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Greene Middle School PTA Newsletter

First School Week

Annual Bike Safety Affair

Monday, Aug 13

Greene 101

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School Starts

Tuesday, Aug 14

Picture Days

Tuesday, Aug 14 & Wednesday, Aug 15

Jaguar Journey

Tuesday, Aug 14 & Wednesday, Aug 15

BTS Social Reception

MPR 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Wednesday, Aug 22

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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 Greene Middle School](#)

Questions? Email
greeneptavolunteer@gmail.com.



- 13** Jaguar Journey Volunteer Training,
Bike Registration & Repair Fair
Greene 101
- 14** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
New Student Luncheon
- 14&15** Jaguar Journey and Picture Days
- 15** Advisory - Practice Emergency Line Up
- 16** Wheel One Begins
PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 20-24** Fall Book Fair
- 22** 8th Grade Popsicle Social
BTS Social Reception
Fall Book Fair Family Night
- 29** Math Info Night
Back-to-School Night
- 31** Principal's Coffee
MINIMUM DAY - 12:20pm Dismissal

Incoming 6th Grade Families - Volunteers Needed for Jaguar Journey

JJ needs your help. Join the JJ community and scroll down to each individual event

<https://www.uptous.com/communities/JJ>

Locker Olympics:

sign up <https://goo.gl/ASxFf5>

Scavenger Hunt:

sign up <https://goo.gl/Wz4mTP>

Roving parent:

sign up <https://goo.gl/kofP6C>

This is a great opportunity to see how your child blend into the new environment. Coffee and tea will be provided at the sign-in table.

GREENE NEWS

New! PTA announces FREE BTS Social Reception

To build our community in a larger scope, PTA decides to make BTS Social Reception FREE to GREENERs. Bring your own refillable water bottles to join and meet other GREENERs with pizza, water melons , popsicles and desserts.

For those who have been either paid online or checks, PTA will send refund to you after PTA Association Meeting scheduled on 9/13. Please be patient for the refund. All refund checks can not be sent until being ratified in the Association Meeting according to PTA By Law. Any questions regarding refund, please contact PTA at greeneptapreaident@gmail.com

New! 6th Grade Coordinator for Parent Network

PTA is looking for a 6th grade parent to organize monthly meeting for parents to gather socially and discuss topics relevant to middle school and their particular grade. If interested, please contact Amanda Steil at greeneptapresident@gmail.com

New! Success of BTS Packet Pick Up

Thank you for picking up your back-to-school package at school. We already mailed out BTS packets to those unable to pick up on August 1st & 2nd. Please note that our goal is to reach 100% pick-up rate and eliminate mailing cost next school year. BTS packages can be returned to the office after **August 6** and due on **August 14**. The pick-up date for next school year will be announced in May 2019.

New! PTA Online Payment is On

Pay online now at PTA webstore <https://greenemspta.myschoolcentral.com/>. If online payment is not possible, please fill out the payment form from your back to school packet, attached with a check, payable to Greene PTA, mail it to school or drop it off in the office after August 6.

New! A new face of PTA Website

Thanks to our PTA VP and Vice Chair of Communication, Karl Garcia and Harry Luo, the new PTA website is now online. From the site, families can get all PTA and School forms at https://greene.paloaltopta.org/bts_2018/. In addition, PTA website offers information about Special Education, PiE, PTAC, and Counseling Service.

Reminder: Bike Safety Fair & GREENE 101

Remember to bring your bike for registration on **August 13th** from **12:00pm to 1:30pm** for 6th graders and **1:30pm to 3:00pm** for 7th and 8th graders at **Front Lawn**. Along the site, we also have Bike Repair station to help students check their bikes, helmet and etc. We need volunteers! Please email greeneptapresident@gmail.com.

Right after Bike Safety Fair, Greene 101 will be taken place from **3:30pm to 5:00pm in MPR**. Come join the presentation and tour for new families, and check several PTA booths such as Just Parties, Science Fair, BTS social reception and etc.

Reminder: Greene Site Council Ballot is going ONLINE

Remember to cast your vote! Bios of candidates and voting instruction can be found at https://greene.paloaltopta.org/site_council. The electronic voting ends on **Friday August 31, 11:50pm PST**. For those that cannot vote electronically, paper ballots will be available at the school's Front Desk starting on **August 6**.

Volunteering at Greene

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/GreeneMiddleSchool>

UptoUs login instructions:

Login: your email address

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

- Once logged in, See Greene Middle School under My Communities
- Under Greene 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 Greene. Questions? E-mail greeneptavolunteer@gmail.com.

Thank YOU so much for volunteering!

Recruitment of Greene TEAMS team still continues

With the success of Jordan TEAMS team bringing home 1st place in Problem Solving, 2nd place in Digital Media, and 3rd Best in Nation this summer, the team recruiter has received several responses since last week after releasing the news. Info about TSA TEAMS can be found at teams.tsaweb.org Recruitment still continues. To sign up for an interview, fill out this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/ioQNT5Or27djgyz72>. Any questions regarding the team can be sent to greenemsteams@gmail.com

PAUSD NEWS

Community Contributions to PiE Make a Difference

PiE has just launched its 2018-2019 fundraising campaign. Please consider pledging your contribution as our kids need the support of the whole community. PiE funds go to every Palo Alto district school and provide each principal with the funding needed

to staff many essential programs for the students and families at each school location. From our classroom aides, to teachers for STEAM-focused electives, music and art, to caring counselors and mentors, PiE-funded staff impact on our kids every day. Between now and September 4, you can double your impact via the \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant which matches every dollar donated to PiE. Please donate today!<http://papie.org/donate/>



Venture

Aug 12 2p

Venture, a new musical by Paly's own Michael Najjar will be presented at one performance on **August 12 at 2:00p** as part of TheatreWorks New Works/Next Generation. Come see Paly Theatre students perform selections from last spring's Silicon Valley themed musical. Ticket information:

<https://theatreworks.org/new-works-festival-2018/venture/>

PTAC NEWS

Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment NOW for 2018

2019 school year starts on **8/17/2018**

Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 55 years, and is accepting new enrollment. 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, intermediate to advanced level for students with various exposure to Chinese language. Please join us for a school open house and classroom visit **on 8/17 and 8/24**. For more info, check

<http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email
contact@paloaltochineseschool.org.

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 Greene 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 Greene related event, send a blurb including title, location, time and a brief description of your event to greeneweeklynews@gmail.com

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

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

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Best regards,
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