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05/01/2014	Escondido Elementary School	<p data-bbox="410 132 800 163">Subject: Parade of Flags Friday!</p> <p data-bbox="410 237 724 268">Dear Escondido Families,</p> <p data-bbox="410 300 1409 384">Friday is the International Day Celebration at Escondido. In the morning we will feature our annual "Parade of Flags" which takes place Friday, May 2nd at 10:30AM in the courtyard...all parents are welcome to come & watch!</p> <p data-bbox="410 415 1409 531">To celebrate our tradition of "friends around the world", please have your kids come to school dressed in costumes or clothing that represents their National culture or heritage. Each child will be able to walk behind their Country flag of choice. Also, please have kids bring an extra set of clothing for the remainder of the day.</p> <p data-bbox="410 562 1419 615">In the evening, we hold our popular "International Fair" starting at 5:30. We hope to see you there!</p> <p data-bbox="410 646 889 741">Warm Regards, Dana Reynolds, M.Ed. Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p>
	Nixon Elementary School	<p data-bbox="410 783 1133 814">Subject: Terman Spring Social (incoming 6th graders invited)</p> <p data-bbox="410 888 1409 940">To All 5th Grade Parents - You are invited to the Terman Spring Social. See details below:</p> <p data-bbox="410 972 1198 1003">"A Taste of Italy" - Wed. 5/7 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Terman Triangle</p> <p data-bbox="410 1035 1409 1150">Come to Terman's annual Spring Social and say "benvenuto" (welcome) to our incoming 6th grade families and arrivederci" (goodbye) and "buona fortuna" (good luck) to our 8th graders " who are heading to high school.</p> <p data-bbox="410 1182 1419 1329">Enjoy a night out with current and future Terman families. We are serving fabulous Italian food from Buca di Beppo restaurant. Exciting entertainment will be provided by the Terman Jazz Band, along with fun games led by Terman's Leadership Class and Student Council members with help from Terman teachers and staff.</p> <p data-bbox="410 1360 1419 1444">Terman's Spring Social is sponsored by the Terman PTA. After dinner, please attend the final PTA meeting in the Cafe at 7 pm -- all are welcome!</p> <p data-bbox="410 1476 1360 1560">NOTE: Dinners must be pre-ordered & prepaid no later than May 5 to guarantee your order. Please complete on the back, and return it with payment to the school or Terman office.</p> <p data-bbox="410 1591 646 1623">See attached flyer.</p> <p data-bbox="410 1654 792 1686">Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
05/02/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p data-bbox="410 1728 1101 1759">Subject: Reminders: Open House/Take the Parent Survey</p>

05/02/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Briones Families,</p> <p>We hope to see you on Tuesday, May 6th at our Spring Picnic/Open House. The Spring Picnic begins at 6 PM, so bring your favorite spread and kick back on the grass on a blanket, or at one of our nearby picnic tables. We then open our classrooms at 6:30 PM to give families a glimpse into what children do on a daily basis. The first 30 minutes will be exclusively for families of current students of each classroom, and the final 30 minutes will be open to anyone in the school community. This allows current families to enjoy the company of their children and classroom teacher.</p> <p>Have you taken the parent survey yet? School Site Council would like your input. We sent home a flyer with a QR scan code you can scan with your smart phone or tablet to access the survey. You can also text "HPNVVQ" to 805-619-5667 to gain access to the survey. We regret to inform you that the weblink is not currently working, so you will have to take the survey on your phone or tablet. You may also come into the school office and take the survey using an ipad. It should only take a few minutes, and the survey is available through the end of Open House night. Look for the QR code hanging up on flyers throughout Briones during the Spring Picnic/Open House for your last chance to take the survey. We appreciate your input.</p> <p>Have a fabulous weekend!</p> <p>Warm Regards,</p> <p>Lisa Hickey</p>
05/04/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Special Junior Parent Night on May 8</p>

05/04/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Don't Miss the Gunn Junior Parent Night In Spangenberg on May 8

Throughout this year we have expanded the services we have been able to offer in Gunn Counseling and one of the key additions is the Junior Parent Night this Thursday (May 8) at 7:00 PM in Spangenberg. We are fortunate to have a great group of presenters who will make this a night you won't want to miss as it will help you prepare your student for the college application process.

Former Stanford Admissions Officer, Jon Reider, will start the night with a keynote speech of "What is a Good College? Making Realistic Choices." His book, "Admissions Matter," will be available for sale in the lobby at Spangenberg.

We are also pleased to have Felicia Fahey and Elena Wong join us as we have workshops for you to attend.

Ms. Fahey is well known as an essay writing consultant and has been a fixture of the Gunn Community over the year.

Ms. Wong is an admissions officer for Drew University and specializes in helping people understand the balance of academics and extra curricular activities.

We will be offering the following workshops with two sessions on May 8 from 7:30-8:00 PM and 8:10-8:40 PM.

Jon Reider-Building a College List-Spangenberg

Felicia Fahey-Essay Writing-P-1

Elena Wong-Finding Balance Between Academics and Extra Curriculars-P-2

Q&A with Gunn Counselors-Library

To sign up for the workshops, please click the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-kKoDPJnNkQtM_W0RT9i5B-w5zFmnU_PkoXr2hvgSh8/view form

We look forward to seeing you for this great evening.

**Jordan Middle
School**

Subject: The Jordan Weekly

05/04/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>We hope you enjoy the next three weeks of an abbreviated version of the Jordan Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Seussical Jr. Opens</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>In the Know: Performing Arts at Jordan, Important End of Year Dates</p> <p>The Week in Photos</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p>https://app.box.com/s/9y94ss79csxotloisvld</p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: http://www.jordan.pausd.org NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
05/05/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	Subject: Register on Parchment by May 12

05/05/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

REMINDER ABOUT FINAL TRANSCRIPTS (Register by May 12!)

If you are planning to attend a four year college next year, your final transcript needs to be sent to your selected college at the end of the school year. This year, Gunn is using a company called Parchment to send your final transcript to your college. You should have received a welcome email from Parchment, with instructions on how to register with them. (If you can't find the email, see the Registrar.)

If you have already registered, great!

If you have not yet registered, register by MAY 12 !!

Soon after Parchment processes your registration, you will get an email from them, telling you that a fee waiver has been assigned to your account (meaning the first two (2) transcripts ordered are free). Once you get that email, and you know where you want to go to college, you can then order a final transcript for your college. Be sure to indicate that you want the transcript sent after the final grading period (when second semester ends at the end of May).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Registrar will only send your final transcript to ONE COLLEGE!! The only exception is if you are in a Wait List situation with another college. If that is the case, then you **MUST** stop by the Registrar's office and show her your Wait List letter. Please see the Registrar if you have questions.

**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Many Faces, Open House/Portfolio Night, Book Fair

05/05/2014

Jane L
Stanford
Middle School

MANY FACES ~ OPEN HOUSE ~ PORTFOLIO NIGHT ~ BOOK FAIR

THIS WEDNESDAY ~ MAY 7

5:30 -- 7:00 Many Faces of JLS International Potluck in the Cafe

6:30 -- 8:45 Spring Book Fair in the Library

7:00 -- 8:30 Classrooms open to all families

For 7th and 8th grade students this evening is an opportunity for families to celebrate the work that students have accomplished at JLS. All seventh and eighth grade students will present their work in student-led portfolio reviews. For eighth graders, this experience will prepare them for their upcoming Exit Interviews next week.

The gym will be open for badminton and the tennis courts will be available for you to try your hand at pickle ball. All are welcome!

In addition, eight grade leadership students have prepared a mini film festival. The theme is social action and promoting change. The show begins at 7:15 in room 160 and will play throughout the night. All are welcome to see their presentations and what they have learned.

We strongly suggest that families consider walking and biking since there is limited parking. Please also note that this evening is not intended for private conferences or in-depth conversations about your student. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. It will be a busy evening at JLS!

We look forward to seeing all of you this Wednesday.

REMINDER: Friday, May 9, 2014 is a minimum day. Dismissal will be at 12:25p.m.

Subject: JLS -- Sixth Grade Student Council Fundraiser (2014)

05/05/2014

Jane L
Stanford
Middle School

The JLS Sixth Grade Student Council is sponsoring a school and toiletry supply drive in partnership with a non-profit organization, Greater Good Haiti. Greater Good Haiti, founded by a former JLS teacher, works to develop primary school education programs and sustainability projects on the island of Haiti. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teams have been asked to donate new or unused school supplies and toiletries including, but not limited to, pencils, pens, erasers, binder paper, scissors, markers, toothbrushes, barrettes, hair ties, and combs. Any help you can provide is appreciated! The drive begins on Monday, May 5 and continues to Tuesday, May 13. Donations can be dropped in the bins found in the breezeway during all lunch periods.

Thanks for your support!

JLS Sixth Grade Student Council

Jordan Middle
School

Subject: Jordan Promotion

Dear Jordan Families,

I want to take a moment to clarify part of the promotion letter sent out earlier this morning. I have had two similar questions regarding dress code for promotion. Both questions have asked if 8th grade girls are required to wear a dress or skirt for promotion?

Please know girls are NOT required to wear dresses or skirts. Should they decide to do so however, they must adhere to regular school dress code.

I hope this helps clarify the matter. I've made appropriate changes to the promotion letter for next year.

Sincerely,

Greg Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

Subject: Jordan Promotion

05/05/2014

Jordan Middle School

Dear Jordan Families,

Jordan 8th grade promotion will be held on Thursday, May 29th, 2014. The event will take place in Hugh Center Court beginning promptly at 6:00pm.

Please find the attached letter describing the event in detail. An additional copy of the letter will be mailed home later this week.

We look forward to celebrating this memorable event with you.

Sincerely,

Greg Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

Subject: Another New Assistant Principal at Jordan

05/05/2014

Jordan Middle School

Dear Jordan Families,

All of us at Jordan would like to congratulate Grant Althouse for his new position as Principal of Fairmeadow Elementary. It goes without saying how fortunate we all feel to have worked with him these last two years.

While his leadership will be missed, his leaving offers Jordan an opportunity to bring together a new administrative team. During our initial search to find a replacement for Ellie Slack, the hiring panel identified two very strong candidates for her position. Grant's hiring at Fairmeadow afforded us the opportunity to bring both candidates on board. As such, I feel fortunate to announce the hiring of Ms. Rebecca Westover as the new, New Assistant Principal at Jordan.

Rebecca comes to us from Castro Valley High School, where she currently teaches Advanced Placement Environmental Science, EL Biology and Biology. She has been an active member of her school's leadership team, serving on the school site council, technology and site planning committees.

As a science specialist in Newport Mesa Unified School District, Ms. Westover spent two years working with over 500 elementary school students, where her hands-on inquiry-based approach to teaching resulted in the best science scores in the district.

Ms. Westover attended Gonzaga University where she earned both her B.A. in Public Relations, as well as a M.A. in Communication and Leadership. She would later attend UC Irvine where she earned a multiple subject teaching credential, as well as a single subject teaching credential in Biology, Earth and Planetary Sciences.

We are fortunate to bring an educator of her experience and skill set to Jordan.

Rebecca will be introduced to the Palo Alto community tomorrow night at the board meeting. She will be on campus on May 14th for Open House. We hope you have an opportunity to stop by to introduce yourselves.

Greg

05/06/2014

El Carmelo Elementary

Subject: El Carmelo - Annual Data Update

05/06/2014	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Dear families,</p> <p>It's that time of year again to update your student's and your data on the PAUSD website for the coming school year 2014-15.</p> <p>The website is: https://ic.pausd.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jsp</p> <p>If you need any assistance with this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office at 856-0960 and we will be happy to guide you through the process. Thank you in advance for starting the process during early May. This way we will have plenty of time to help you (in case you need help with the site) before the school year ends.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Chuck Merritt</p> <p>cmerritt@pausd.org</p>
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05/07/2014	Escondido Elementary School	<p>Subject: Registration for 2014-15</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Escondido Families,</p> <p>By now you should have received an email with instructions on how to complete the Annual Data Update. If you did not receive the email, forgot your user name or need assistance with the update process please email: infinitecampus@pausd.org or leave a message at 650-329-3796.</p> <p>There are three opportunities to complete this process at Escondido! Tuesday, May 13th, 2:30-5:00PM or Thursday, May 15th 7:45AM-9:00AM and Thursday, May 15th 2:30-5:00PM.</p> <p>Please complete the update as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you! Dana Reynolds, M.Ed. Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p> <p>Estimados Familias de Escondido,</p> <p>Ya debería haber recibido un correo electrónico con las instrucciones sobre cómo llevar a cabo la actualización anual de los datos de su hijo. Si usted no recibí el correo electrónico, olvido su contraseña o necesita ayuda para completar el proceso por favor llame y deje un mensaje en el 650-329-3796, lo puede dejar en Español si usted lo desea. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a infinitecampus@pausd.org</p> <p>Hay tres maneras de completar este proceso en Escondido: martes 13 de mayo, 2:30-5:00 PM o jueves 15 de mayo, 7:45-9:00AM o jueves 15 de mayo 2:30-5:00 pm</p> <p>Por favor complete la actualización lo mas pronto le sea posible.</p> <p>Gracias, Dana Reynolds, M.Ed. Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p>
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	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: Jordan Middle School Principal's Coffee</p> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Principal's Coffee Invitation: Thursday, May 8th, 6:00pm. Jordan Library</p> <p>Please join Mr. Barnes for the last Principal's Coffee of the year.</p> <p>Topics covered this month include:</p> <p>The last coffee of the year has historically been dedicated to sharing positive experiences and offering up areas of growth for Jordan to consider moving forward.</p> <p>We hope to see you tomorrow night.</p> <p>Greg Barnes Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
05/08/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	Subject: Thank You for Coming to Junior Parent Night

05/08/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Dear Junior Parents,

On the behalf of the entire Gunn Counseling Department, I want to thank everybody for coming to tonight's Junior Parent Night and thank you for your support in making this night possible.

The Junior Parent Night was made possible thanks to the generous donations people have made to Partners in Education (PiE) through the years. So often people wonder where their donations go and I can say that donations to PiE have helped our counseling department put on an evening such as this one.

From the additional counselors, to the expansion of our College and Career Center, our improvement in counseling services has been helped immensely by your financial support.

Thanks again and we look forward to doing more events like this in the future and wish everyone a great finish to the 2014-2015 school year.

If you have comments or suggestions about tonight, please feel free to email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

tjacoubowsky@pausd.org

05/09/2014

**Barron Park
Elementary
School**

Subject: Reminder from Principal Magdalena

Dear Barron Park Families,

Please disregard the previous message if you have already registered your child.

We apologize.

Principal Magdalena

Subject: Reminder from Principal Magdalena

05/09/2014	Barron Park Elementary School	<p>Dear Barron Park Families,</p> <p>Our records indicate that you have not completed your annual data update.</p> <p>Please complete it as soon as soon possible.</p> <p>On Monday we will have assistance in our office between 2:30 and 5:30 PM.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Principal Magdalena</p>
	Jane L Stanford Middle School	<p>Subject: JLS -- 6th Grade Formal Lunch 2014</p> <p>The JLS Sixth Grade Student Council is excited to announce a sixth grade only spirit week taking place May 19th-23rd. Sixth grade teams will participate in spirit day themes, selected by students, throughout the week. Thursday's spirit day, "Formal Day", will ask students to come to school dressed in attire fit for a fancy restaurant. To enhance the theme, students will have the opportunity to dine with their fellow peers in a formal, outdoor setting during lunchtime. We will have Buca di Beppo Italian restaurant cater the event. Students will be served salad and bread, order from a selection of pasta, and will have a choice of beverage. Donations of \$12 will help make this event possible and a success. Please have a conversation with your child about participating and then fill out the attached R.S.V.P. We ask that students return their R.S.V.P. to their homeroom teacher no later than Friday, May 16th.</p> <p>We would also appreciate your help in volunteering! We need approximately 20-25 volunteers between the hours of 10:45am-1:45pm on Thursday, May 22nd. If interested, please contact the sixth grade student council advisor, Joe Yribarren, at yribarren@pausd.org.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Mr. Yribarren and the 6th Grade Student Council</p>
05/11/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: Jordan Middle School Open House</p> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>A quick reminder to please join us for Jordan's Open House, Portfolio Night and Multimedia Exposition on Wednesday evening, May 14th from 7:00-8:30pm. Classrooms open promptly at 7:00. Come see all the amazing things your students have accomplished this year. We look forward to seeing you later this week.</p> <p>Greg Barnes</p> <p>Principal, Jordan Middle School</p> <p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p>

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05/12/2014	Barron Park Elementary School	<p>Subject: Assistance to complete ADU available today</p> <p>Hello parents,</p> <p>Just a friendly that assistance to complete the Annual Data Update will be available today from 2:30-4:30PM in the school office.</p> <p>Please come by and complete this important process TODAY.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Cristina and Rene</p> <p>Estimados padres de familia,</p> <p>Solo un recordatorio que hoy tendremos asistencia para completar la actualizaci&oacute;n de los datos anuales de 2:30 - 4:30 PM en la oficina de la escuela.</p> <p>Por favor venga a terminar este importante proceso HOY.</p> <p>Muchas gracias!</p> <p>Cristina y Rene</p>
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05/12/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update May 12

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department,

Home Stretch

We are now down to the final couple of weeks of school and it is important that all students finish the year strong. Whether it's "Senioritis" or spring fever, this is not the time for students to take it easy. Make sure to monitor and talk to your students about finishing up the year as strong as possible.

Zero Period Classes for 2014-2015 (9th, 10th, 11th Grades)

Once again we will be offering Zero (0) Period classes. Students who sign up for Zero Period are automatically given a G Prep Period unless there is a schedule conflict.

Here are the following classes will be offering for next year where there is room. There's a possibility we may add additional classes and if we do, we'll let you know.

PE for 10th graders

Chemistry

Cont Heritage/Literary Style (Advance English 9/10)

Algebra2/Trg A

Algebra2/Trg H

IAC

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If you are interested in enrolling in a Zero Period class, please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org.

Summer School Outside of PAUSD (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

If a student is signing up for a summer class outside of the Palo Alto Unified School

District, the student must get that class pre approved by their counselor. Only classes that are pre approved will be eligible to receive credit on a Gunn transcript.

Work Experience for Summer School (10th and 11th Grades)

If you are working this summer, you can get school credit by signing up for Work Experience during summer school. To learn more, just email Meri Gyves at mgyves@pausd.org

Bridge Classes (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Over the summer many students desire to take a "bridge" class so they can move up a level. This has been very common in math and sometimes world language. Before a student enrolls in a "bridge" class with the purpose of moving up a level, they must first get the approval of the instructional supervisor of that department.

It is important to know that students moving up a level by using a "bridge" class may encounter a difficult academic environment the following year. A six to eight week summer class with intense instruction doesn't always translate to the same level of academic development that one has when they take the course for an entire year. Please consult with the instructional supervisor so you may plan accordingly if you choose this path.

Create Your College List (11th Grade)

The College and Career Center will be hosting their final workshop this Wednesday (May 13) at 2:37 PM to help juniors create their college lists for schools they wish to apply for admission for the Fall of 2015.

To sign up for a workshop, please go to Naviance.

Requesting Accommodations for Standardized Testing (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Students who receive accommodations at school through a 504 Accommodation Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) need to separately request those accommodations through the College Board (for PSAT, SAT and Advanced Placement testing) and ACT. Each organization has its own process that must be completed independently of one another.

To help you with the process, please click the link below.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/sites/default/files/Requesting%20Accommodations%20for%20Standardized%20Testing.pdf>

Important Information for Seniors (12th Grade)

Senioritis

As mentioned at the beginning of this message, we are entering the final weeks of school and so far cases of "Senioritis" have been kept to a minimum. We are on the watch for Senioritis as it can be very contagious and can dramatically impact post secondary options for students. Every year we have some students who have their college admission rescinded because of a drop in grades in the final semester.

Naviance Surveys

The Senior Survey is now available for students to take online through their Naviance account. The senior survey is an important tool for the school as it gives the students an opportunity to give feedback on their experiences at Gunn High School. The survey must be completed before seniors get their cap and gowns.

Caps and Gowns Tomorrow (May 13)

After completing the Senior Survey on Naviance, students will be eligible to receive their caps and gowns which will be distributed beginning tomorrow (May 13) at lunch.

Baccalaureate May 18

Baccalaureate will be on Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 AM in Spangenberg. All Gunn graduates should be at Gunn by 10:45 AM.

Senior Awards May 19

All Senior Awards recipients will be notified by email to attend Senior Awards. Senior Awards will be on May 19 at 7:00 PM in Spangenberg. We ask that all recipients come to Spangenberg at 6:30 PM so we can begin the ceremony promptly at 7:00 PM.

If you are receiving an award, you will be notified by Mr. Lang or Ms. Francesconi.

Gunn Graduation Events

Seniors have a host of graduation events for the final week of school including the senior picnic and grad night. To help answer many of the questions, the organizing committee has information on the PTSA website.

<http://gunn.paloaltopta.org/gradnight.htm>

Gunn Graduation May 28 6:00 PM (12th Grade)

On May 28 at 6:00 PM on the main athletic field, the 49th graduating class from Gunn High School will hold its commencement ceremony. All our welcome to attend and to help celebrate our graduating class.

Upcoming Events

2014-2015 Class Schedules on August 11 (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

On the evening of August 11 at 8:00 PM, we will release the 2014-2015 student schedules on Infinite Campus.

PiE (All Grades)

Thanks to all of you who have supported Partners in Education (PiE). The donations to PiE have helped many programs at Gunn including our counseling program. Your donations have made a difference for all Gunn students.

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As mentioned at the beginning of this message, we are entering the final weeks of school and so far cases of "Senioritis" have been kept to a minimum. We are on the watch for Senioritis as it can be very contagious and can dramatically impact post secondary options for students. Every year we have some students who have their college admission rescinded because of a drop in grades in the final semester.

Naviance Surveys

The Senior Survey is now available for students to take online through their Naviance account. The senior survey is an important tool for the school as it gives the students an opportunity to give feedback on their experiences at Gunn High School. The survey must be completed before seniors get their cap and gowns.

Caps and Gowns Tomorrow (May 13)

After completing the Senior Survey on Naviance, students will be eligible to receive their caps and gowns which will be distributed beginning tomorrow (May 13) at lunch.

Baccalaureate May 18

Baccalaureate will be on Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 AM in Spangenberg. All Gunn graduates should be at Gunn by 10:45 AM.

Senior Awards May 19

All Senior Awards recipients will be notified by email to attend Senior Awards. Senior Awards will be on May 19 at 7:00 PM in Spangenberg. We ask that all recipients

come to Spangenberg at 6:30 PM so we can begin the ceremony promptly at 7:00 PM.

If you are receiving an award, you will be notified by Mr. Lang or Ms. Francesconi.

Gunn Graduation Events

Seniors have a host of graduation events for the final week of school including the senior picnic and grad night. To help answer many of the questions, the organizing committee has information on the PTSA website.

<http://gunn.paloaltopta.org/gradnight.htm>

Gunn Graduation May 28 6:00 PM (12th Grade)

On May 28 at 6:00 PM on the main athletic field, the 49th graduating class from Gunn High School will hold its' commencement ceremony. All our welcome to attend and to help celebrate our graduating class.

Upcoming Events

2014-2015 Class Schedules on August 11 (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

On the evening of August 11 at 8:00 PM, we will release the 2014-2015 student schedules on Infinite Campus.

PiE (All Grades)

Thanks to all of you who have supported Partners in Education (PiE). The donations to PiE have helped many programs at Gunn including our counseling program. Your donations have made a difference for all Gunn students.

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Subject: RE: Information Update

Dear Gunn Community,

Good evening, sadly early this morning students and staff encountered graffiti on the doors and walls of the new building and the Titan gym, which contained racial and sexual messages. Teachers and students were quick to respond and with staff help the students covered up the offensive messages with paper. The Gunn staff commends the actions of the students from Mr. Virmani's and Mr. Karas's math classes--truly the Gunn spirit! In addition, many teachers and staff members were using this incident as a teachable moment and reminded students that our community can turn this around--into a positive. Our Gunn students took the lead and wrote positive messages all over campus in chalk.

Speaking with students and staff there was a universal sadness that this occurred here at Gunn, as one student stated, "...this is not who we are Ms. V...this is Gunn, we welcome everybody." I carried that message with me throughout the day and felt proud of the students's reactions.

With help from the district maintenance department the messages were painted over and/or power-washed, a big thank to all the PAUSD team. The administrative team is working with our resource officers from PAPD to investigate this incident. The staff was reminded to contact the administrative team, counselors, and/or ACS if any student needs additional support resulting from this incident.

This was a sad and disheartening event and easy to respond negatively, but I choose to remember Dr. Martin Luther King's words, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Thank you for your continued support of Gunn and as we say around campus, "We're all in this together." Go Titans!

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

Jordan Middle School

Subject: Jordan Listening Campaign

Dear Jordan Families,

You are receiving this e-mail because your student has been selected to take part in the Jordan Middle School 2014 Listening Campaign.

Each year Jordan asks 8th grade students to share their middle school experiences with us. Our hope is that their stories will help shape the school climate for many years to come.

Please find a letter attached detailing tomorrow's campaign. I hope you will support your student being a part of this important experience.

Greg Barnes,
Principal, Jordan Middle School

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: MESSAGE FROM BRIONES PRINCIPAL: Please complete your "Annual Data Update"

Dear Briones Families,

We need your help completing your Annual Data Update. We would like all families to complete this update by this Friday, May 16th. So far, 40% of our families have completed the update process. Each week, the Director of Technology sends out the list of schools and the percentage of families who have completed the process. Currently, we have the lowest percentage of families who have completed the process compared to all the other Palo Alto Schools. One elementary school has 85% of families who have completed the process. If you are a part of the 40% who have already completed the annual data update, thank you! I am hopeful that the rest of you can complete the process as soon as possible so we can get our percentage up.

You should have received previous e-mails with instructions on how to complete the annual data process. Another one will come soon. Please refer to one of these e-mails for more detailed directions on how to complete the Annual Data Update. You can also visit the home page of our school's website for more information: <http://brionesschool.wordpress.com/>

I appreciate your prompt attention. Thank you very much.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

**Nixon
Elementary
School**

Subject: Nixon Update Requirement before 8/15

Hello Nixon Families -

We would like to remind all Nixon families to complete the process of updating your online information by May 16, 2014. Currently, 52% of the school has completed this process. We need for everyone to do this as soon as possible.

You should have already received an email from the District requesting that you update your online information. Please note that you will need to go through each page until you get to the end to submit, even if there are no changes.

If you do not have access to a computer or if you need assistance with the Annual Data update process, please email infinitecampus@pausd.org or leave a message for Infinite Campus Support at (650) 329-3796 to arrange for help. Someone will respond to your message within one business day.

For families who need in person assistance, there are appointments available for help at this link: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/4s36jhjv/>. Help will also be available in English and Spanish. They will try to meet other language needs on a requested basis.

Thank you.

Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary

		<p>Subject: Yearbook Information and Distribution</p> <p>Dear Parents and Students,</p> <p>Yearbooks will be arriving next week. Before students can get a Yearbook they must return outstanding library books, sports uniforms, and supplemental texts (textbooks not required for exams) - or missing textbooks from past years. There will be lists posted on the quad and outside Room 101 of students with outstanding items that must be returned before a Yearbook can be given to listed students. We know that MADRONO is an exciting publication for Paly students and our goal is to make it as easy as possible for students to enjoy it. Please gather up Paly books and uniforms and return them ASAP.</p> <p>We are grateful for your support and cooperation to help return all Paly equipment and books.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>The MADRONO Staff</p> <p>P.S. Some extra copies of the 2014 MADRONO were ordered. You can purchase a copy from the Auditor's Office in the Tower Building, but do it soon. They are going fast!</p>
05/13/2014	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: El Carmelo - Annual Data Update</p> <p>Dear families,</p> <p>This Friday is the deadline for the Annual Data Update. Please make sure you do this by Friday, May 16.</p> <p>The website is: https://ic.pausd.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jsp</p> <p>If you need any assistance with this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office at 856-0960 and we will be happy to guide you through the process. Thank you for taking care of this important task!</p> <p>Chuck Merritt</p> <p>cmerritt@pausd.org</p>
	Escondido Elementary School	<p>Subject: Annual Data Update for 2014-15</p>

05/13/2014

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

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All returning families need to complete this update for 2014-15 school year. If you forgot your user name or need assistance with the update process please email: infinitecampus@pausd.org or call 650-329-3796. Help is available in the Escondido office on Tuesday, May 13, 2:30-5:00PM, Thursday, May 15th 7:45AM-9:00AM & Thursday, May 15th 2:30-5:00PM. Thank you!

Estimados Familias de Escondido,
Todas las familias que regresan necesitan para completar esta actualización para el 2014-15 año escolar. Si usted no recibí el correo electrónico o necesita ayuda para completar el proceso o llame a 650-329-3796. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a infinitecampus@pausd.org. La ayuda está disponible en la oficina o Escondido en martes 13 de mayo, 2:30-5:00 PM o jueves 15 de mayo, 7:45-9:00AM o jueves 15 de mayo 2:30-5:00 pm. Gracias!

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**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Parent Ed Event, This Thursday

This Thursday, May 15, at 7:15pm, My Digital TAT2 will facilitate an informative discussion for parents on navigating the digital landscape with your children. My Digital TAT2 provided instruction to 7th grade students during Team Day at the start of school on appropriate conduct in cyberspace. Thursday's talk is an opportunity to consider this important topic from the parenting perspective. All JLS parents and staff are invited to this important event.

Thursday, May 15, 2014

7:15 - 8:45 PM, Room 730

"Parenting in the Age of Social Media"

Presented by My Digital TAT2

The event is sponsored by the JLS Seventh Grade Parent Network with generous support from Partners in Education. Seventh grade parents are invited to a casual coffee and chat prior to the talk starting at 6:30pm.

05/14/2014

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**Juana
Briones
Elementary
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Subject: MESSAGE FROM BRIONES PRINCIPAL: "Annual Data Update" 53% Complete

05/14/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Briones Families,</p> <p>Thanks to your prompt attention, we are now at 53% of families who have completed their Annual Data Update. Although the number is up, that means we still have 37% who still needs to complete this process, and the deadline is this FRIDAY!</p> <p>The good news is that we are not in last place anymore. However, we are still in 3rd to last place. The top school is now at 96% of families who have completed the process.</p> <p>If you are a part of the 53% who have already completed the annual data update, thank you! I am hopeful that the rest of you can complete the process as soon as possible so we can get our percentage up.</p> <p>You should have received previous e-mails with instructions on how to complete the annual data process. Please refer to one of these e-mails for more detailed directions on how to complete the Annual Data Update. You can also visit the home page of our school's website for more information: http://brionesschool.wordpress.com/</p> <p>Thank you very much.</p> <p>Warm Regards, Lisa Hickey</p>
05/15/2014	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: Parking at El Carmelo</p> <p>During Student Showcase season (May) we have a lot of activity on our campus in the evenings. We are so glad that so many parents have been able to attend this year!</p> <p>Even though we only have one grade level per event, our activities still generate parking issues for our neighbors. Please be careful to not block or park in our neighbors' driveways when you come to the Showcase. Even better, if you are able to ride or walk, this will reduce the pressure on parking at our events.</p> <p>Thank you for respecting our neighbors driveways and for turning out for the Student Showcase events!</p> <p>Chuck Merritt cmerritt@pausd.org</p>
	Terman Middle School	Subject: Terman Middle School Principal - Parent Education Event

05/15/2014

Terman
Middle School

Dear Parents,

A parent education presentation was scheduled for this past Monday evening on cyber safety and responsible student use of social media and digital communication. One of the members of our PiE Team had arranged for My Digital TAT2 to present. Below is a message from the director of the company apologizing for their mix up, causing them not to show up.

I want to add my apology, for the unforeseen inconvenience to any parents who were here on Monday. I believe the information on cyber safety is valuable for students and parents. You are invited to join the same presentation planned for our school that is being given this evening at JLS.

Thank you,

Pier Angeli, Principal

Dear Ms. La Place,

My name is Lillian Hom and I am the Administrative Director at My Digital TAT2. I want to apologize for not showing up for our engagement at Terman. I'm afraid it was a complete calendaring mix-up on our part. We are very sorry for this blunder; please extend our apologies to the parents who came out and waited for us.

We would like to offer an invitation to your school community to join us on Thursday at JLS Middle School, where we will be making the same presentation. Here are the details:

Thursday, May 15, 2014
7:00 - 8:30 PM
JLS Middle School
480 East Meadow Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Conference Room 730

Subject: Terman Middle School Principal - New Electives Courses

05/15/2014	Terman Middle School	<p>Dear Parents and Students,</p> <p>We are very excited to be able to offer two new electives choices for next year's 7th and 8th grade students. These electives are core subject electives, one a math elective and the other a social studies elective.</p> <p>Money Matters and Human Geography offer our students an opportunity to experience and develop interest in real-world issues related to math or societies. Most of the coursework will be completed at school.</p> <p>If you are interested in possibility taking one of the new electives, please contact your guidance counselor right away. Parents, you can send an e-mail to your student's guidance counselor for more information or to express your child's interest in one of the electives. mchin@pausd.org or jojohnston@pausd.org</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Pier Angeli La Place , Principal</p> <p>Becky Rea, Math Department IS [Chair]</p> <p>Nicole Gross , Social Studies Department IS [Chair]</p> <p>Course Code 6400</p> <p>7th and 8th grade students. No prerequisites.</p> <p>Money Matters is a semester-long elective. Students will learn about saving money and investing. Students will manage a virtual portfolio for the semester. Students will learn budgeting skills and will complete a group project managing the budget for an activity as well as completing comparison-shopping activities. Students will learn about credit and the implications of good credit and bad credit. Students will apply this knowledge towards an investigation into the cost of purchasing a car. Projects will be tracked and managed via spreadsheets. Most coursework will be completed during class.</p> <p>Course Code 6401</p> <p>7th and 8th grade students. No prerequisites.</p> <p>Human Geography is a semester elective. Students will learn about the five themes of geography: place, location, region, movement, and human-environment interaction. Students will work on project-based issues in collaborative groups to research real human environmental issues that the world faces today. Students will create proposals for real-world alternatives to practices. The topics that will be discussed and taught include: water management, energy, climate, and transportation. Most coursework will be completed during class.</p>
05/16/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	Subject: LAST DAY: Please complete your "Annual Data Update"

<p>05/16/2014</p>	<p>Juana Briones Elementary School</p>	<p>Dear Briones Families,</p> <p>Thanks to all your efforts, we are now at 67% of families who have completed the Annual Data Update (ADU). Coming up from 39% earlier this week, we have made great progress. If you are one of the families who has completed the ADU process, thank you and please disregard this message. Despite our good progress, we still have 120 students who still need an update, and today is the last day.</p> <p>If you have a computer at home, login to your Infinite Campus account and complete the data update. For those of you who do not have a computer or are having trouble completing the update, please come to the office on Tuesday morning (5/20) after drop-off at 8:15 AM. We will have computers and people available to help you complete the data update. To expedite this process, please make sure you have your username and password.</p> <p>You should have received previous e-mails with instructions on how to complete the annual data process. Please refer to one of these e-mails for more detailed directions on how to complete the Annual Data Update. You can also visit the home page of our school's website for more information: http://brionesschool.wordpress.com/</p> <p>I appreciate your prompt attention. Thank you very much.</p> <p>Warm Regards,</p> <p>Lisa Hickey</p>
<p>05/18/2014</p>	<p>Jane L Stanford Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: JLS -- Annual Data Update for 14-15 School Year</p>

05/18/2014

Jane L
Stanford
Middle School

Dear JLS Families:

ALL PAUSD students' information must be updated each year to ensure that the district has current information, including emergency contacts, health conditions, and healthcare providers. The information is already in the system. You just need to make sure it is correct and up to date.

Please follow these steps to complete the process:

1. Log on to the parent portal of Infinite Campus

<https://ic.pausd.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jls>

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NEW THIS YEAR: You can choose to save paper by checking "YES - I would like to opt out of receiving paper report cards delivered to my home." Should you choose this option, you will be able to save the report as a pdf and/or print the report card at home.

Thank you!

Sharon Ofek and Melissa Kaiser

Subject: JLS -- CORRECTION to ADU link

05/18/2014

Jane L
Stanford
Middle School

Dear JLS Families:

Earlier this afternoon I sent out the message below. I have been told that the link is faulty. Please try this one (or log in to IC the way you normally do to complete the ADU):

<https://ic.pausd.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jsp>

Thank you,

Sharon

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05/18/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>We hope you enjoy the last abbreviated version of the Jordan Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Open House</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>In the Know: 8th Grade Promotion, Important End of Year Dates</p> <p>The Week in Photos</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p>https://app.box.com/s/beovk8amqeyla0frb98z</p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: http://www.jordan.pausd.org NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
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05/19/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Update May 19</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p> <p>Finals (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)</p> <p>While seniors will be taking their finals this week, all other Gunn students will have finals next week with finals beginning on May 27 (Tuesday) with periods B and D, May 28 with periods A, C and G/Zero and May 29 with periods E and F.</p> <p>Each day finals will begin at 8:30 AM.</p>
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Library and Study Hall Open During Finals (All Grades)

Next week is the final week of school and to help out Gunn students, the Gunn Library will be open each day through Wednesday of Finals from 7:45 AM until 5:30 PM. On the final day (May 30), the Library will be open until 12:30 PM.

In addition to the Academic Center, the new N200 Study Hall will be open each day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and will be open until 12:30 PM on the final day (May 30).

Zero Period Classes for 2014-2015 (9th, 10th, 11th Grades)

Once again we will be offering Zero (0) Period classes. Students who sign up for Zero Period are automatically given a G Prep Period unless there is a schedule conflict.

The following is the list of 0 Period classes we will be offering next year.

Cont Heritage/Literary Style (Advance English 9/10)

Algebra2/Trg A

Algebra2/Trg H

Intro to Analysis Calculus

AB Calc

If you are interested in enrolling in a Zero Period class, please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org.

Summer School Outside of PAUSD (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

If a student is signing up for a summer class outside of the Palo Alto Unified School District, the student must get that class pre approved by their counselor and Mr. Jacoubowsky. Only classes that are pre approved will be eligible to receive credit on a Gunn transcript.

Work Experience for Summer School (10th and 11th Grades)

If you are working this summer, you can get school credit by signing up for Work Experience during summer school. To learn more, please contact the summer school office at the link below.

http://pausd.org/parents/programs/SummerSchool/index.shtml#High_School

Bridge Classes (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Over the summer many students desire to take a "bridge" class so they can move up a level. This has been very common in math and sometimes world language. If a student wishes to enroll in a "bridge" class, they must first get the approval of the instructional supervisor of that department.

It is important to know that students moving up a level by using a "bridge" class may encounter a difficult academic environment the following year. A six to eight week summer class with intense instruction doesn't always translate to the same level of academic development that one has when they take the course for an entire year. Please consult with the instructional supervisor so you may plan accordingly if you choose this path.

Requesting Accommodations for Standardized Testing (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Students who receive accommodations at school through a 504 Accommodation Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) need to separately request those accommodations through the College Board (for PSAT, SAT and Advanced Placement testing) and ACT. Each organization has its own process that must be completed independently of one another.

To help you with the process, please click the link below.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/sites/default/files/Requesting%20Accommodations%20for%20Standardized%20Testing.pdf>

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Gunn Graduation Rehearsal May 27 8:00 AM

Graduation Rehearsal is next Tuesday (May 27) at 8:00 AM in Spangenberg Theater. All seniors need to be on time as the rehearsal will start promptly. Students who are attending the picnic will head to the check in area immediately following rehearsal.

Please make sure to be at Spangenberg by 8:00 AM.

Gunn Graduation May 28 6:00 PM

Our 49th graduation ceremonies will be on May 29 at 6:00 PM on the main athletic field at Gunn. Close to 4,000 people are expected for the event and we ask that people carpool and make plans to arrive early to ensure adequate time to park and attend the ceremony.

Graduating seniors need to be in Spangenberg by 5:30 PM. Attire for graduation is dressy casual with cap, tassel and gown zipped up. Please be on time as the start of the ceremony will not be delayed for late arrivals.

Graduation Photos

Would you like professional photos but don't want to have to worry about taking them yourself? GradImages will be on site at graduation to take professional photos of your graduate. Visit the website, www.gradimages.com and click on "Pre-Event Email Registration." Enter your email and up to six (6) emails of family members or loved ones who like to share in the big event by viewing and ordering the pictures from Graduation Day. If you wish to wait until after graduation, you order online at the GradImages website or by calling (800) 261-2576.

As we're wrapping up 2013-2014, we're busily planning for 2014-2015. All student schedules will be available online at 8:00 PM on August 11, 2014.

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Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

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**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: Yearbook pick-ups and Items that need to be returned

Dear Parents and Students,

The MADRONO, our yearbook, is here and distribution starts tomorrow (Tuesday). Over 3/4 of the Seniors who ordered yearbooks owe library fines and/or must replace missing textbooks from previous years. Seniors do not need to turn in any textbook needed for finals - only supplemental textbooks. Many Seniors have missing textbooks from past years that were never turned in - those textbooks need to be paid for before Seniors get their yearbooks. Check around home for textbooks and return them tomorrow. They can check with Ms. Sing in the Auditor's Office tomorrow. If the textbooks are not found, Seniors may want to bring a check or credit card for payment. Distribution begins at Tutorial at 1:50pm. Thanks so much for helping us get all the textbooks and library fines paid for or replaced.

Thanks so much for your support for Paly programs and textbook returns.

The MADRONO Staff?

05/20/2014

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: Annual Data Update for 2014-15

05/20/2014

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Elementary
School**

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Todas las familias que regresan necesitan para completar esta actualización para el 2014-15 año escolar. Si usted no recibí el correo electrónico o necesita ayuda para completar el proceso o llame a 650-329-3796. Tambián puede enviar un correo electrónico a infinitecampus@pausd.org. La ayuda está disponible en la oficina o Escondido en miárcos 22 de mayo, 7:45-9:30AM. Gracias!

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**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: SLC Survey

05/20/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Dear SLC Students,</p> <p>As this year marks the graduation of the first cohort of Small Learning Community students, we would like to gather some input from our SLC students over the years to learn more about what works well and what needs refinement as we continue to offer this program to incoming freshmen.</p> <p>Please take 2-3 minutes to complete this short, anonymous survey that will give us much needed information about our unique program.</p> <p>Here's a link to the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLCdata</p> <p>Congratulations to our graduating SLC students! Don't forget to pick up your special SLC graduation cord from Ms. Steward in the Academic Center. We welcome an \$8 donation towards the cost of the cords. We wish these graduates every success in the future.</p> <p>We also wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing our returning students in August!</p> <p>Your SLC Team!</p> <p>Subject: SLC End of the Year Party</p>
05/21/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Dear SLC Students,</p> <p>Let's get together this Wednesday, May 21st and celebrate the end of a fantastic year together.</p> <p>The party will start in Ms. Owen's room N-110 during B period and go through lunch. Pizza, salad and drinks will be served.</p> <p>Your SLC Team</p> <p>Subject: Important Parchment Announcement</p>

05/21/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Alerting Parchment of Your College

Seniors,

If you are planning to attend a four year college next year, you must tell Parchment which college is to receive your Final Transcript. Please take care of this final step before you graduate next week (May 28).

If you have any questions, please see the Registrar.

**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- 6th Grade End of Year Party

On Wednesday, May 28, the JLS sixth graders will gather on the field in the afternoon to eat some pizza, sign some yearbooks, and participate in outdoor activities to celebrate the end of the school year. We are in need of parent volunteers to help on the day of the event.

The party begins at around 12:15, but we will need you at JLS closer to noon. The party will end at 1:45.

We also need 2-3 parents to go to Costco to help pick up the pizzas that have been ordered. Ideally, we will need parents with cars large enough to share the transporting of 55-65 large pizzas to the school. If you are able to help with this task, please also let us know.

To volunteer for this event and/or pick up pizza at Costco, please contact Joe Yribarren at ryribarren@pausd.org at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your help! We will be in touch early next week to confirm further details associated with the party.

Sincerely,

Joe Yribarren

JLS Middle School

Sixth Grade Teacher

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: Yearbooks/ Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

05/21/2014

Juana Briones Elementary School

Dear Briones Families,

Yearbooks were distributed today for all students who pre-purchased a yearbook. Thanks to the yearbook committee for producing such a high-quality book. It took countless hours of hard work to take pictures at various events, lay out the pages, and process the orders. If you did not buy a yearbook, they will be for sale tomorrow morning (Thursday, May 22) at 8:15 AM in front of the office. Cost is \$25, cash or a check made payable to "Juana Briones PTA." Please bring exact change if you are paying cash.

As we approach the final days of the school year, the PTA would like to take one last opportunity to say a gigantic THANK YOU to all of the many members of the Briones community who donated their time and efforts to making this year a great one.

Come join us for coffee and morning snacks after drop-off this Friday in front of the MP Room, so we can thank you in person. If you have donated even a single hour of your time this year, whether in the classroom, PTA, as a Project Cornerstone volunteer, or Briones school - and we know that so many of you have - please stop by!

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

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Terman Middle School

Subject: Terman Middle School

Hello 7th Grade Parents,

We need your help!

It is a longstanding Terman tradition that 7th grade parents assist in various ways before and during the 8th Grade Promotion Party.

This is a wonderful opportunity for 7th grade parents to get a sneak peek at what the promotion party could be like for the Class of 2015!

To volunteer for this year's promotion party please sign up on the Jooners link: <http://www.jooners.com/guest?l=459915b5-10e3-442a-a39f-3543579432d4>

In addition, we are looking for a couple of current 7th grade parents (soon to be 8th grade parents) who would like to step forward to Co-Chair the 8th grade Promotion Party next year.

To volunteer as one of next year's coordinators contact Susan Giovannotto at [REDACTED]

Thank you!

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Susan Giovannotto
[REDACTED]

Invasion of Privacy - Private contact information (§ 6254c)

05/22/2014

Juana Briones Elementary School

Subject: REMINDER: 5th Grade Promotion Donation Due Tomorrow

05/22/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear 5th Grade Parents,</p> <p>Just a reminder that the \$15 donation for the 5th grade promotion party is due tomorrow. Thank you to those families who have already turned in your donation. So far, only about ten students from each class have donated. You can either pay cash or send a check made payable to "Juana Briones School." Thank you.</p>
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	Nixon Elementary School	<p>Subject: Last Day of School - Thursday, 5/29 1:15 dismissal</p> <hr/> <p>To All Nixon Families -</p> <p>This is a reminder that Thursday, May 29th is the last day of school for our students. It is a minimum day, so school will end at 1:15. If your child rides the bus, their arrival time will be the same as their Wednesday schedule.</p> <p>Many of you have completed your online registration update, but there are a few families who still need to complete this process. We would love to have all families updated before you head off for summer vacation. If you have questions, please email infinitecampus@pausd.org.</p> <p>If your plans change and you will not be returning in August, please email me at bbrewer@pausd.org.</p> <p>Thank you and have a wonderful, relaxing summer.</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
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05/23/2014	Duveneck Elementary School	<p>Subject: Duveneck End-Of-Year Reminders</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Duveneck Families,</p> <p>Thank you for supporting our learning community this year. As our 2013-14 school year comes to an end, I am repeatedly impressed by our community's energy, appreciation, and dedication to our continued partnership.</p> <p>Over the next few days, it is important that we tie-up some loose ends. Please review the list of important reminders below, and please let me know if you have any questions.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Chris Grierson Duveneck Principal</p> <p>Appreciation for 2014 Field Day Volunteers:</p> <p>During this week's Field Day, we had over 40 parent volunteers helping our students in a wide variety of activities. If you are someone who helped support our Field Day tradition, thank you!!</p>
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Library Book Return:

This week, we have also been collecting Library Books that have been loaned out. If your child still has a book at home, please bring it in! If your child may have lost the borrowed book, please contact our Librarian, Doree Tschudy at dtschudy@pausd.org

Lost and Found Items:

Please check the overflowing Lost and Found Bin outside our office. Clothing and other items that are unclaimed will be donated to the Ecumenical Hunger Program, a local support organization, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

Pick Up Your Student's Medications:

If your child has medication at school, please come to the office and/or classroom on Thursday, May 27, 2014 to pick up your items.

Thursday is a Minimum Day!

Thursday, May 29, 2014 is our last day of school and also a district-wide Minimum Day. Duveneck students will be dismissed at 1:05 PM. Please plan accordingly.

Please complete the Annual Data Update (ADU):

You may have seen the reminders in our eNews, but we are aiming to have all PAUSD schools at 100% complete by the end of next week. Duveneck was at 72% complete on Monday, May 19. If you need help with this process, please email inifinitcampus@pausd.org or call (650) 329-3796

Progress Reports to be Mailed Home:

During the week of June 2, 2014, copies of students' progress reports will be mailed home. Please contact Beth Hedge, our school's Clerk, if you have questions. Beth's email is ehedge@pausd.org

El Carmelo Elementary

Subject: El Carmelo - Memorial Day and end of school year

Dear El Carmelo families,

Hoping you all enjoy a fun and relaxing long weekend. School will resume on Tuesday, May 27. The last day of school for this school year is Thursday, May 29. Thursday is also a Minimum Day, with school ending at 1:30pm for grades 1-5 and 12 noon for kinders.

Thursday is also the day of the two promotions ceremonies, information of which will be sent to each class being promoted (5th and Kinder).

Sincerely,

Chuck Merritt

cmerritt@pausd.org

Subject: El Carmelo - Urgent: Data Update

Dear families

I'd like to give you another chance to complete the Annual Data Update. If the data update isn't done by the time school opens on August, your child will not receive a class placement posted and will not be able to attend class until it's complete. I am sure that you will want to do this important task right away.

The website is: <https://ic.pausd.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jsp>

As always, the El Carmelo Main Office and PAUSD Central Attendance are ready and willing to provide assistance with this task.

Thanks in advance,

Chuck Merritt

cmerritt@pausd.org

Subject: El Carmelo - 5th Grade Promotion

Dear 5th grade families:

Promotion is here! You will find a longer letter about promotion in the Friday folder today, but here are some basics:

Promotion times and guidelines

Promotion: 10-11:15am on the blacktop between Rms. 21 and 9.

Refreshments, sponsored by the 4th grade parents, will be served between 11:15-11:45 on the patio by the MP room.

5th graders should pick up their promotion certificates in the office.

Parents, please sign out at the office if you decide to take your child home after the punch and cookies. Teachers do not have anything else planned for the rest of the day other than signing Memory Books.

See you there!

Chuck Merritt

cmerritt@pausd.org

05/26/2014

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update May 26

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

Finals (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

This week Gunn freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have their finals. Here is the schedule for finals for the next three days. Tomorrow (Tuesday), periods B, D and

Zero; May 28 (Wednesday), periods A, C and G and Thursday (May 29) with periods E and F.

Each day finals will begin at 8:30 AM.

Second Semester Grades (All Grades)

All second semester grades will be available online the evening of June 3 (Tuesday). A copy will also be mailed home at the end of that week.

Library and Study Hall Open During Finals (All Grades)

This week, the Gunn Library will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday of Finals from 7:45 AM until 5:30 PM. On Thursday (May 30), the Library will be open until 12:30 PM.

In addition to the Academic Center, the new N200 Study Hall will be open each day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be open until 12:30 PM on Thursday.

Gunn Graduation Information

Gunn Graduation Rehearsal Tomorrow 8:00 AM

Graduation Rehearsal is tomorrow (May 27) at 8:00 AM in Spangenberg Theater. All seniors need to be on time as the rehearsal will start promptly. Students who are attending the picnic will head to the check in area immediately following rehearsal.

Please make sure to be at Spangenberg by 8:00 AM.

Gunn Graduation May 28 6:00 PM

In less than 48 hours our 49th graduation ceremonies will occur on Wednesday (May 28) at 6:00 PM on the main athletic field at Gunn. Close to 4,000 people are expected for the event and we ask that people carpool and make plans to arrive early to ensure adequate time to park and attend the ceremony.

Graduating seniors need to be in Spangenberg by 5:30 PM. Attire for graduation is dressy casual with cap, tassel and gown zipped up. Please be on time as the start of the ceremony will not be delayed for late arrivals.

Graduation Photos

Would you like professional photos but don't want to have to worry about taking them yourself? GradImages will be on site at graduation to take professional photos of your graduate. Visit the website, www.gradimages.com and click on "Pre-Event Email Registration." Enter your email and up to six (6) emails of family members or loved ones who like to share in the big event by viewing and ordering the pictures from Graduation Day. If you wish to wait until after graduation, you order online at the GradImages website or by calling (800) 261-2576.

Zero Period Classes for 2014-2015 (9th, 10th, 11th Grades)

Once again we will be offering Zero (0) Period classes. Students who sign up for Zero Period are automatically given a G Prep Period unless there is a schedule conflict.

The following is the list of 0 Period classes we will be offering next year.

Cont Heritage/Literary Style (Advance English 9/10)

Algebra2/Trg A

Algebra2/Trg H

Intro to Analysis Calculus

AB Calc

If you are interested in enrolling in a Zero Period class, please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org.

Summer School Outside of PAUSD (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

If a student is signing up for a summer class outside of the Palo Alto Unified School District, the student must get that class pre approved by their counselor and Mr. Jacobowsky. Only classes that are pre approved will be eligible to receive credit on a Gunn transcript.

Work Experience for Summer School (10th and 11th Grades)

If you are working this summer, you can get school credit by signing up for Work Experience during summer school. To learn more, please contact the summer school office at the link below.

http://pausd.org/parents/programs/SummerSchool/index.shtml#High_School

Bridge Classes (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Over the summer many students desire to take a "bridge" class so they can move up a level. This has been very common in math and sometimes world language. If a student wishes to enroll in a "bridge" class, they must first get the approval of the instructional supervisor of that department.

It is important to know that students moving up a level by using a "bridge" class may encounter a difficult academic environment the following year. A six to eight week summer class with intense instruction doesn't always translate to the same level of academic development that one has when they take the course for an entire year. Please consult with the instructional supervisor so you may plan accordingly if you choose this path.

Requesting Accommodations for Standardized Testing (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Students who receive accommodations at school through a 504 Accommodation Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) need to separately request those accommodations through the College Board (for PSAT, SAT and Advanced Placement testing) and ACT. Each organization has its own process that must be completed independently of one another.

To help you with the process, please click the link below.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/sites/default/files/Requesting%20Accommodations%20for%20Standardized%20Testing.pdf>

Schedules for 2014-2015 (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

As we're wrapping up 2013-2014, we're busily planning for 2014-2015. All student schedules will be available online at 8:00 PM on August 12, 2014.

PiE (All Grades)

Thanks to all of you who have supported Partners in Education (PiE). The donations to PiE have helped many programs at Gunn including our counseling program. Your donations have made a difference for all Gunn students.

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

Jordan Middle School

Subject: The Jordan Weekly

Dear Jordan Families,

Welcome to the last edition of the 2013-2014 Weekly.

We hope you enjoy your summer.

This Week's Edition:

Eighth Grade Promotion & Important Dates

This Week @ Jordan

The Week in Photos

Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:

<https://app.box.com/s/di9i09rp9uf99jqhia12>

The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at:
<http://www.jordan.pausd.org> NEWS>JORDAN WEEKLY.

Gregory Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

05/27/2014

Henry M. Gunn High School

Subject: SLC Survey

05/27/2014

Henry M. Gunn High School

Dear SLC Students,

We would like to gather some input from our SLC students to learn more about what works well and what needs refinement as we continue to offer this program to incoming freshmen.

Please take 2-3 minutes to complete this short, anonymous survey that will give us much needed information about our unique program.

Here's a link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLCdata>

We wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing our returning students in August!

Your SLC Team!

05/28/2014

Juana Briones Elementary School

Subject: Report Cards/ Last Day of School

Dear Briones Families,

Tomorrow marks the last day of school for the 2013-2014 school year. Report Cards were sent home with your child today in a manila envelope. Since it is the end of the year, you do not have to return the envelope.

Tomorrow is a minimum day for all students. 1st-5th graders will be dismissed at 1:30 PM. All Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:50 AM. Please make sure you check the lost and found and pick up any medications in the office.

For 5th grade parents: The promotion ceremony begins at 8:45 AM tomorrow morning. Following the ceremony, there will be a cookie/lemonade reception in the patio behind Rooms 15-18. Thank you to the 4th grade parents for hosting and organizing this reception. The students will then go back to class from 10:30-11:30 AM. At 11:30 AM, students will be walked to Briones Park by their teacher. The party will end when school ends at 1:30 PM. If you are picking your child up, please pick them up from the park, but make sure your child checks in with their teacher prior to leaving. If your child takes the bus or a vanpool, we will make sure an adult walks them back to school prior to the 1:30 PM dismissal.

It has been a wonderful school year. I wish everyone a relaxing summer, and look forward to seeing the returning students next year. 5th graders, good luck in middle school. The 14-15 school year starts on Tuesday, August 19th. Class lists will be posted on Friday evening, August 15th.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

05/29/2014

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Subject: Invitation to Join WASC Self-Study Process

Dear Gunn Student,

As you may know, Gunn is undergoing a self-study process in preparation for our WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation visit next year. WASC accreditation is a required self-study process for all schools seeking accreditation. In order for your diploma to be recognized as valid, it must come from an accredited school. As part of the accreditation process, we include all stakeholders, including staff, parents, community members, and students in the process. Gunn cannot be successful in its self-study without student input. As a result of your contributions to Gunn, you are invited to apply to serve on a WASC focus group during Fall 2014. As a member, you will help the WASC team analyze data, discuss school strengths and areas for growth, and work with the stakeholder groups of parents, teachers and students, to create focused goals for the future. You would be representing your class and Gunn students as a whole, and your voice is important.

You have the option to serve on one of the following five focus group committees:

- A. Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership and Staff, and Resources
- B. Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum
- C. Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction
- D. Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability
- E. School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth.

The commitment for this position would include attending and actively participating in all focus group meetings. The focus group meetings for the Fall are generally on Thursdays after school. They are currently scheduled for:

- · Student Training Meeting: August 19, 2014 (2:37-3:35 PM)
- · September 11, 2014 (2:37-3:35 PM)
- · September 25, 2014 (2:37-3:35 PM)
- · October 10, 2014 (Staff Development Day; Focus group meeting time TBD)
- · October 23, 2014 (2:37-3:35)
- · November 6, 2014 (2:37-3:35)
- · November 20, 2014 (2:37-3:35)
- · December 4, 2014 (2:27-3:35)
- · January 15, 2015 (2:37-3:35)

In addition to attending the focus group meetings, you would need to be available to discuss the process and findings during the WASC Visit, scheduled for March 23-26, 2015. This would be done with as little disruption to your academic day as possible.

Additional information on WASC can be found at: <http://www.acswasc.org/index.htm>
. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about the process

or your prospective role as a student representative.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the application at: <http://tinyurl.com/kms4sxs> no later than June 30, 2014. Once applications have been received, we will fill 15-20 open committee slots based upon grade level, committee desired, and a demographic balance that is representative of the student population at Gunn. Students selected to join the WASC process will be notified by August 1, 2014. We hope that you will join us in completing this important work for Gunn High School!

Sincerely,

Meg Omainsky

WASC Coordinator

momainsky@pausd.org

Katya Villalobos

Principal

kvillalobos@pausd.org

Subject: RE: Summer and Thank you!

Dear Gunn Community,

Good afternoon, it is here the last day of the school year. My wish for you all is to have the summer you want full of rest, fun, and adventure!

Some reminders:

1) Main Office hours: 8:00-3:30PM and we will remain open until June 27th.

2) Textbooks: We need your help, PLEASE return ALL textbooks to the Gunn Library. Thank you to all who have already done so! Textbook return days/hours: June 2, 3, and 4 10:00AM-2:00PM.

3) The PAUSD Summer School will be at Gunn and their office is located in room N-100 (new building 1st floor, English department office). The office opens Monday, June 9 at 8:00AM.

4) The first day of school for the 15-16 school year is Monday, August 18@8:25 AM.

Thank you for your continued support for Gunn, Go Titans!

A great suggestion for the summer--check out the summer reading program at the Palo Alto City Library:

Link: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/lib/default.asp>

		<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Katya Villalobos</p> <p>Principal, Gunn High School</p> <p>P.S.</p> <p>Thank you for all the warm and positive messages, I appreciate all the support and best wishes. I have loved my four years and as I shared with the staff--I had the two best jobs at Gunn, as teacher and principal. I am proud to say that I am and will always be a Titan!!</p>
	<p>Nixon Elementary School</p>	<p>Subject: Medication</p> <p>Your child has medication in the Nixon Office. If the medication will not expire until after the school year begins again, we can keep it until then. If you prefer to pick it up now, please come to the office before June 5th.</p> <p>Thank you and have a great summer.</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
<p>05/30/2014</p>	<p>Palo Alto High School</p>	<p>Subject: Algebra 2 grades for semester 2</p>

05/30/2014

Palo Alto
High School

Dear Algebra 2 Parents/Guardians and Students,

It has come to our attention that there was a breach in test security regarding the administration of the Algebra 2 final for Mr. Rowe's and Ms. Orr's classes. We are currently investigating the situation to determine next steps. Dean of Students Craig Tuana is leading the investigation and will be contacting students on Monday. We are hoping to have the matter resolved early next week.

Until our investigation is complete, we are unable to determine final grades for the semester for all students in these courses. We apologize for the delay in posting semester grades and will notify you when the matter has been resolved and semester grades have been posted.

Until then, if you have any additional information that may help us with our investigation, please contact Mr. Tuana at ctuana@pausd.org.

Thank you for your patience and support,

Kim Diorio

Principal

