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Greene Middle School PTA Newsletter

## **This Week**

### **Annual Bike Safety Affair**

*Monday, Aug 13*

### **Greene 101**

*Monday, Aug 13*

### **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  
[greenptavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:greenptavolunteer@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

## Success of PTA online payment

We are Greene, and we go "Green"

Up to today, we have already had more than 80% of families paid their PTA contributions online. Thank you for your contribution and support our motivation of going "Green". For those who still wish to contribute, please pay online 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.

## GREENE NEWS

### **New! School District Bond Measurement Campaign**

School district Bond Measurement campaign in November ballot to fund capital improvement. This will ensure schools' construction projects are teed up in an efficient way. An info night will be hosted by Duveneck PTA possibly on 9/11 or 9/18. Details will be announced soon.

### **We need you - 6th Grade Coordinator for Parent Network**

PTA is looking for a 6th grade parent to organize meeting for parents to gather socially and discuss topics relevant to middle school and their particular grade. If interested, please contact Amanda Steil at [greenepresident@gmail.com](mailto:greenepresident@gmail.com)

### **Save the Date! Greene's "Just Parties" Big Kick-Off Event!**

Please join your fellow Greene parents on **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7pm - 10pm** to socialize, reconnect, and make some new friends - all to help out our school raise money! It is a free event!! Appetizers on us with a no-host bar at the University Club in Palo Alto! While enjoying the evening, you will have the opportunity to sign up for PARTIES and other fun gatherings that will be hosted by fellow Greene parents throughout the school year -- so don't forget to bring your checkbook or credit card and your calendar!

**CALLING ALL PARTY HOSTS!** We need more parties! Please get together with a friend (or three) to plan and host a party! It could be a small intimate gathering or a blowout; your choice! Bring your creativity and we will bring you the guests! Sample ideas for parties: Cinco de Mayo party, Night at the Oscars, How to Cook Italian, Chinese Dumpling Making Party, 6th grade Mom/Daughter Spa/Manicure, cookie baking for 7th graders, lawn bowling, wine tasting, etc. For more party ideas or to register your party (by October 4<sup>th</sup>), please contact one of the following "Just Parties" coordinators:

Julie O'Grady: [Julie@ogradycm.com](mailto:Julie@ogradycm.com)

Susan Scheel: [susanischeel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanischeel@sbcglobal.net)

Wendie Karel: [wendiekarel@hotmail.com](mailto:wendiekarel@hotmail.com)

Or sign up directly online here and we will contact you to help plan your party!

<https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/YcLNqzaUXVBgOc3abGwr3Eq4rJaMvE0ETRZ9Orr1pklt>

## **First Community Building Event**

### **- FREE BTS Social Reception and Fall Book Fair Family Night**

Come and join the Greene Community on **Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:30pm at MPR** with free pizza, watermelons, popsicles and desserts. Along with the Social Reception, ensure to check "Fall Book Fair Family Night" in the library. 40% of sales goes to the school library. Come and support!

## **Start the school year with Bike Safety Fair & GREENE 101**

Remember to bring your bike for registration on **Monday, 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 still need volunteers! Please email [greeneptapresident@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **Vote online -Greene Site Council Ballot**

Remember to cast your vote! Bios of candidates and voting instruction can be found at [https://greene.paloaltopta.org/site\\_council](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.

## **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](mailto:greeneptavolunteer@gmail.com).  
Thank YOU so much for volunteering!

## PAUSD NEWS

### Community Contributions to PiE Make a Difference

#### Support Our Students and Teachers - Pledge to PiE Today

The 2018-2019 PiE fundraising campaign is underway. Pledge your contribution early and check it off your list! Our kids depend on the support of the whole community. Many essential



programs and critical staff positions depend on funding from PiE. 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/>

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## PTAC NEWS

### Venture

*Sun, Aug, 12, 2PM, Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto CA  
94301*

Venture, a new musical by Paly's own Michael Najar will be presented at one performance 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 at:

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

## **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](mailto:contact@paloaltochineseschool.org).

## **New! Stanford Study on Housing**

\$45 for Participation in a Stanford Study on Housing.

The department of Sociology at Stanford University is conducting ongoing research on the housing crisis in the Bay Area. We are currently conducting interviews with people who are living in a space that may have only been intended for one family or folks that live in the area who are employed in low wage service work. For participating in a 1-hour interview, you will receive a \$45 Target gift card. Contact Ellie Rosa at [ellielm@stanford.edu](mailto:ellielm@stanford.edu) or (707) 228-6534 to participate.

\$45 para participar en un estudio de Stanford sobre las viviendas.

El departamento de sociología de Stanford está llevando a cabo entrevistas sobre la crisis de la vivienda en el norte de California. Actualmente estamos llevando a cabo entrevistas con personas que viven en un espacio que puede haber sido destinado solo a una familia o personas que viven en el área y que trabajan en un servicio de bajo salario. Para participar en una entrevista de 1 hora, recibirá una tarjeta de regalo Target de \$45. Póngase en contacto con Ellie Rosa en [ellielm@stanford.edu](mailto:ellielm@stanford.edu) o (707) 228-6534 para participar.

### **New! Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions**

*Fri, Aug 24, and 31 by appointment, 600 Homer Av., Palo Alto*

Auditions for the Fall semester will be held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto. 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! Volunteers need for a Stanford Social Skills Study**

Stanford's Center for Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences Research (CIBSR) is recruiting volunteers for a Social Skills study. We are looking for boys aged 8-18 years diagnosed with a developmental or intellectual disability to take part in a research study investigating the effect of behavioral training methods on

social skills. Participation includes a visit to Stanford for 3-4 days, cognitive testing, two optional MRI scans, and social skills training with a behaviorist. For more information, please go to: [www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills](http://www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills)

### **New! 2018 Palo Alto New Families Welcome Fair**

*Sun Aug 19, 2018 2-5p El Palo Alto Rm, Mitchell Park Library, Palo Alto*

We cordially invite you to attend Palo Alto's 1st ever New Families Fair to learn more about our community including: services provided by the city of Palo Alto; the K-12 public school system of Palo Alto Unified School District. We will also have experts on site to explain the importance of a "529" education savings account, life insurance, personal credit score buildup, and more. There is a raffle too!

Co sponsored by: Palo Alto Chinese Parents Club(PACPC), Palo Alto Unified School District ( PAUSD), City of Palo Alto, Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce Palo Alto Police Department, Palo Alto Partners in Education (PIE)

### **New! All families invited to host an AFS Exchange Student**

*"One of these days we'd like to host an exchange student."*

Hosting helps a high school student become fluent in English and experience life in America. It is also a fun chance to see your own country and daily routines in a different light. "Becoming a host family took us out of our comfort zone and provided many new experiences." Elementary, middle and high school families are eligible.

To get a conversation started contact Veronica Buxton at [vbuxton@afsusa.org](mailto:vbuxton@afsusa.org). AFS USA is a premier, non-profit volunteer cultural exchange program approved by the State Department. <https://www.afsusa.org/team/san-francisco-bay/contact-us/>



## **New! Book and Supply Drive for Aspire East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy (Grade 6-12)**

*Sun, Aug 12 - Fri, Aug 24 at Duveneck Elementary School, 705 Alester Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303 and participating Palo Alto libraries - Children's, Rinconada & Mitchell Park.*

Clean out your children's bookshelves and help literacy in East Palo Alto.

Scouts from Troop 57 BSA Palo Alto will hold a community-wide book and supply drive. This drive directly supports the students in learning by providing the tools necessary for the classroom, allow teachers to focus on academics and reduce the financial burden for both students and teachers. For questions about this Eagle Scout service project please contact Joshua Athayde at [19atufc@gmail.com](mailto:19atufc@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:greeneweeklynews@gmail.com)

For events relevant to the whole PAUSD community, you can also submit to

[ptaenews@yahoo.com](mailto:ptaenews@yahoo.com)

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

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