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# Jordan PTA eNews

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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.

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### UPDATED! Joint 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Parent Network Meeting

Please join us on **Monday, May 7th, 8:30-9:30am** 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.

### NEW! Looking for Jordan's multi-generational families!

The yearbook would like to do a special feature on multi-generation families at Jordan. If you, your parents, your children or your grandparents went to Jordan, please tell us your story. Please call us today (our final deadline is **May 10**). Contact yearbook adviser **Daryl Richard** at: [drichard@pausd.org](mailto:drichard@pausd.org) or (650) 868-9537



## JORDAN NEWS

### **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/vejqHPcSGG>

-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)), Asma ([asma.rabbani@gmail.com](mailto:asma.rabbani@gmail.com))

### **NEW! Last chance to buy Jordan Gear!!**

Check out the SPECIAL ONLINE Jordan gear sale. All items have been marked down  
T shirts \$10, Baseball Caps \$15, Sweatshirts \$20

<https://jordanmspta.myschoolcentral.com>

For questions/more information contact [asma.rabbani@gmail.com](mailto:asma.rabbani@gmail.com).

### **NEW! Volunteers Needed for the Promotion Party**

#### **8th Grade Parents**

No worries.... You will not miss your child's promotion! All volunteering activities for 8th grade families are before or after the promotion ceremony. If your child doesn't want you to be visible at the party, there are still so many things you can do and tasks you can take!

Pls sign up on UpToUs by clicking [HERE](#) to volunteer as 8th grade parent.

### **NEW! Getting to High School - Safe Routes**

On **Wednesday, May 16th**, the City of Palo Alto's Safe Routes to School team will be at Jordan to help 8th graders figure out how they will get themselves to high school next year. During lunch there will be a Safe Routes table where students will get help finding the best walking or biking route for them. There will also be a Bus & Shuttle table where students can explore their bus and free shuttle options. By visiting each of these tables, and taking a brief safety quiz, they will earn a slice of pizza. Following the activity, there will be a presentation in the MPR for all 8th graders co-presented by the Safe Routes to School team and high school teacher Matt Hall. Please encourage your students to explore their high school transportation options at lunch on Wednesday, May 16th!

### **NEW! Candidates Green Site Council 2018-2020**

Two Site Council seats for parents are available in the upcoming school year and we are looking for candidates. A total of four parents serve on the Site Council along with the principal, staff and students and they are elected to a two-year term. Meetings are monthly after school.

Serving on the Site Council is a great way to become involved in the many things going on at school. The council actively participates in creating the Single Plan for Student Achievement and monitors its progress during the school year. It also allocates the School Improvement Program funds which this year allowed staff to visit several professional development events. More information may be found at <http://jordan.pausd.org/about/site-council>.

If you are interested, please send an e-mail to [monty.ijzerman@gmail.com](mailto:monty.ijzerman@gmail.com) or come visit the last Site Council meeting of this year on **May 15**. Parents will vote for the new Site Council members via the Back to School packet in August.

### **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)

### **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](mailto:jordanptapresident@gmail.com)  
\*champagne not paid for by PTA funds.

### **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.

### **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 \(no login required\)](#)

### **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!

## **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](mailto:jordanptapresident@gmail.com) or the Executive Vice President, Ann Balva at [ann@balva.com](mailto:ann@balva.com).

## **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](mailto: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!

## 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](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.

## 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.

### 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](http://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](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! Youth Mental Health First Aid**

*Thu, May 17 & May 24, 9 AM - 1 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center*

Learn important skills for promoting youth mental health and well-being! In partnership with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, Project Safety Net invites you to a training in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. *This training requires attendance on both days.* RSVP at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\\_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL\\_h0h8d6kdI23TIps0BrLm1IWocfKng/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL_h0h8d6kdI23TIps0BrLm1IWocfKng/viewform)

### **NEW! Project Safety Net Community Forum: Policy and Advocacy (Goal 4)**

*Wed, May 23, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room*

You're invited to a special community forum meeting, as Project Safety Net will be focusing on Goal 4: Policy and Advocacy, as outlined in Project Safety Net's Three-Year Road Map: <http://www.psnpalalto.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/PSN-3-Year-Roadmap-Jul-1-2017-Jun-30-2020-12-2017-ver-10-summary.pdf>. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psn-community-forum-policy-advocacy-tickets-45533086688> There will be a discussion with advocates and community leaders regarding the current local, state, and federal landscape of youth well-being and suicide prevention policy. Presenters will outline best practices for weighing in with policy makers, and share future opportunities for supporting youth mental health and suicide prevention initiatives.

### **NEW! Family Yoga every Saturday 10:30am at Blossom**

*Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA (New location after May 28th)*

Family Yoga at Blossom is perfect for moms, dads or grandparents and their toddlers or preschool kids. Enjoy vitalizing yoga, playful meditation and singing as a sweet way to connect with your child. Have two or more? Bring them all, children join for free. Make this a joyful weekend family routine or drop-in whenever you need some vitalizing movement.

<https://www.blossombirth.org/mom--toddler.html>

## **NEW! Downtown Palo Alto Farmer's Market Opening**

The Downtown Palo Alto Farmers' Market opens for 2018 on Saturday, May 12. The Market is a great place to get fresh local fruits, veggies, flowers, meats, cheeses, breads and more! Come hang out and listen to live music, while getting delicious brunch and coffee. The Market is located on Gilman St. between Hamilton and Forest.

Open every Saturday from 8am to noon. Market is open rain or shine through mid-December. More at [www.pafarmersmarket.org](http://www.pafarmersmarket.org)

## **NEW! Ragazzi Boys Chorus Spring Recital**

*Saturday, June 9 at 5:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, Palo Alto*

Not sure about auditioning? Hear our youngest singers! The boys of Ragazzi Boys Chorus, from small to medium, sing in their end-of-the-year Spring Recital. Many levels of the chorus are showcased, at levels from beginners through boys preparing for summer touring. The choristers are at their finest at this recital. Experience the artistry of our young singers; we're delighted to share their beautiful choral accomplishments. Sung by Primary Groups, Ragazzi Premiere and Avanti. Buy tickets at <https://ragazzi.org/performances/>

## **NEW! Ragazzi Sings Bing! | 30th Anniversary Concert**

*Sunday, June 10 at 2:30 PM, Bing Concert Hall, Stanford University*

Presented by Stanford Live, our entire program is on display in Bing Concert Hall. Augmented by our Alumni Chorus and our Alumni ensemble, *Ragazzi Continuo*, this concert will explore a stunning range of vocalism. All the boys, from small to tall, will perform at their peak of the season. Alums of all Ragazzi generations come together to recreate - with the very same Director - the unparalleled experience they shared growing up as Ragazzi choristers. This concert has been 30 years in the making, and features old favorites, new works and countless rewards. Buy tickets at <https://ragazzi.org/performances/>

## **NEW! Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions**

*Fri May 11 by appointment, Palo Alto*

Auditions for the Fall semester will be held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto (600 Homer Ave). Open to 2nd-5th grade boys. High school and middle school boys with choral experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-reading, while providing flexible scheduling for busy families. In addition to their own winter and spring concerts, SVB performs for local events including appearances with Stanford University Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra, West Bay Opera, Schola Cantorum of Mountain View, and singing the national anthem at sporting events.

Email [info@svboychoir.org](mailto:info@svboychoir.org) or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

## **NEW! Community Service Opportunity: Volunteer on National River Cleanup Day**

*Sat May 19, 9AM - 12PM. Baylands (Matadero or Adobe Creek)*

The City of Palo Alto is hosting two Cleanup sites (Matadero: site 17 and Adobe: site 18) to clean up litter in the Baylands. Please go to [www.cleanacreek.org](http://www.cleanacreek.org) to sign up and be sure to bring your waivers. Three hours of community service will be available.

## **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.

## **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/>

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.pamusicday.org) or [info@pamusicday.org](mailto: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/>

## **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](mailto:crobbins@computerhistory.org)) for financial assistance or to sign up a group. Learn more and register here: <http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/>

## **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>

## **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.

## 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/>

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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

### 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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