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# Greene PTA eNews

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### GREENE NEWS

#### **New! Cotillion Dance**

Instructed by Mr. Barry Woodruff of Woodruff Dance Studio for past two decades, Cotillion Dance is a place where your children will learn socialization and etiquette through ballroom dances. Visit [https://greene.paloaltopta.org/wp-content/uploads/Cotillion\\_Dance-Web\\_Content.pdf](https://greene.paloaltopta.org/wp-content/uploads/Cotillion_Dance-Web_Content.pdf) for program details. Enroll & pay your fee your fee at <https://greenemspta.myschoolcentral.com/> More questions? Email [greenecotillion@gmail.com](mailto:greenecotillion@gmail.com)

#### **New! General Association Meeting - vote for the PTA Budget -**

We need your support to participate the first General Association Meeting on **September 13 at 8:45pm** right after the Principal Coffee in the library. Without enough votes to approve PTA budget and release the funds, no programs can be continued. Proposed PTA budget will be posted on the bulletin board in school on September 3. Also, you haven't contributed yet to PTA, it is never ever too late to show your support. Please contribute today at <https://greenemspta.myschoolcentral.com/>.

#### **FREE Just Parties Kick Off Party**

*Thursday, October 11, 7 pm - 10 pm, University Club*

Want to go to a Latin Cocktails Party, mother & Daughter Mani & Pedi Party or Men's Poker Night? Don't miss PTA's 2<sup>nd</sup> FREE community building event especially designed only for adults where you can sign up for the

events you want to participate in and mingle with the Greene crowd. Appetizers on us with a no-host bar. We still need party hosts, please contact Wendie Karel [wendiekarel@hotmail.com](mailto:wendiekarel@hotmail.com) or sign up at <https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/YcLNqzaUXVBgOc3abGwr3Eq4rJaMvE0ETRZ9Orr1pkt>

## **New! Auditions for The Wizard of Oz**

*Sept. 4, 5, 6, MPR*

Auditions are open to all Greene students and everyone who auditions gets a role for the play or the stage/tech crew. Audition Info Packets are available in B3 or the front office. Return the parent forms by the first day of auditions. For more information please visit the Drama Website or email Lee Ann Gray at [lgray@pausd.org](mailto:lgray@pausd.org).

## **New! First 6th grade Parent Network Meeting**

*Wednesday, 9/19, 8:30-9:30AM, Room N1*

Our 6th grade Guidance Counselor (Meghan Ben) and Support Counselor (Susan Curry Sykes) will share with us what their roles are, what social/emotional/academic challenges 6th graders might experience, and how we as parents can best support our children through their first middle school year. Bring your questions and your own thermos with coffee/tea. Hope to see you there.

## **New! Back to School & Math Info Night**

*Wednesday, August 29*

Join us for an evening of understanding what your middle schooler is leaning. Math Info Night, presented by the Greene Math Department and PAUSD, will be held at 6pm in MPR. Right after that, all parents are welcome to go to their students' classrooms for teachers' presentation about their curriculum and programs. Your students will or obtain presentation schedule (or teachers will email to parents) for their each class by Wednesday. The classroom presentation will starts at 6:45pm. Remember to pick up a campus map from the front office.

## **New! Committee for Greene PTA Bylaws**

Greene PTA is planning to review our current Bylaws for possible amendment. We need one representative from each grade to join the committee. If interested, please contact Amanda Steil [greenepresident@gmail.com](mailto:greenepresident@gmail.com)

## **New! Bike Registration**

Palo Alto School PTAs, in cooperation with the City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Police Department, are **replacing** the previous city-wide bike registration program with a new online national bike registration program - [BikeIndex.org](http://BikeIndex.org) along with a bike index QR stickers. Instruction and stickers are available in the front office.

## **Thank you, Volunteers, for Making BTS Social Successful**

Huge applaud and thanks to all volunteers coming for help for our very first community event on 8/22. This free event, planned by PTA and collaborated with the school, had attracted more than 1000 people from Greene community. Thanks for everyone who came for this event. Your presence showed the support to the community.

Thank you.

### **Greene Science Olympiad (SciOly) Club**

Does your student love STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) and get motivated through competition? If so, consider trying out for an after-school club where kids learn science as a team sport! Greene SciOly is assembling a group of 30 science-loving team players to compete against other schools in the US. Learn more about SciOly at <https://sites.google.com/view/greenescioly/>.

Interested students please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/GreeneSciOly> by **9/3**.



## **PAUSD NEWS**

### **Community Contributions to PiE Make a Difference**

The 2018-2019 PiE fundraising campaign is underway. Pledge your contribution early and check it off your list! Please donate today! <http://papie.org/donate/>

### **Measure Z - School Improvement Bond Measure**

The PAUSD Board of Education has placed a \$460 million school improvement bond, Measure Z, on the November ballot to support the District goals of high-quality teaching and learning, equity and access, and student wellness and safety.

More information will be shared at the upcoming PTA meetings throughout the district. Please make an effort to learn more about Measure Z and how you can help support our schools. Date and Time for Info Night at Duveneck will be posted soon.

### **Notice of Public Hearing: Sufficiency of textbooks or Instructional Materials**

*Tues, 9/4, 6:30 pm PAUSD office*

## **PTAC NEWS**

## Palo Alto Council PTAs Welcomes You Back-To-School

1st PTAC GENERAL ASSOCIATION meeting on 9/12 (Wed). See you there! Info: [paloaltopta.org](http://paloaltopta.org) or email [evp@paloaltopta.org](mailto:evp@paloaltopta.org).

## Tacolicious Fundraising for Local Schools -

*Monday Nights (Aug-May)*

Each PAUSD school and the PTAC have been busy working with Tacolicious to put together something that helps you and helps our schools. Thank you to Audrey Gold and Kory Cogdill and the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce/Iris Chen.

## Palo Alto Council of PTAs - Looking for a few good men and women...

Few opening positions at PTAC. If interested, please email us at [evp@paloaltopta.org](mailto:evp@paloaltopta.org). Join us!

## Urgent: Speak Up Now for our Students - in seconds!

The CA legislature is voting NOW on CA PTA approved bills, *directly impacting our PAUSD students*. Sign up for FREE Palo Alto PTA Council iPhone mobile alerts on the Click My Cause Two-Tap

App <https://clickmycause.com/download/>.

## Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

PTAC website features calendars, clinics, tryouts and camps for Peninsula sports teams of interest to Greene Middle School students. <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/sports-and-activities/>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **New! Bike Palo Alto 2018 - Free Annual Event, Save the Date!**

*Sun, 9/30 1 - 3p.m., Fairmeadow Elementary School, 500 E. Meadow Dr. Palo Alto*

For more information, visit [bikepaloalto.org](http://bikepaloalto.org). We're looking for volunteers! If you'd like to join us please fill out the form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScASMI0wZqjPzT4dqztrwa9Rzxx5OdAiP2gmbLS2rZaJ2fL1A/viewform>

### **New! Ride the Peninsula Interim Bikeway on Sunday, 9/8**

Join us at Burgess Park in Menlo Park on Saturday, September 8 as Palo Alto teams up with Menlo Park, Mountain View and Redwood City to celebrate the opening of an interim bikeway and begin planning for a future permanent Peninsula Bikeway. For more information and to view a map of the interim bikeway, go

to: <http://peninsulabikeway.com/>

**New! Future of El Camino Real (Open Through 9/7)**

Community feedback is sought on bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety enhancements along El Camino Real between Stanford and Lambert Avenue. Survey: <http://www.fehrandpeers.com/palo-alto-gbi/>  
Project: [www.cityofpaloalto.org/gbipaloalto](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gbipaloalto)

**New! Acterra Ride, Drive, and Be Green Event - 9/16 1-4pm, 3921 E. Bayshore Rd.,**

Join Acterra at the Ride, Drive, and Be Green Event -all are welcome to ride and test drive an Electric Vehicle!  
Event link: <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1205> Volunteer link: <http://bit.ly/EVvolunteer> EV owner link: <http://bit.ly/NDEWvolunteers> Contact: [rani.jayakumar@acterra.org](mailto:rani.jayakumar@acterra.org)

**New! Upcoming Parent Ed Programs:**

"TALKING TO OUR DAUGHTERS ABOUT SEX!" and "TALKING TO OUR SONS ABOUT SEX!" to learn more about how to navigate conversations with your daughters/sons about sex and healthy relationships. Info & registration, please contact: Laura Prentiss [lnprentiss@gmail.com](mailto:lnprentiss@gmail.com) or Liza Baskind [izabaskind@gmail.com](mailto:izabaskind@gmail.com)

**Classroom Volunteers Needed - An Hour a Week Could Change a Student's Life**

To learn more or sign up, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org) or contact Keri Tully at [keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com).

**Youth Community Service (YCS) ACTION TEAM**

All middle school students are welcome! Meet on **Weds at Mitchell Park Community Center from 3:30 to 5:00 pm**. Fall session will start on Sept. 19th and end on Dec. 5th. Info & registration, please email or call Ashley Yee Mazawa [Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org) (650) 858-8021

**Wisem Space Coding Class - starting 9/10 at Greene**

A series of REAL fun project based on coding classes to encourage your students to build the popular game '2048'. Questions Yoonjung [yunjung@wisem.space](mailto:yunjung@wisem.space)

**Overwatch E-Sports League Registration Open by Sparkiverse for 5-8th graders**

Sparkiverse (started by Greene Parents) is expanding into an eSports League to bring healthy gaming and competition to our Palo Alto students. A ll geared to channel their engagement into positive points of growth with teammates In the Real World (IRL)! Teams are forming now at: [www.UnlockYourEpic.com](http://www.UnlockYourEpic.com).

**Youth Community Service (YCS) is Hiring!**

Seeking interested people for a part-time position. Full job description and application: [www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org)

**New! Golden State Youth Orchestra Endangered Instruments Program - Sept. Palo Alto**

Palo Alto-based Golden State Youth Orchestra (formerly El Camino Youth Symphony) invites musicians ages 8-13 to learn an "endangered instrument!" If interested, check [www.gsyomusic.org](http://www.gsyomusic.org). Call GSYO at 650-665-9046 for more information.

### **New! Classes for middle and high school students - 9/15 - 11/10, Gunn High**

Outstanding HS students are teaching classes to raise funds for the Ravenswood City School District in EPA. Sign up <https://www.siliconvalleyyouth.com/classes> or [svyouth1@gmail.com](mailto:svyouth1@gmail.com).

### **Teen Maker Tuesday - 9/18, 4:30 - 5:30pm, Mitchell Park Library**

Try using the Tiltbrush virtual painting and sculpting software on our Oculus Rift! Registration required. Grades 6-12 only.

### **New! Helping Your Teen Transition to High School - 9/19, 7-8pm, Menlo Park Library, FREE**

Students need information, support and new strategies for the high school years- and so do we as parents! We will approach these important topics with mutual support, a good dose of humor, and optimism for the future! For more information, email [melissakelley@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:melissakelley@stanfordalumni.org).

### **Coding with the Robot - 8/5 - 9/10, 10-11am, Mitchell Park Library**

Learn programming, robotics and human robot interaction in a fun way. Interested? Register now on PACL website. Ages 11 and up.

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### **SUBMIT AN ITEM TO THE eNEWS**

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