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Greene Middle School PTA Newsletter

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### Fall Book Affair

*Aug 20-24*

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## GREENE CALENDAR SUMMARY

### August

- 20-24** Fall Book Fair
- 22** 8th Grade Popsicle Social
- BTS Social Reception
- Fall Book Fair Family Night
- 29** Math Info Night

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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.

[UptoUs Greene Middle School](#)

Questions? Email  
greeneptavolunteer@gmail.com.



**31** Back-to-School Night  
Principal's Coffee  
MINIMUM DAY - 12:20pm Dismissal

**BTS Social Reception**

Come and join our biggest Greene community-building event of the year - BTS Social, on **Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:30pm at MPR** with free pizza, watermelons, popsicles, desserts and music. The social is open to the families of the entire school and is highly attended. This is an exciting opportunity to make new friends, and to get involved with the Greene community and the staff early in the year.

More excited, everyone will get a raffle ticket to win a prize at Just Parties Kick Off Party at University Club on 10/11, and a bike sticker (limited to Greene students only) with a registration instruction if you didn't get a chance to register your bike yet. At last, ensure to check "Fall Book Fair Family Night" in the library. 40% of sales goes to the school library.

**GREENE NEWS**

## **BTS Social Volunteers needed**

We are looking for some fun-loving folks to help us run the excited community building event. Sign up at <https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/1hV7kC4cKRtrsHhseM9eAUIHuH5x7GobKArBmOQLh8t>

## **PTA Needs Your Continuous Support**

Your generous support will help PTA deliver possible programs and benefits to our students. If you haven't contributed yet, we need your support. Please contribute today at <https://greenemspata.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.

## **Needs Your Votes - Greene Site Council Ballot**

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.

## **Bike Registration**

If you haven't registered your bikes, remember to come to BTS Social to get bike stickers and instruction about how to register your bikes. For those registered with the City of Palo Alto in the past, please note that the system doesn't work anymore and you will need to re-register your bikes.

## **New! Thank You, Volunteers**

Thank you for all parents volunteering for the Bike Safety Fair and Jaguar Journey. Without you, these two events would not be done. Thank you.

## **New! Combined meetings - Principal Coffee and PTA Association Meetings**

To run events more efficiently, all Principal Coffee events will be combined with PTA General Association Meetings. The new dates for the Principal Coffee will be **9/13/2018, 1/10/2019 and 4/11/2019 from 8:15am to 8:45am in Greene Library**. And, PTA Association Meetings will begin at 8:45am and end at 9:45am. Stop by the staff lounge for a cup of latte from our Latte Guy before joining our meetings.

## **New! New Dates for Parent Network Meetings**

Please note the following changes:

1. In September, 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent network meeting will be held on 9/12, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade on 9/19, 8<sup>th</sup> grade remains the same on 9/26.
2. PTA will host cross-grade parent network meetings from October 2018 to December 2018. Dates are 10/17, 11/14, and 12/12. No individual grade parent network meetings in these four months.

### **New! 7th Grade Parent Network Meeting**

*Wednesday, September 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Greene Multipurpose Room (MPR)*

Please join us to meet our new guidance counselor, Kellie Kraczkowski, 7th Grade Administrator, Magdalena Fittoria, new Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) counselor, Laura Carty, and Greene Counseling Support Services and Jordan/Greene Alumna, Susan Curry Sykes who will speak about what to expect and look out for in terms of social development, dating, emotional changes, etc. in 7th grade. Hope to see you Wednesday, September 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Greene MPR.

### **Just Parties - Party & Signups! Thursday, October 11, 7 pm - 10 pm, University Club**

"Just Parties" was established to foster the adult community at Greene.

Remember the days when your child was in elementary school, and you hung out with the parents of your child's friends? There seem to be fewer opportunities to meet up with other parents. Here's a chance to sign up for one or more events and have some fun with the Greene community.

Enjoy a **FREE** party adult party on October 11, 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.

Parties happen throughout the year. Want to go to a Latin Cocktails Party, Mother & Daughter Mani & Pedi Party or Men's Poker Night?

Don't miss out on this night of signups.

#### **Want to host a party?**

We need party sponsors! Ideas include Wine & Cheese Pairing, Autumn Soup & Book Exchange, Hiking & Yoga, Kid's Pool parties, Lawn Bowling, Chinese Dumpling Making and more. For more party ideas or to register your party (by October 4th,), please contact:

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Wendie Karel: [wendiekarel@hotmail.com](mailto:wendiekarel@hotmail.com)  
Or sign up directly at <https://www.uptous.com/directSignup/YcLNqzaUXVBgOc3abGwr3Eq4rJaMvE0ETRZ9Orr1pklt>

## 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/>

### 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.

When the Palo Alto Strong Schools Bond was approved ten years ago, it was only estimated to address approximately half of the facility needs identified at that time. Since that time, new projects have been identified resulting from changes in learning technology, educational curriculum and student enrollment trends. As the Strong Schools Bond upgrades are being completed, PAUSD is planning the next phase of improvements to enhance school security and upgrade classrooms and labs to meet 21st-century instructional standards.

Measure Z will provide funding for school improvements, including:

- Ensuring school facilities are accessible for students with disabilities and equitable for all
- Upgrading schools to current seismic safety standards to help keep students safe in the event of an earthquake
- Completing needed repairs at school facilities
- Increasing school safety and security, such as fire alarms, door locks and emergency communications systems to bring security systems up to current standards
- Providing classrooms and labs to support up-to-date science, technology, engineering and robotics instruction
- Providing up-to-date facilities to maintain outstanding performing and visual art programs

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.

## PTAC NEWS

### **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*. It takes just two taps on your phones to make a difference:

- Pupil Suicide Prevention and Training (AB 2639)
- Invest in Pre-K (AB 1754)
- Increase K-12 school funding targets (AB 2808)
- Help for our Foster Youth (AB 2043)
- Help for our Homeless Youth (AB 1406)

Sign up for FREE Palo Alto PTA Council iPhone mobile alerts on the Click My Cause Two-Tap App <https://clickmycause.com/download/>.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **NEW! CONNECTING PALO ALTO COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - AUGUST 23**

*Community Meeting on Rail Grade Separation*

*Thursday, August 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

*El Palo Alto Room, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road*

Join us to help evaluate potential railroad crossing grade separation ideas throughout Palo Alto.

Specific ideas related to separating the street from the railroad will be presented for Churchill Avenue, Charleston Road and Meadow Drive, and Palo Alto Avenue. There will also be further discussion of the Citywide tunnel and trench ideas. Your feedback and ideas will be used to help identify the universe of grade separation ideas to be considered when shaping the citywide solution.

### **NEW! Classic Math Open House**

*Tue, Aug 21, 7PM, Greene Middle School (Rm N6), 750 N. California Av. Palo Alto*

We would like to invite parents with students (K-10) to our annual Classic Math School Open House. This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, learn first hand about Classic Math School overall teaching philosophy, methods, and principles. Your questions will be answered, while your students will be offered a Free Interactive Placement Test (preregistration by email is required). Light refreshment will be served. More info at: [www.classicmath.org](http://www.classicmath.org) or 650-224-4226

### **NEW! Free local Parent Hikes led by experienced Sierra Club Parent Volunteer**

Do you like going on 8-10 mile hikes up 2,000 feet while your kids are at school? Go on a Parent hike Mondays from about 9:30AM-2:30PM. Weekly dates dependent on weather and interest -- on local trails throughout the Bay Area. If interested, please email Sonya Bradski, PAUSD Parent, Volunteer non-profit, Sierra Club Hike Leader. Questions or to be added to hike announcements contact Sonya at [sonyangary@gmail.com](mailto:sonyangary@gmail.com)

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

If you've enjoyed spending time in your child's classroom, please join other parents volunteering in east Menlo Park or East Palo Alto schools where there are virtually no parent volunteers. You'll help tutor kids in grades K-5. Over 80% of students are performing below grade level in reading and math and are eager to work with you. Our volunteers go once a week to the same classroom for about an hour, building relationships with students throughout the school year. All Students Matter provides training and coordinates everything. We start in mid-September. You can make a real difference! 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).

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

Join our team at YCS and make a difference in the lives of young people through service learning. This is a part-time position with a flexible schedule. Please visit our website for the full job description and application instructions: [www.youthcommunityservice.org](http://www.youthcommunityservice.org)

### **NEW! Learn to Knit!**

*Thu Sep 13, 4:30-6:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road*

Teens and adults are invited to spend Thursday evenings knitting in a relaxed, social setting. This is a great opportunity to share your love for knitting, meet new friends and help others with their projects -- and learn something new if you're new to knitting or have always wanted to learn! Register on PACL website (<https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index>). Grades 6-12.

### **NEW! Author Visit @CH: JoAnne Wetzel**

*Wed, Sep 12, 4:00-5:00PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.*

JoAnne Wetzel will be at Children's Library to read her new picture book, *Mermaid School*, about a mermaid's first day at school. No registration needed. All ages welcome.



## **NEW! Palo Alto Players presents Disney's TARZAN, a musical adventure for the whole family**

*Sep 8-23; Thur 7:30pm, Fri 8pm (9/8 only), Sat 2pm (9/15 and 9/22 only) & 8pm, Sun 2pm; Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301*

Tarzan, the king of the apes and his lady love, Jane, swing to the Lucie Stern stage in Palo Alto in this musical adaptation of Disney's epic animated adventure. Swinging excitement and heart-pumping music by Phil Collins, make *Tarzan* an unforgettable theatrical experience for the whole family. Recommended for ages 3 and up. *Please note: Children under 3 will not be admitted to the theatre.* Tickets (\$25-55\*) can be purchased at [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org) or by calling the Box Office at 650-329-0891. \*Students/Educators enjoy \$5 off regular priced tickets to any performance, except preview night. Additional discounts available for groups of 10 or more. For more information, visit, [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org). For \$10 off adult tickets, use code TARZANCAST before 9/9.

## **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).

## **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.

## **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>

## **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)

## **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)

## **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/>

## **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)

### **NEW! STEAM Lab Sunday @MP: Rubik's Cube**

*Sun Aug 19, 2:30-4:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.*

Learn how to solve a Rubik's cube. Take one home for free to continue honing your skills! Registration required. Grades 3-6 only.

### **NEW! Teen Maker Tuesday @MP: VR Oculus Rift Tiltbrush Demo**

*Tues Sept 18, 4:30-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.*

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

### **NEW! Society of Bookworms @ CH**

*Wed, Sep 19, 4:00-5:00PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.*

Discuss a great book with your friends at the Children's Library! The book will be announced at least one month in advance. Registration Desired. Grades 4-6 only.

### **NEW! Coding with the Robot**

*Sundays: Aug 5 - Sep 9, 10-11AM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road*

Would you like to play with Dewey, our humanoid robot? Make it move around, strike conversation, play music and carry out dance routines? This event is what you are looking for. It is designed for absolute beginners. No previous coding experience required. We will use the simple drag and drop interface to make things happen. We will learn programming, robotics and human robot interaction in a fun way. Interested? Register now on PACL website. Ages 11 and up.

## **ONSITE AFTER SCHOOLS**

### **Classic Math School Open House**

Know your target audience. Who are your most important customers, clients or prospects, and why? Know what is important to them and address their needs in your newsletter each month. Include a photo to make your newsletter even more appealing. Inserting a link in your article lets you track which topics attract the most interest.



## 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 **Sept 3**.

## Wisn Space Coding Class

Wisn space (<https://www.wisn.space/>) is offering a series of project based coding classes at Greene Middle School. Projects are designed to be fun and engaging so that your child will immediately start to see the benefits of coding. At the end of each session, there will a unique event where everyone will work on applying their coding skills in ways that match their interest. In the first session, our students will be building the wildly popular game '2048' from scratch using their own designs and features. Each student will learn algorithms using arrays, css animations, web design, and mouse/touch interactions required to get the game to work. In the second session, our students will be switching gears from game development to interactive art. The main project of this session will be to build the project 'Koala to the Max' from the ground up. Each student will again apply their own designs and features as they learn about image processing algorithms, more css animations, web designs, and interactions. We will be teaching Javascript so that students can easily share what they build using their personal domain and server which we will provide. With this personal domain, your child will be able to amass a coding portfolio where they can combine their coding skills with their personal interests (debate, robotics, dance, science fair, language learning etc).

### [Wisn Space JavaScript Course Schedule](#)

9/10~10/22 (Games: Tetris and 2048)

<https://school.wisn.space/?view=registration&curriculum=12#register>

11/26~ 12/17 (Interactive Art: Koala to the Max)

\*More Sessions will be offered after winter break

## 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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