see volunteer opportunities)
- Signup sheets are located under "Activities and Signups" for each event

Volunteers are essential to implementing many of the programs and activities at Jordan. Questions? E-mail jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com.

Thank YOU so much for volunteering!

SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

PAPTAC maintains a web page featuring calendars, clinics, tryouts and camps for Peninsula sports teams of interest to Jordan Middle School students.

Web page: <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/sports-and-activities/>

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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

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

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

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