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| 01/03/2014 | El Carmelo Elementary     | <p data-bbox="410 132 954 163">Subject: El Carmelo - See you all on Monday!</p> <p data-bbox="410 237 716 268">Dear El Carmelo families</p> <p data-bbox="410 300 1328 359">Hoping you all had a restful break and looking forward to seeing students this Monday, January 6th, 2014! Enjoy the last weekend of Winter Break!</p> <p data-bbox="410 384 581 415">Chuck Merritt</p>  |
|            | Henry M. Gunn High School | <p data-bbox="410 453 1206 485">Subject: Happy New Year and Make Sure to Check Your Schedule</p> <p data-bbox="410 558 699 590">Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p data-bbox="410 678 1398 737">From the entire Gunn Counseling Department, we want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you next week.</p> <p data-bbox="410 825 1417 884">A reminder for all students to check their second semester schedules for the first day of the second semester on Monday (January 6).</p> <p data-bbox="410 972 1138 1003">Have a great weekend and we looking forward to seeing you.</p> <p data-bbox="410 1092 537 1123">Sincerely,</p> <p data-bbox="410 1211 878 1419">Tom Jacoubowsky<br/>Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling<br/>Gunn High School<br/>tjacoubowsky@pausd.org</p> |
| 01/05/2014 | Henry M. Gunn High School | <p data-bbox="410 1455 1003 1486">Subject: Last Titan 101 session with coach on 1/7</p>   |

01/05/2014

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

Dear Freshmen and Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Winter Break and are returning to Gunn refreshed and ready for the rest of your freshman year.

This Tuesday, January 7th, is the last Titan 101 session with your coach. Please go to your usual meeting place at 2:30 to complete the program survey and celebrate the completion of your first semester as a Titan.

Each Titan 101 groups will have a meeting with their guidance counselor to prepare for course selection for next year. Counselors will meet with students in each group's usual meeting location. The session with the counselor begins at 2:30 for all groups. Groups will meet as follows:

Groups #1-7 (Cory, Deggeller, Garger, Habib, Halter, Hernandez, Hikida)- January 23rd

Groups #8-14 (Matchett, McCraley, Medina, Mellows, Plough, Pomilia, Renazco)- January 30th

Groups #15-21 (Sabbag, Shelby, Stauffer, Summers, Weinmann, Wilson, Zizmor)- February 6th

We look forward to seeing you on campus on Monday!

Thank you!

The Gunn Administration

01/06/2014

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update January 6

Dear Gunn Community,

Happy New Year and welcome back, here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

Beginning of Second Semester/First Semester Grades (All Grades)

Today marked the first day of the second semester and everything started out smoothly. All first semester grades will be fully posted next Wednesday (January 16) by 8:00 PM.

Titan 101 on Tuesday (9th Grade)

Tomorrow (Tuesday) all Gunn Freshmen will be meeting with their Titan 101 coaches at 2:37 PM. The Titan coaches will be reviewing how the year is going and there will be pizza provided.

Later this month, all Titan 101 groups will be meeting with their counselors.

#### Gunn Alums Talk about College (11th and 12th Grades)

One of the more popular events put on by the Gunn Counseling Department and College and Career Center is our annual college panel of returning Gunn grads who will talk about what life is like in college.

The event is open to all juniors and seniors and all students who would like to come need to register on Naviance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Leighton Lang at [llang@pausd.org](mailto:llang@pausd.org).

#### Junior PSAT Assembly (11th Grade)

At the beginning of winter break, all juniors received their PSAT results in the mail. On January 23 we'll be having an assembly for the juniors to go over their results and students will receive their test booklets. The counseling department will also go over important information to aid students in the college application process.

#### Sophomore Conferences (10th Grade)

Beginning this week, counselors will be meeting individually with sophomores.

The counselors will check in with students to see how they're doing and go over their four year plan. In each of these sessions the counselors will emphasize with the students the importance of finding balance in academics and extra curricular activities and help map out strategies for success.

Best wishes to everybody for the second semester and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky  
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling  
Gunn High School

01/07/2014

**Jordan Middle School**

Subject: Jordan Middle School Principal's Coffee

Dear Jordan Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the school year. The Jordan Weekly will return this weekend with a continued focus on keeping our community informed of life here at Jordan Middle School.

Principal's Coffee Invitation: Thursday, January 9th, 6:00pm. Jordan Library

Please join Mr. Barnes for the first Principal's Coffee of the New Year.

Topics covered this month include an update on Jordan's yearly goals, and a fun, career-focused, "real-world" activity on which we would appreciate parent feedback. The night should be both informative and fun. We hope to see you there.

Greg Barnes

Principal, Jordan Middle School

01/09/2014

**Henry M. Gunn High School**

Subject: Reserve your tickets now, seats are limited! Jan 29 Parent Ed Event with Dr. Madeline Levine

01/09/2014

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS (link below) for a special Parent Education event, featuring Dr. Madeline Levine, author of the recent New York Times best-seller, Teach Your Children Well. The PTAs of most of the Palo Alto schools have partnered together to sponsor this program.

Parenting for Authentic Success: What It Means and How We Do it

Speaker: Dr. Madeline Levine

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 7:00pm

Spangenberg Theater at Gunn High School

Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success is a toolbox for parents providing information, relevant research, and a series of exercises to help parents clarify a definition of success that is in line with their own values as well as their children's interests and abilities. Dr. Levine offers tangible tools to help kids thrive in today's high-stakes, competitive culture.

Each school has been given a limited number of tickets. Please follow the link below to reserve your tickets. After reserving, your tickets can be picked up at the Gunn main office before the event- starting on Monday January 13th (preferred) or at the Spangenberg Theater Will Call table at 6:30 pm on Jan 29. Tickets not picked up by 6:50 pm will be released to the general public.

[Click to sign up here](#)

For more information, please contact:

Trinity Klein at [tklein@pausd.org](mailto:tklein@pausd.org)

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More background on Madeline Levine, Ph.D.

Dr. Madeline Levine is a New York Times best-selling author of three books, a practicing psychologist in Marin, CA, and a co-founder of Challenge Success (<http://challengesuccess.org>), a program of the Stanford School of Education that addresses education reform and student well-being. Dr. Levine is a nationally known psychologist with over 25 years of experience as a clinician, consultant, and educator. Her New York Times best-selling book, The Price of Privilege, explores the reasons why teenagers from affluent families are experiencing epidemic rates of emotional problems. Her follow-up best-selling book, Teach Your Children Well, focuses on expanding our current narrow and shortsighted view of success and providing concrete strategies for parents. Her two previous books, Viewing Violence and See No Evil, both received critical acclaim. Dr. Levine began her career as an elementary and junior high school teacher in the South Bronx of New York before moving to California and earning her degrees in psychology. She has taught child development classes to graduate students at the University of California Medical Center / San Francisco. Dr. Levine lectures extensively to parent, school and business audiences both nationally and internationally.

Hoover  
Elementary  
School

Subject: Play first at lunch begins on Monday!

01/09/2014

Hoover  
Elementary  
School

Dear Parents/Guardians of Hoover Students in Grades 1-5,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! In the last edition of the weekly Hotline, I explained that we will be switching to a "play first" lunchtime model. Today, I am writing to share some additional details regarding the model that will go into effect on Monday, January 13.

Many students tend to rush through their ten-minute lunch period (from 12:00-12:10) and throw away left over food in order to make the most of their playtime (from 12:10-12:40). With the play first model, students will go directly to recess from 12:00-12:30, and will then sit to eat from 12:30-12:40.

At 12:27, a bell will ring signifying the end of playtime at which point students will put equipment away, get their lunches, and go to their benches to eat. Another bell will ring at 12:30, letting students know that they all need to be seated, followed by a final bell at 12:40, when teachers will open their doors for class.

For students who get hungry before 12:30, or tend to eat slowly, hot lunch service will be available throughout the entire recess period and students will be able to get lunches from their backpacks to eat at any time. All students, regardless of whether they have finished eating or not, will be seated at their benches from 12:30-12:40.

The benefits of this model are numerous! Students will not have to rush through their lunch to play, and playing will help to build an appetite which will encourage them to finish their food and be calm and ready for class by 12:40. We will be placing clocks outside on both the primary and intermediate wings in order to help with time management, planning, and decision-making. This model also supports our school-wide social-emotional learning goal to improve planning and decision-making skills. I shared information about the switch with students at our welcome back assembly on Monday morning, and staff will be on hand to provide reminders and guide students through the transition. We will have a chance to evaluate the effectiveness of this model in late April, early May.

Six elementary schools across the district have already switched to the play first model with great success, and we are excited to pilot this model for the benefit of Hoover students!

A special note to noon our invaluable supervision volunteers: Please plan to check into the office to get your equipment by 11:55, so that we have coverage for playtime at 12:00. During the first two weeks of the transition, a special whistle will blow at 12:20 to remind students to watch the clock and make decisions regarding when they should eat. Please continue to monitor your area as usual, then monitor the benches from 12:30-12:40. Ms. Khurshid Ghandi, our Noon Supervision Coordinator is updating the Volunteer Spot website so you will be able to sign up for dates to volunteer again shortly. Until then, if you can volunteer, or would like to and have any questions, please contact Khurshid at: [kghandi@pausd.org](mailto:kghandi@pausd.org). Thank you!

This change will not apply to Kindergarten students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

I look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth together in 2014!

Warm regards,

Katy Bimpson

Principal

01/10/2014

Escondido  
Elementary  
School

Subject: Happy New Year/Feliz Ano Nuevo

Hello Escondido Families,

I hope that your family enjoyed the winter break. Thank you all for your continued support and partnership as we educate your children together.

We had a stellar first semester. I am looking forward to leading our community into 2014 and an equally outstanding second semester. Below is a recap of some of first semester's teaching and learning which will continue second semester.

Escondido faculty and staff spent the first semester building a safe and welcoming school environment where each and every student can learn and grow. In addition to building engaging and caring classrooms, teachers have been developing relationships with their students, and have used both formative and summative assessment to differentiate instruction based upon each and every student's needs in all content areas. Teachers are providing quality literacy and math instruction as evidenced in the growth our children have made since the beginning of the school year. Teachers are providing engaging and meaningful social emotional learning lessons using the Second Steps curriculum grades K-2 and the Steps to Respect curriculum grades 3-5. Students will demonstrate their understanding through projects decorating the Multi Purpose Room walls during the week of January 27-31, 2014. Please stop by to view this impressive student work.

Continuing our first semester work, at our first staff meeting in January, we will be spending time increasing our familiarity with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in listening and speaking. Given that we are a community of language learners, including academic English and academic Spanish, we will continue to focus our efforts on increasing student understanding and use of academic language for all learners in both English and Spanish. In addition, Escondido teachers are using the new Lucy Calkins Writer's Workshop curriculum, which is completely aligned with the CCSS. We are pleased with the ways in which student writing has flourished at all grade levels this fall and look forward to continued student growth in writing second semester. Teachers recently scored the math problem solving (MARS) assessment at grades 1-5 and will be using this information to continue to inform their math instruction second semester. In addition to Everyday Math, teachers provide students with ample opportunities for higher-level problem solving activities (word problems) to increase mathematical thinking and explanation orally and in writing.

I am excited for the second semester and look forward to continued student development academically, socially and emotionally as we work in partnership to provide a high quality educational experience for our deserving students.

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

&iexcl;Feliz Ano, Familias de Escondido!

Espero que sus familias hayan disfrutado de estas vacaciones de invierno. Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo y trabajo en equipo en el proceso de educaci&oacute;n de sus hijos.

Tuvimos un primer semestre estelar. Estoy muy deseosa de continuar liderando nuestra comunidad en el 2014, hacia un segundo semestre igualmente sobresaliente. A continuaci&oacute;n se encuentra un resumen de la ense&ntilde;nza y el aprendizaje realizados durante el primer semestre, el cual continuar&aacute; en el segundo.

El personal docente y administrativo de Escondido pas&oacute; un primer semestre construyendo un ambiente escolar seguro y c&aacute;lido, en donde cada estudiante pudiera aprender y crecer. Adem&aacute;s de construir clases participativas y c&aacute;lidas, los maestros han estado desarrollando relaciones con sus estudiantes, y han utilizado evaluaciones tanto informativas como acumulativas para diferenciar la instrucc&iacute;n basada en las necesidades de cada alumno en todas las &aacute;reas de contenido. Los maestros han estado proporcionando instrucc&iacute;n de alta calidad en matem&aacute;ticas y las artes del lenguaje, lo cual se evidencia en el crecimiento manifestado en nuestros ni&ntilde;os desde el comienzo del a&ntilde;o escolar. Los maestros est&aacute;n proporcionando lecciones de desarrollo social emocional estimulantes y significativas, utilizando el curr&iacute;culo de Second Steps para los grados de K-2 y de Steps to Respect para los grados de 3-5. Los estudiantes demostr&aacute;n su entendimiento del programa a trav&aacute;s de proyectos que decorar&aacute;n el sal&oacute;n Multiusos, durante la semana del 27-31 de Enero- 2014. Por favor ac&aacute;quense a ver esta impresionante exposici&oacute;n de trabajos estudiantiles.

Para continuar nuestro trabajo del primer semestre, nuestra primera reuni&oacute;n de profesores de Enero ser&aacute; dedicada a familiarizarnos m&aacute;s con el

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) en la escucha y la expresi&ocute;n oral. Dado que somos una comunidad de estudiantes del lenguaje, incluyendo ingl&eacute;s acad&eacute;mico y espa&ntilde;ol acad&eacute;mico, nos seguiremos concentrando en aumentar la comprensi&ocute;n y el uso del lenguaje acad&eacute;mico de todos los estudiantes, de ingl&eacute;s y de espa&ntilde;ol. Adicionalmente los maestros de Escondido est&acute;n utilizando el nuevo curr&iacute;culo del Taller de Escritura de Lucy Calkins, el cual est&acute;n completamente alineado con el CCSS. Estamos satisfechos con la forma en que la escritura de los estudiantes ha florecido en todos los grados este oto&ntilde;o, y estamos deseosos de continuar observando desarrollo en la escritura durante el segundo semestre. Recientemente los maestros calificaron la evaluaci&ocute;n de resoluci&ocute;n de problemas matem&acute;ticos (MARS) para los grados de 1-5, y estar&acute;n utilizando esta informaci&ocute;n para seguir organizando su instrucc&ocute;n de matem&acute;ticas durante el segundo semestre. Adem&acute;s de Everyday Math, los maestros proporcionar&acute;n a los estudiantes muchas oportunidades de resoluci&ocute;n de problemas de m&acute;s alto- nivel (problemas de palabras) para aumentar el pensamiento matem&acute;tico y las explicaciones orales y por escrito.

Estoy muy emocionada con el segundo semestre, y deseosa del continuo desarrollo acad&eacute;mico social y emocional de los estudiantes, mientras trabajamos en equipo para ofrecer una experiencia educativa de alta calidad para nuestros merecedores alumnos.

Un saludo cari&ntilde;oso,  
Dana&eacute; L. Reynolds, M.Ed. Directora de la Escuela de Escondido

Subject: Calling all Spanish Immersion incoming Kinders

Dear Spanish Immersion Families,  
Kindergarten registration is in full swing. Should you have a child entering kindergarten in fall 2014, you need to register your child with Central Attendance at the District Office by February 14, 2014. We also need to know if you intend to have your incoming kindergarten child enroll in the Spanish Immersion program. You may recall that we give priority to the siblings of students currently enrolled in grades K-4. Please email or call Judy Pickering (jpickering@pausd.org), our attendance clerk, by February 1, 2014, to confirm that your incoming kindergarten student is on our list. Judy will follow up by sending you the lottery card. You will not have to participate in the lottery, however, the completed card gives us information about language and is important for our record keeping.  
Warm Regards,  
Dana&eacute; L. Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Estimadas familias de Inmersi&ocute;n en Espa&ntilde;ol,  
Las inscripciones para kindergarten est&acute;n en pleno apogeo. Si tienen un hijo que va a entrar a kindergarten en el oto&ntilde;o del 2014 necesitan inscribirlo en la Oficina Central de Registros (Central Attendance) del Distrito antes del 14 de febrero del 2014. Tambi&eacute;n necesitamos saber si planean matricularlo en el programa de Inmersi&ocute;n en Espa&ntilde;ol. Puede que recuerden que les damos prioridad a los hermanos de estudiantes que est&acute;n matriculados en los grados de K-4 actualmente. Por favor de env&iacute;ar un correo electr&ocute;nico o llamar a Judy Pickering (jpickering@pausd.org), nuestra secretaria de asistencia, el primero de febrero del 2014 o antes para confirmar que su estudiante que va a entrar a kindergarten est&acute;n en nuestra lista. Judy les enviar&acute;n la tarjeta para el sorteo. Ustedes no participar&acute;n en el sorteo, sin embargo, la tarjeta nos da informaci&ocute;n sobre el idioma y es importante para nuestros expedientes.  
Afectuosamente,  
Dana&eacute; L. Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Directora, Escuela Primaria Escondido

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary**

Subject: Dangerous Flu Season



## School

Notes from the Nurse: the Flu and Cold Season is here

The Flu and Cold Season is upon us. The re-emergence of the H1N1 flu virus means we must be vigilant in caring for our loved ones and ourselves. Cold symptoms tend to be milder; while flu symptoms are more severe, including high temp, severe aches and pains, extreme exhaustion and dry cough, nausea and vomiting.

### Tips for Staying Healthy and Preventing Colds and the Flu

- First and foremost get a flu vaccine for yourself and your child. It is not too late to get a flu shot this year

- Get plenty of rest

- Wash your hands! Use warm water and soap and wash for at least 10 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer

- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose

- Remember to cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hand. Or cover your nose and mouth with a tissue and then wash your hands

- Consult your doctor for advice on receiving a flu shot

A child should not be in school when he has:

- A temperature greater than 100 degrees. If a child has had a fever, he may not return to school until his temperature has been normal for 24 hours (without taking medications to reduce fever)

- Frequent coughing or sneezing

- Sore throat

- A new cold or generally feels bad

- Extreme exhaustion

- Vomiting during the night

- Diarrhea

Your fellow students and teachers will understand your absence if you are ill. Check

with teachers regarding make-&shy;up work according to school policy.

BE WELL!!!

01/12/2014

**Jordan Middle School**

Subject: The Jordan Weekly

Dear Jordan Families,  
Welcome back to the Weekly.

This Week's Edition:

A New Semester

This Week @ Jordan

SBA Practice

Jaguar of the Quarter

In the Know: Day of Service, Club Sign-Ups, Science Fair & Expo, Holidays

Spotlight on: 3rd Annual Jordan Geography Bee

January Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

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

<https://app.box.com/s/cepmls5fros9rxos0wgx>

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

01/13/2014

**Henry M. Gunn High School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update January 13

Dear Gunn Community,

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

First Semester Grades (All Grades)

The first semester grades will be posted on Wednesday on Infinite Campus by 8:00

PM.

#### Sophomore Conferences (10th Grade)

The counselors have now begun their one on one meetings with their sophomores.

The sophomore conference allows the counselor to work closely with their students on a one on one basis to see how they're doing and go over their four year plan. In each of these sessions the counselors will emphasize with the students the importance of finding balance in academics and extra curricular activities and help map out strategies for success.

#### PSAT/College Preparation Assembly (11th Grade)

Next Wednesday (January 22), the juniors will be having a PSAT/College Preparation Assembly that will be put on by our College and Career Center and our counselors. Leighton Lang, the College and Career Center Coordinator, will go over with students how to interpret their results from the PSAT test they took this past October. In addition, our counselors will be giving our juniors a head start on the college application process as they introduce pertinent information for the students to know in regards to applying for college.

#### Community Events

"A Community Dialogue About Mental Health, Stigma, Suicide Prevention, and Advocacy"

January 15, Cubberley Theater 6:30 PM. (All Grades)

This Wednesday (January 15), community groups are hosting Kevin Hines, author of "Cracked Not Broken: Surviving and Thriving After a Suicide Attempt."

This free event will start at 6:30 PM in the Cubberley Theater with refreshments and then at 7:00 PM, Kevin Hines will take the stage to talk about his own life story. At the conclusion of his talk, there will be a panel that includes local mental health experts including Dr. Shashank Joshi from Stanford and Becky Beacom of Palo Alto Medical Foundation, who will run a Q & A session.

Summer Opportunities January 29-7:00 PM Gunn Library (10th, 11th and 12th Grades)

Do you want to learn about summer opportunities for your Gunn student? College and Career Counselor, Linda Kirsch, will lead her annual "Summer Opportunity Fair" on January 29 at 7:00 PM in the Gunn Library.

During the event, there will be representatives talking about different opportunities for your student to do this summer.

Thanks again for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky  
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling  
Gunn High School

**Palo Alto  
High School**

Subject: Teacher assignment for tutorial

Dear Paly Students,

Since you have a 6th period prep, you have been assigned to a tutorial teacher that you need to check in with at the beginning of tutorial for attendance. You need to do this before you seek assistance from your teacher(s).

Please check your assigned tutorial teacher on infinite campus.

If you have any questions, please contact Dean of Students, Craig Tuana, at [ctuana@pausd.org](mailto:ctuana@pausd.org)

Thank you!

01/14/2014

**Ohlone  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: PiE donation opportunities ending

Hi everyone,

I want to thank all of you who have already donated to PiE this year. Your donations will greatly contribute to the number of support personnel that we have, and will have again next year. This, in turn, will greatly support students in being both more successful in each classroom and in enriching each student's experience at Ohlone. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

For those of you who have been considering donating this year, let me encourage you to do so before the window closes at the end of this month. As previously mentioned, each donation, regardless of its size, adds precious funds to the Ohlone budget. With this money, we are able to hire aides, Farm science personnel, Spectra Art, additional reading specialists, and create after school support programs, and so much more. Presently, PiE funds make up about 70% of my total budget.

Thank you again to all of you who have already contributed in this way, and I hope to encourage others of you to join us in donating whatever amount you can.

Bill

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| 01/17/2014 | Palo Alto High School | <p>Subject: Yearbook Orders due January 22</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Parents and Students,</p> <p>Please order your Paly MADRONO YEARBOOK by January 22nd for \$75 from the Paly Webstore <a href="http://www.paly.net">www.paly.net</a>. Bring checks to the AUDITORS OFFICE made payable to PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL (write Yearbook in the MEMO line + name of student). We do not order extra yearbooks and if there are unclaimed yearbooks in May they are \$90 - so order now and be sure to get the 2014 yearbook.</p> <p>Senior Parents - free Congratulatory Ads workshop every FRIDAY in January in Room 101 - facing Embarcadero - forms available online at <a href="http://www.madrono.paly.net">www.madrono.paly.net</a></p> <p>Many thanks for your support,<br/>MADRONO Staff</p> |
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| 01/19/2014 | Jordan Middle School | <p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Science Fair 2014</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Author Visit; Parent Feedback and PIE</p> <p>In the Know: Day of Service, Clubs Begin, Jordan Benefit Concert, 5 Day Weekend</p> <p>Spotlight on: Jordan Band</p> <p>January &amp; February Calendar &amp; Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://app.box.com/s/yimgh6vllcfhp9nylz2y">https://app.box.com/s/yimgh6vllcfhp9nylz2y</a></p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at:<br/><a href="http://www.jordan.pausd.org">http://www.jordan.pausd.org</a> NEWS&gt;JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes,<br/>Principal, Jordan Middle School</p> |
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01/20/2014

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update January 20

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Titan 101

Beginning on January 23, Gunn Counselors will be meeting with their Titan 101 groups to touch base on how the year is going, go over EXPLORE results from the assessment they took last October and to give registration information for course selections that will begin at the end of February. The schedule for the Titan 101 sessions will be as follows: January 23, groups 1-7, January 30, groups 8-14, February 6, groups 15-21.

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Upcoming Events

Financial Aid Presentation on Tuesday in the Gunn Library-7:00 PM (10th, 11th and 12th Grades)

On Tuesday (January 21), Josephine Christensen will be presenting a Financial Aid Workshop in the Gunn Library at 7:00 PM. The presentation will go over important information to help you understand the different ways to make college affordable for your student.

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Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky  
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling  
Gunn High School

**Jordan Middle School**

Subject: 8th Grade Transition Dates

Dear Jordan Families,

High school is only six months away. Hard to believe isn't it? I have an 8th grader myself and I'm still in disbelief at where the time goes.

Next week will start the official process of getting your 8th grader ready for the fall. Enclosed is a schedule of important dates for you and your student.

Please let our 8th grade counselor, Jeff Gielow, know if you have any specific questions about the transition process.

Greg Barnes,  
Principal, Jordan Middle School

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| 01/21/2014 | <b>El Carmelo Elementary</b>     | <p>Subject: El Carmelo - Important Events</p> <p>Dear families</p> <p>I can't let the chance go by to let you know what's coming up:</p> <p>Coffee with the Principal, tomorrow morning (1/22) in the Library. We're talking Common Core.</p> <p>Madeline Levine on "Parent for Authentic Success" on 1/29 at 7pm - Tickets free for El Carmelo parents available by Google Doc. Pick up tickets in Main Office after you sign up.</p> <p>PIE Final Push - We need everyone's involvement to show that the El Carmelo community supports classrooms aides, counseling, Spectra Art and Jr. Museum Science. The fundraising ends on 1/31.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Chuck Merritt</p> |
|            |                                  | <p>Subject: El Carmelo - Correct link to Parent Ed!!</p> <p>Hi, all</p> <p>I inadvertently sent the Gunn HS link for the Madeline Levine talk before. Below is the correct link to the El Carmelo tickets!</p> <p>Madeline Levine on "Parent for Authentic Success" on 1/29 at 7pm - Tickets free for El Carmelo parents available by Google Doc. Pick up tickets in Main Office after you sign up.</p> <p>Sorry for adding extra steps,</p> <p>Chuck Merritt</p>  |
|            | <b>Henry M. Gunn High School</b> | <p>Subject: RE: Please Give to Partners in Education (PiE)</p>   |



01/21/2014

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

PiE Campaign Closes January 31: Every Gift Matters for our School!

Dear Gunn Community,

The PiE fundraising campaign ends next Friday January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important programs like electives, counseling, science and the arts. If not, please give to PiE during the "Every Gift Matters" campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school. We could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. Please join the 3800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students.

Thank you for your continued support of Gunn, GoTitans!

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Principal

PS If you would like to contribute online, please go to: <http://papie.org/>, or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!

**Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Madeline Levine Speaking on Jan. 29

01/21/2014

Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS (link below) for a special Parent Education event, featuring Dr. Madeline Levine, author of the recent New York Times best-seller, Teach Your Children Well. The PTAs of Palo Alto schools have partnered together to sponsor this program.

Parenting for Authentic Success: What it means and how we do it  
Speaker: Dr. Madeline Levine  
Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 7:00pm  
Spangenberg Theater at Gunn High School

Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success is a toolbox for parents, providing information, relevant research and series of exercises to help parents clarify a definition of success that is in line with their own values as well as their children's interests and abilities. Dr. Levine offers tangible tools to help kids thrive in today's high-stakes, competitive culture.

We have 70 tickets available for JLS families. Please follow the link below to reserve your tickets - note that requests are monitored as received and there is a wait list section. Tickets will be available at the JLS Office. Please pick up your tickets by 12 noon, January 27 . Tickets not picked up by then will be made available to others on the wait list.

<http://www.jooners.com/guest?l=be5507ec-5961-419a-a579-54a0f7f94ed7>

For more information, please contact:



More background on Madeline Levine, Ph.D.

Dr. Madeline Levine is a New York Times best-selling author of three books, practicing psychologist in Marin, CA and a co-founder of Challenge Success ( <http://challengesuccess.org> < <http://challengesuccess.org/>> ), a program of the Stanford School of Education that addresses education reform and student well-being. Dr. Levine is a nationally known psychologist with over 25 years of experience as a clinician, consultant, and educator. Her New York Times best-selling book, The Price of Privilege, explores the reasons why teenagers from affluent families are experiencing epidemic rates of emotional problems. Her follow-up best-selling book, Teach Your Children Well, focuses on expanding our current narrow and shortsighted view of success and providing concrete strategies for parents. Her two previous books, Viewing Violence and See No Evil, both received critical acclaim. Dr. Levine began her career as an elementary and junior high school teacher in the South Bronx of New York before moving to California and earning her degrees in psychology. She has taught child development classes to graduate students at the University of California Medical Center / San Francisco. Dr. Levine lectures extensively to parent, school and business audiences both nationally and internationally.

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contact information (§ 6254c)

Jordan Middle  
School

Subject: Pie Donation Days

01/21/2014

Jordan Middle School

Dear Jordan Families,

Donations to PiE have a huge impact on our community. Have you had a chance to support PiE yet? If not, this is a great time because the PiE fundraising campaign ends next Friday January 31.

If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important programs like electives, counseling, science, and the arts. If not, please give to PiE during the "Every Gift Matters" campaign finale.

Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school. We could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE.

Please join the 3800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students.

Greg Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

Subject: Parent Feedback Form

Dear Jordan Families,

Please find an additional copy of the Parent Feedback Form attached. Thank you in advance for taking time to fill these forms out and returning them to Jordan.

Greg Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

Nixon Elementary School

Subject: message from Nixon Principal

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| 01/21/2014 | Nixon Elementary School | <p>Dear Nixon Parents,</p> <p>This Friday is our annual Freedom Heroes Assembly during which all of our students will perform for you and each other. Please join us if you can. Our performance will get underway as close to 8:30 as we can make it, but it takes us a bit of time to get everyone into the theater.</p> <p>Thank you so much to all who have responded to the request to make a donation to PiE. We have 190 Nixon families who have made a donation this year. This represents 52% of our families! We need 55 more families to make a donation in order to reach our goal of 67% participation, which we were able to achieve last year. If you have not yet done so, please consider making a donation that fits with your family's budget to support valuable resources for our students at Nixon.</p> <p>Nixon teachers are working very hard to provide small group instruction to meet all children's needs. Our classroom instructional aides are a tremendous support for this small group instruction strategy. Our Spectra Art teachers and our computer lab instructor enrich our program tremendously due to PiE funding. We have added a second day of counseling time at Nixon this year using PiE funds. We are very grateful to all of you who make this possible for Nixon students.</p> <p>The campaign ends for this year on Friday, January 31. You may donate online at <a href="http://papie.org/donate">papie.org/donate</a>, or send a check by mail to PiE, P.O. Box 1557, Palo Alto, CA 94302 or drop a check in the envelope near Becky's desk in the school office. Every contribution is greatly appreciated!</p> <p>Warmly,</p> <p>Mary Pat O'Connell</p> |
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| 01/22/2014 | Henry M. Gunn High School | <p>Subject: Titan 101 Groups 1-7 on Thursday</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Freshmen Families,</p> <p>Titan 101 Groups 1-7 on Thursday</p> <p>This is a reminder that beginning tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:37 PM, the Gunn Counselors will be meeting with their Titan 101 students. Tomorrow, Titan 101 Groups 1-7 will gather in their normal Titan 101 classroom to meet with their counselor to go over how the year is going and to give them information to get ready for course registration that will begin at the end of next month.</p> <p>On February 6, groups 8-14 will meet and on February 13, groups 15-21.</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Titan 101 Groups 1-7 on Thursday-Correction</p> |
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01/22/2014

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Dear Freshmen Families,

Correction on the email sent 30 minutes ago. The correct dates for Titan 101 groups 8-14 will be January 30 and Titan 101 groups 15-21 on February 6. Titan 101 groups 1-7 will meet tomorrow.

Titan 101 Groups 1-7 on Thursday

This is a reminder that beginning tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:37 PM, the Gunn Counselors will be meeting with their Titan 101 students. Tomorrow, Titan 101 groups 1-7 will gather in their normal Titan 101 classroom to meet with their counselor to go over how the year is going and to give them information to get ready for course registration that will begin at the end of next month.

On January 30 Titan 101 groups 8-14 will meet and on February 6, Titan 101 groups 15-21.

**Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Every Gift Matters for our School!

01/22/2014

**Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School**

PiE Campaign Closes January 31st: Every Gift Matters for our School!

Dear JLS Families:

The PiE fundraising campaign ends next Friday, January 31st. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important programs like electives, counseling, science, and the arts.

If you have not already donated, please consider supporting PiE with a contribution during the "Every Gift Matters" campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31st, up to a total of \$175,000. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school. We could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. Please join the 3800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ofek

Principal

P.S. If you'd like to contribute online, please go to: [www.papie.org/donate](http://www.papie.org/donate) , or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!

**Palo Verde  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: From Palo Verde - PiE Campaign Closing

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| 01/22/2014 | Palo Verde Elementary School | <p>PiE Campaign Closes January 31: Every Gift Matters for our School!</p> <p>Hello Palo Verde Families,</p> <p>The PiE fundraising campaign ends next Friday January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important programs like our classroom aides, supplemental science lessons, counseling, art teachers and our Project Resilience program. If you have not given as of yet, please consider giving to PiE during the Every Gift Matters campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. Please join the 3800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students. At Palo Verde our goal is to have just 39 more families donate to PiE to help reach our goal. Watch the thermometer at the front of the school, as it shows our progress towards reaching our goal. Please remember that any amount you can give will help.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Anne Brown</p> <p>PS If you would like to contribute online, please go to: <a href="http://www.papie.org/donate">www.papie.org/donate</a> , or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!</p> |
| 01/23/2014 | Escondido Elementary School  | <p>Subject: PiE Voicemail</p> <hr/> <p>A voicemail was sent regarding donations to PiE.</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Partners in Education (PiE)</p>   |

01/23/2014

Escondido  
Elementary  
School

Dear Escondido Families,

The Partners in Education (PiE) fundraising campaign ends next Friday January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important programs like our classroom aides, science, counseling and Spectra art. If not, please give to PiE during the "Every Gift Matters" campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. These important funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. So far we have 216 Escondido Families who have donated to PiE and our goal is 255 families. If 2 families from each classroom donate, who have not yet donated, they will have their dollars doubled and we will reach our goal! Thank you to the Escondido Families who have donated because you are making a difference on our campus!

As the PiE fundraising campaign ends, please join our Science Teacher, Mary Jo Ricci and our Spectra Art Teachers on Wednesday, January 29th for a special showcase of art and science after school from 1:30- 2:15pm. There will be an art exhibit of different artwork from all the grades and hands on science activities for the children. This is a great opportunity for you to see your donations at work at Escondido. I hope that you will join us!

If you would like to contribute online, please go to: [www.papie.org/donate](http://www.papie.org/donate), or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!

Warm Regards,  
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Estimados Padres y Apoderados:

La última contribución-desafío, nuestro desafío de donaciones más grande de Enero, de \$ 175,000, igualar su donación durante por día. Esta es su última oportunidad para donar a la campaña anual de PiE. Su usted no ha hecho su donación este año para PiE, AHORA es el momento para hacerlo. Toda suma donada será igualada; \$25, \$75,\$200, o \$850... No importa cuánto sea la cantidad, será equiparada durante por día hasta alcanzar \$175,000. Esto, gracias a las generosas personas que apoyan a PiE. Si usted ya hizo su donación a PiE, ¡muchas gracias! Si no, por favor ayúdenos a cerrar nuestra campaña exitosamente ¡haga su donación a PiE hoy. La meta de Escondido es alcanzar una participación de 255 familias. Ya casi llegamos a esta meta, y si dos familias de cada salón de clase, que no hayan donado aún, hacen su donación de cualquier suma de dinero, podremos elevar el nivel del término y lograr nuestra meta! Lo podemos hacer!.

Estamos muy agradecidos por sus donaciones, las cuales financian más de 250 adultos dedicados y 97,500 horas de instrucción en nuestras escuelas. Haga su donación en : [www.papie.org/donate](http://www.papie.org/donate), o deje su formulario de donación en la casilla de PiE en la oficina de Escondido. Muchas gracias por ayudar a nuestros niños y nuestras escuelas, a través de PiE.

También marquen sus calendarios para el Miércoles 29 de Enero, este día, después de la escuela, se hará la exhibición de Artes. Venga a ver los maravillosos trabajos de arte que nuestros maestros de Spectra Art han realizado con nuestros niños, y exploren las actividades de ciencias con nuestra maestra de ciencias, MaryJo Ricci. Gracias a sus contribuciones podemos tener estos dos programas maravillosos en nuestra escuela, los cuales benefician a más de 500 estudiantes.

Atentamente,  
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School



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| 01/23/2014 | Juana Briones Elementary School | <p>Subject: REMINDER: Spirit Day Tomorrow</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Briones Families,</p> <p>Tomorrow is the 100th Day of School! We will celebrate the 100th Day during our K-2 assembly tomorrow morning.</p> <p>In addition, tomorrow (Friday 1/24) is Crazy Hair, Hat, Tie, and Sock day! Thanks to the student council who came up with the spirit day ideas. We can't wait to see students with their crazy hair, hats, ties, and socks.</p> <p>Parents, if you will have a Kindergarten student during the 14-15 school year, Priority I registration began January 14th and continues through February 13th. You can register your child Monday-Friday from 8 AM-4 PM at the Central Attendance Office- 25 Churchill Drive, Palo Alto. Please make sure you register your child before the Priority I registration ends on February 13th.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>  |
| 01/24/2014 | El Carmelo Elementary           | <p>Subject: El Carmelo - PiE Campaign Closes January 31: Every Gift Matters for our School!</p> <hr/> <p>Dear El Carmelo families,</p> <p>The PiE fundraising campaign ends next Friday January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important programs like aides, science, counseling and the arts. If not, please give to PiE during the "Every Gift Matters" campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. Please join the 3800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Chuck Merritt</p> <p>PS If you'd like to contribute online, please go to: <a href="http://www.papie.org/donate">www.papie.org/donate</a> , or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!</p> |
|            | Jane L Stanford Middle School   | Subject: JLS -- Transition Dates and Meetings  |

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| 01/24/2014 | Jane L<br>Stanford<br>Middle School      | <p>Good Morning JLS Families!</p> <p>With the science fair behind us we are now shifting our focus to registration for the 2014-15 school year. There are many dates and events to make a note of in your calendar so we have created a grid that highlights what is happening for each grade level and the dates. It is attached to this email and posted (available for download) on our website. If you subscribe to the JLS calendar you will find the events posted there as well.</p> <p>It was wonderful to see so many of you these past two evenings and I look forward to seeing you as we present helpful information at these upcoming events.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p> <p>Sharon Ofek<br/>Principal</p>  |
|            | Juana<br>Briones<br>Elementary<br>School | <p>Subject: PiE Campaign Closes January 31: Every Gift Matters for our School!</p> <p>PiE Campaign Closes January 31: Every Gift Matters for our School!</p> <p>Hello Briones Community,</p> <p>The PiE fundraising campaign ends next Friday, January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important programs like aides, science, counseling and the arts. If not, please give to PiE during the Every Gift Matters campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. At Briones, PiE pays for our science specialist Karen Kessler, Art teacher Wendy Perry, and classroom aides. Please join the 3800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Lisa Hickey</p> <p>P.S. If you would like to contribute online, please go to: <a href="http://www.papie.org/donate">http://www.papie.org/donate</a>, or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!</p> |
| 01/25/2014 | Duveneck<br>Elementary<br>School         | <p>Subject: Duveneck PiE Reminder - Campaign Ends January 31!</p>   |

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| 01/25/2014 | Duveneck Elementary School    | <p>PiE Campaign Closes January 31: Every Gift Matters for our School!</p> <p>Dear Duveneck Families,</p> <p>The PiE fundraising campaign ends Friday, January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting our important programs! We use our PiE dollars to fund our classroom aides, science enrichment, arts programs and counseling services. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at Duveneck, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE.</p> <p>If you have not contributed yet, please give to PiE during the "Every Gift Matters" campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through Friday, January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE.</p> <p>Please join the 3800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students.</p> <p>If you'd like to contribute online, please go to: <a href="http://www.papie.org/donate">www.papie.org/donate</a>, or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office.</p> <p>Thank you for supporting our school,</p> <p>Chris Grierson<br/>Duveneck Principal</p> |
| 01/26/2014 | Jane L Stanford Middle School | Subject: JLS -- Project SHINE  |

01/26/2014

Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

JLS has been invited to participate in a research study called Project S.H.I.N.E., which is being conducted by Stanford University School of Medicine and the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Researchers from Stanford and LPCH are working with our school district to better understand Youth Culture and Communication.

Project S.H.I.N.E., which stands for Support, Help, Inspiration, Nurturance, and Encouragement, will be studying how cultural factors contribute to parent-teen communication, the promoters and barriers to teens asking for help, and how youth culture and communication impact adolescent well-being and resilience. Ultimately, what our school, the school district, and researchers from Stanford hope to better understand is how we can best support our teens and young adults as they transition through the adolescent years.

In the upcoming weeks, the Project S.H.I.N.E team of researchers from Stanford will be administering a 30-minute survey to JLS eighth graders. The survey will be completed through a secure data server that is housed and protected at Stanford University. The survey asks students about: attitudes towards sharing feelings and communicating opinions with parents and family members, attitudes about seeking help when they are distressed, and experiences and people that help teens cope with adversity such as support from family, friends, and adult mentors.

Attached is a parent information letter that provides more details about the project and who to contact if you have further questions. If you prefer that your child not participate in Project S.H.I.N.E. please fill out the opt-out form at the end of the attached parents information letter and return it to Dr. Stephanie Sheridan in the main office by this Friday, January 31, 2014.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our students!

Sincerely,

Sharon Ofek, Dr. Shashank V. Joshi, & Project S.H.I.N.E. TEAM

Jordan Middle  
School

Subject: The Jordan Weekly

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| 01/26/2014 | Jordan Middle School          | <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Jordan Music Benefit Concert</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>JTV Hits the Streets</p> <p>In the Know: Day of Service, 8th Grade Transition Dates, Principal's Coffee, 5 Day Weekend</p> <p>Spotlight on: Intramural Program</p> <p>January &amp; February Calendar &amp; Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://app.box.com/s/3zez1acbkf2zuttj6132">https://app.box.com/s/3zez1acbkf2zuttj6132</a></p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at:<br/> <a href="http://www.jordan.pausd.org">http://www.jordan.pausd.org</a> NEWS&gt;JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes,<br/> Principal, Jordan Middle School</p> |
| 01/27/2014 | Barron Park Elementary School | Subject: Last Chance to Support PIE   |

01/27/2014

**Barron Park  
Elementary  
School**

Dear Barron Park parents,

I am writing to ask for your help in making sure that our entire community has had an opportunity to donate funds for Partners in Education. The PIE campaign ends this Friday, January 31. Every gift matters! We need your help in guaranteeing that our students will continue to benefit next year from Spectra Art, classroom aides, hands-on-science, counseling, and Spanish classes in K-2 in addition to other arts enrichment.

Every donation will be matched -- dollar for dollar -- through Friday. Thank you for helping our school and our students continue to benefit from these fabulous programs that enrich their learning.

Sincerely,

Principal Magdalena Fittoria

P.S. You may contribute online using <http://www.papie.org/donate> or you may leave your donation in the school office.

Estimados padres de familia-

Escribo para pedir su ayuda en asegurar que todo miembro de nuestra comunidad haya tenido la oportunidad de contribuir fondos a PiE. La campa&ntilde;a actual termina este viernes, 31 de enero. Cada donaci&oacute;n cuenta. Necesitamos su ayuda para que nuestros alumnos sigan beneficiando de clases de arte, asistentes de maestros, ciencia din&aacute;mica, consejos, clases de Espa&ntilde;ol (K-2), y otras bellas artes como ballet folkl&orico.

Cada donaci&oacute;n ser&aacute; doblada -- dolar por dolar -- hasta el viernes. Gracias por asegurar que nuestros hijos sigan gozando de estos programas fabulosos que enriquecen su aprendizaje.

Sinceramente -- Directora Magdalena Fittoria

Puede hacer su donaci&oacute;n a trav&eacute;s de <http://www.papie.org/donate> o puede entregarla a nuestra oficina escolar.

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update January 27

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is this week&#39;s update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

If You&#39;re Sick, Please Stay Home (All Grades)

We all know that good attendance is crucial for academic success, however, if your child is sick, please err on the side of caution and keep your child home. Like clockwork, about three to four weeks into a semester, we start getting a rash of health related absences and the past couple of weeks we have seen an increase of cases of the flu and the common cold.

While nobody wants their child to fall behind, they are at greater risk of getting themselves sicker and others sick if they come to school when they are under the weather. We ask that you please keep your child home if they are ill so they can fully recover before they return.

#### Follow Up on Junior Assembly (11th Grade)

We had an outstanding assembly this past Wednesday for our juniors as Leighton Lang, from the College and Career Center, went over information on the PSAT, Naviance and the college preparation process. All juniors picked up their PSAT booklets from last October so they can analyze how they did.

If your student did not receive their booklet, they can come and pick it up in the counseling office.

#### Summer Opportunities (10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

This Wednesday (January 29) at 7:00 PM in the Gunn Library, the Gunn College and Career Center will host an event to discuss summer opportunities available for Gunn students. The evening will highlight summer internship and academic programs that are available for students.

#### PLAN Scores for Sophomores (10th Grade)

Similar to how we did an assembly for the juniors and their PSAT scores, we'll also do one for the sophomores on February 19. The PLAN test is to the ACT what the PSAT is to the SAT. We'll help sophomores analyze how they did and areas of growth for them. In addition, the assembly will also explore the use of Naviance as a tool for the students to use during their time at Gunn.

#### Titan 101 on Thursday (9th Grade)

The Gunn Counselors will continue to meet with their Titan 101 groups to check in to see how their students are doing and also go over the course signup process for 2014-2015 that will begin at the end of next month. This Thursday (January 30) groups 8-14 will be meeting and groups 15-21 will meet on February 6.

#### Foothill Middle College Visit on February 11 (10th and 11th Grade)

On February 11 at 10:45 AM, Gunn will have a representative from Foothill College come to the College and Career Center and talk about the Foothill Middle College program that is available for our students.

Foothill Middle College is designed for rising juniors and seniors to finish up their high school education requirements while also taking community college courses. It is a great program for students who are college bound and want an alternative environment to what a full comprehensive high school offers.

If you have further questions about the program, please feel free to email me.

#### PiE Donations End This Friday (All Grades)

This Friday (January 27) marks the end of the Partners in Education fundraising drive. Your donations help make a huge difference for all students of the Palo Alto Unified School District and especially here at Gunn. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to increase course offerings and have been able to greatly enhance our counseling services.

We want to thank all of those who have donated and hope for those that haven't, that you will be able to in order to better support our Gunn students and all of the students of our community.

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacobowsky  
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling  
Gunn High School

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Subject: Evening in Everytown Reunion Lunch

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Dear Parents/Guardians of our November 8th Evening in Everytown participants,

We are so glad your student was able to join us for the Evening in Everytown program this past fall. It was a powerful evening where they were able to engage with issues around diversity, academic stress and creating a more inclusive community at Gunn.



We are planning on getting all the participants together again and will be hosting a pizza lunch in the SAC during lunch on Friday, Feb. 7. This will be a chance for your student to reconnect with Everytown folks, get his or her index card "resolutions" back, and help suggest students who would be good nominations for the spring Evening in Everytown.

Please encourage your student to respond to the Eventbrite invitation by Monday, Feb. 3 to let us know if he or she will be attending so we can plan accordingly. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing your student there!

Kristy Blackburn, Kim Sabbag and Todd Summers, Not in Our Schools Week coordinators, and Amanda Freeman, Silicon Valley FACES

**Hoover Elementary School**

Subject: PiE Double Your Donation Drive - Let's meet our goal!

Dear Hoover Families,

The PiE Double Your Donation fundraising campaign ends next Friday, January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting vital support programs like our incredible Instructional Assistants in Language Arts, Math, and Science, our amazing art instructor, Ms. K., our expert Reading Specialist, Mrs. Row, and our invaluable Kindergarten assistant, Mr. DJ. If you have not donated yet, please give to PiE during the "Every Gift Matters" campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. Please join the 3,800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students. Any amount will help!

Warm regards,

Katy Bimpson

Principal, Hoover Elementary School

PS If you'd like to contribute online, please go to: [www.papie.org/donate](http://www.papie.org/donate) , or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!

**Nixon Elementary School**

Subject: Update from Nixon principal

Hello Nixon Families,

Thanks to all those who have responded to the requests to participate in the PiE fundraising drive this year. We have made some more progress towards our participation goal of two-thirds of our Nixon families. However, we need 42 more families to join the 203 Nixon families who have donated in this year's campaign. The campaign will end this Friday, January 31. If you have not yet participated, I hope you can give this your careful consideration and make a contribution that fits in your family's budget. Well over 67% of our families donated to our PTA this year, so we are hoping a similar percentage will contribute to PiE. Every Nixon student benefits from this program which funds our Spectra Art teachers, our computer lab instructor, our classroom aides and the expansion of our counseling program this year.

Tomorrow morning, January 28th at 8:15am , we will be examining the safe routes to school through our neighborhood. Please join us for a walk through the neighborhood followed by a presentation by the Safe Routes to School Committee of the Palo Alto Police Department. If you have any suggestions for ways to increase student

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|                   |   | <p>safety,we would appreciate your input.</p> <p>My sincere thanks for all of your support,</p> <p>Mary Pat O’Connell</p>   |
| <p>01/28/2014</p> | <p><b>Escondido Elementary School</b></p> | <p>Subject: Student Drop off and Pick Up</p> <hr/> <p>Greetings Escondido Families,<br/> For those of you that have remembered that drop off and pick up are only at the front of the school on Escondido Road, THANK YOU!</p> <p>For the safety of our students, teachers and instructional aides, the staff parking lot on Stanford Avenue is only for staff. This parking lot is too narrow for cars to drop off or pick up children and exit safely. We have had reports of students almost being hit by a car trying to back out of this lot during drop off and pick up. Staff members have also experienced car damage over the years due to drivers trying to make a u turn or back out of this very tight parking lot. Please help keep our students and staff safe by not using this lot for drop off or pick up.</p> <p>Thank you so very much for your consideration and support of our students and staff.<br/> Warm Regards,<br/> Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.<br/> Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p>  |
|                   | <p><b>Hoover Elementary School</b></p>    | <p>Subject: PiE Double Your Donation Drive - Let's meet our goal!</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Hoover Families,</p> <p>The PiE Double Your Donation fundraising campaign ends next Friday, January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting vital support programs like our incredible Instructional Assistants in Language Arts, Math, and Science, our amazing art instructor, Ms. K., our expert Reading Specialist, Mrs. Row, and our invaluable Kindergarten assistant, Mr. DJ. If you have not donated yet, please give to PiE during the “Every Gift Matters” campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000 for PiE. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. Please join the 3,800 families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach its goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students. Any amount will help!</p> <p>Warm regards,<br/> Katy Bimpson<br/> Principal, Hoover Elementary School</p> <p>PS If you’d like to contribute online, please go to: <a href="http://www.papie.org/donate">www.papie.org/donate</a> , or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office. Thank you!</p> |
| <p>01/29/2014</p> | <p><b>Escondido Elementary School</b></p> | <p>Subject: Escondido Poster Walk</p>   |

01/29/2014

**Escondido  
Elementary  
School**

Dear Escondido Families,  
Please stop by the MP Room with your child before or after school to participate in our annual Steps to Respect and Second Steps Poster Walk. Each grade level has created a poster or activity documenting student understanding of our social emotional learning curriculum. Students will share ways in which we can create a safe and welcoming school based upon the Second Steps curriculum taught in grades K-2 and the Steps to Respect curriculum taught grades 3-5. The posters will be up for the next two weeks.  
Enjoy!  
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Apreciadas familia de Escondido:

Por favor acérquense al Salón Múltiple (MP Room) con su hijo/a, ya sea antes o después de la escuela, para participar en nuestra exposición de carteles de Steps to Respect. Cada grado ha creado un cartel o una actividad, que representa el entendimiento del estudiante de nuestro currículo social-emocional. Los alumnos compartirán formas en las que podemos crear un ambiente escolar seguro y cálido. Se han basado en el currículo de Second Steps, el cual se enseña en los grados de K-2, y en el de Steps to Respect, enseñado en los grados 3-5. Los carteles estarán expuestos durante las dos semanas siguientes.  
¡Disfruten!

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Subject: Titan 101 Groups 8-14 on Thursday (January 30)

Dear Freshmen Families,

Titan 101 Groups 8-14 on Thursday

This is a reminder that beginning tomorrow (Thursday) at 2:37 PM, the Gunn Counselors will be meeting with their Titan 101 students. Tomorrow, Titan 101 groups 8-14 will gather in their normal Titan 101 classroom to meet with their counselor to go over how the year is going and to give them information to get ready for course registration that will begin at the end of next month.

On February 6, Titan 101 groups 15-21 will meet.

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Final Reminder: PiE

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| 01/29/2014 | Walter Hays Elementary School | <p>Subject: PiE double donation 2014</p> <p>PiE Campaign Closes January 31: Every Gift Matters for our School!</p> <p>Dear Walter Hays Community,</p> <p>The PiE fundraising campaign ends this Friday January 31. If you have already given, thank you so much for supporting important staff like Instructional Aides, Junior Museum Science, Cassy Counseling, the Reading Specialist and Spectra Art to name a few!</p> <p>If you have not yet had the opportunity, right now is the perfect time to give to PiE during the Every Gift Matters campaign finale. Generous donors will match your gift dollar for dollar through January 31, up to a total of \$175,000. PiE funds provide well over half of the flexible spending at our school, and we could not offer your children the quality education we have without your support of PiE. Please join the 252 Walter Hays families who have already given and take advantage of this last challenge grant to help PiE reach our district goal of \$5 million in support and enrichment funds for all PAUSD students.</p> <p>If you would like to contribute online, please go to: <a href="http://www.papie.org/donate">www.papie.org/donate</a> , or you may leave a check in the PiE box in the school office.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your incredible generosity to make our school a wonderful learning environment for our children!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mary Bussmann</p> |
| 01/30/2014 | Escondido Elementary School   | Subject: Principal's Coffee 2/6/14 - Café con la Directora 6/2/14   |

01/30/2014

**Escondido  
Elementary  
School**

Greetings Escondido Families,  
Please join me for our next Principal's Coffee on Thursday, February 6th from 8:15-9:00AM in the staff lounge. Elementary Director, Kathleen Meagher, will be sharing a draft of the new report card with Escondido parents to get input from you. As you know, we are implementing the Common Core State Standards, therefore, the PAUSD has a committee of teachers and parents creating a new report card to reflect these standards for the 2014-15 school year. The report card committee is looking forward to receiving input from you.

I look forward to seeing you Thursday morning,  
Dana L. Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Saludos, familias de Escondido:  
Estos todos invitados al Caf茅 con la Directora el Jueves 6 de Febrero, de 8:15 a 9:00 am, en la salita de descanso de los maestros.

La directora de la escuela Primaria Kathlen Meagher compartir un borrador de la nueva libreta de informe escolar con los padres de familia, para recibir comentarios y opiniones de ustedes. Como ustedes ya saben, estamos implementando los estndares bscicos comunes del estado, Common Core State Standards. Por lo tanto PAUSD formo un comit茅 de maestros y de padres de familia para crear una nueva libreta de reporte que refleje dichos estndares, para el a帽o escolar 2014-2015. El comit茅 de la libreta del informe escolar busca recibir sus reacciones y opiniones.

Estoy deseosa de verlos en la ma帽ana del jueves,

Dana L. Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

**Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- Last Change to Support PiE: Campaign Closes January 31st!

01/30/2014

Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School

Dear JLS Families:

At JLS kids come first! All of our efforts revolve around providing what we think is best for children to experience as they grow and develop during this ever changing phase of life. As a result, this year we are able to offer 35 electives to choose from, 36 club options to participate in, interventions to support students academically and socially, a guidance counselor for every grade level, access to technology to enhance the learning experience, and many additional opportunities of which to take advantage . I am so grateful for all of the resources we have available to our community and can't imagine what JLS would be like without them.

Can you?

I ask because this morning I learned that, compared to last year at this time, JLS is significantly behind in the number of families that have contributed to PiE. In order to meet the established target we need 90 more families to contribute before the end of the day tomorrow when the campaign ends. No contribution is too small.

There is no doubt that all of us care about our kids, that we want our kids to be exposed to as many opportunities as possible, and to be successful in whatever path they choose. Please know that because of contributions to PiE we are able to provide our students with amazing opportunities and I would like to be able to continue to not only offer what we currently have, but possibly expand our offerings in innovative ways. The only way we can do that is through partnership with you and with your support.

PiE funds make a huge difference for all students at our school, and we (JLS and PiE) depend on you. If have already given, thank you! If not, please go to [www.papie.org](http://www.papie.org) and consider giving a donation online or leave a check in the JLS office.

Thank you for supporting our kids and our schools through PiE.

Sharon Ofek

JLS Principal



