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11/03/2013	Jordan Middle School	<p data-bbox="415 128 755 157">Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <p data-bbox="415 233 771 321">Dear Jordan Families, Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p data-bbox="415 411 725 441">This Week's Edition:</p> <p data-bbox="415 470 558 499">Spirit Week</p> <p data-bbox="415 529 670 558">This Week @ Jordan</p> <p data-bbox="415 588 915 617">Principal's Coffee Thursday Nov. 7th</p> <p data-bbox="415 646 644 676">PiE Donation Days</p> <p data-bbox="415 705 1357 764">In the Know: Parent Visitation Day, Science Fair, Food Drive and Veterans Day, Choir.</p> <p data-bbox="415 793 768 823">Spotlight on Spanish Classes</p> <p data-bbox="415 852 880 882">November Calendar &amp; Important Dates</p> <p data-bbox="415 911 612 940">The Jordan Cup</p> <p data-bbox="415 1031 1005 1060">Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p data-bbox="415 1089 954 1119"><a href="https://app.box.com/s/48l9t21asse872uzue6z">https://app.box.com/s/48l9t21asse872uzue6z</a></p> <p data-bbox="415 1209 1151 1268">The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: <a href="http://www.jordan.pausd.org">http://www.jordan.pausd.org</a> NEWS&gt;JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p data-bbox="415 1358 794 1446">Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
	Juana Briones Elementary School	Subject: Principal's Cofee- Thursday 11/7 @ 8:15 AM

11/03/2013	<b>Juana Briones Elementary School</b>	<p>Dear Juana Briones Families,</p> <p>I hope you all enjoyed an extra hour of sleep today with the Daylight Savings time change.</p> <p>Please remember the next Principal's Coffee is Thursday, November 7th at 8:15 AM, right after drop off in the MP Room. The topic will be 2013 STAR Scores, Assessment Changes, and the Transition to Common Core. I look forward to seeing you there.</p> <p>Warm Regards,</p> <p>Lisa Hickey</p>
	<b>Palo Alto High School</b>	<p>Subject: PE on Monday</p> <p>Dear Paly Freshmen,</p> <p>Just a reminder, if you are an athlete currently on a PE prep, please report to your PE class on Monday, November 4th. This is a one day event only.</p> <p>Thanks and have a great weekend!</p> <p>Kathie Laurence Assistant Principal</p>
11/04/2013	<b>Henry M. Gunn High School</b>	<p>Subject: RE: Ms. Sanderson's History Classes</p>

11/04/2013

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

Invasion of Privacy - Personnel  
matter (§ 6254c)

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

This morning I visited each of [REDACTED] classes to inform students directly that [REDACTED]. We are in the process of hiring a substitute in order to have consistency for the students. We understand there are many questions, but we cannot comment on the specifics [REDACTED].

In checking in with the students they are naturally worried about the work they have completed and their grades. We will have a plan by next week to address their concerns. You will receive another email with the transition plan.

Students form attachments to their teachers and if your student needs additional support during this time, please have them contact their counselor or Mr. Jacobowsky, Assistant Principal, Counseling and Guidance.

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Principal, Gunn High School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update November 4

Dear Gunn Community,

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

Health (All Grades)

We're now two months into the school year and similar to past school years at this time, we're noticing an uptick in student absences related to health. If your child is ill, please have them stay home so they can recover and reduce the spread of colds to others. It's much better to err on the side of caution and have your child be healthy than to attend school while under the weather and have the cold be prolonged.

Special Assembly Day on November 13 (All Grades)

As noted on our school calendar, we will have a special assembly day for all students during E period on November 13. Similar to what we did on September 3, we will have activities for all students and there will be no classroom instruction during this period. We picked the day to balance out the week as Monday will be a holiday and

by using this E period, it will balance out the week so all classes will meet three times.

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For sophomores and juniors, we're very pleased to have former Stanford Dean of Freshmen, Julie Lythcott-Haims come and talk with our students about finding a life balance and enjoying their youth. Dean Julie is writing a book about how over scheduling and over parenting of today's youth has created a negative impact on their growth and ability to adapt to life on their own and the challenges they will face in college and in the workplace.

Finally, our seniors will have a financial workshop put on by our College and Career Center with Leighton Lang leading the presentation.

#### College and Career Center News

#### Junior Conferences in College and Career Center (11th Grade)

New this year for juniors will be a meeting with College and Career Counselor, Ms. Linda Kirsch. Ms. Kirsch will be working with their students in depth on their plan for post secondary options. Ms. Kirsch will be contacting students to schedule the meeting and parents are invited to attend the session if they choose. These meetings will occur throughout the school year.

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Practice on Oral Interviews-Each Wednesday-Thursday-Friday from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM (10th-11th-12th grade)

The Gunn College and Career Center is expanding its workshops for students on oral interviews to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM to work on their oral interview skills for the college application process, job interviews and in improving their overall communication skills. For more information, please feel free to contact Linda Kirsch at [lkirsch@pausd.org](mailto:lkirsch@pausd.org)

#### Special Instructions for Georgetown (12th grade)

Seniors applying to Georgetown University must complete the paper copy of

Georgetown's Secondary School Report and Midyear Report. Gunn counselors will not be submitting these forms electronically. Your counselor or the Registrar can supply you with a paper copy of these forms so you can complete your portion before you include them in your college packet.

Recap on Past Events and Ongoing Activities

Counselor on Call (All Grades)

For the past month, we have been having a counselor clear out their schedule each day so they could meet with students on a drop in basis. This was one of the recommendations of the Gunn Guidance Advisory Committee last year.

Every counselor participates on a rotating basis and the response from counselors, students and parents has been very positive. Because of the success of "Counselor on Call" we have made it a permanent part of our counseling services.

Support 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.

Next week, Gunn will be involved in PiE Challenge Days as every dollar you donate will be matched.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal of the Guidance Department

Gunn High School

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11/07/2013

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Principal's Coffee PowerPoint

11/07/2013	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Juana Briones Families,</p> <p>Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Principal's Coffee this morning. We had a large turnout and conversation about 2013 STAR tests, changes to the state testing, and the transition to Common Core State Standards.</p> <p>For those parents who were not able to attend the Principal's Coffee this morning, the PowerPoint presentation with my voice recording is posted on the home page of our school website: <a href="http://brionesschool.wordpress.com/">http://brionesschool.wordpress.com/</a> If you do not have PowerPoint on your computer, there is also a PDF version available to download that does not include audio.</p> <p>There is a letter being mailed out to all Juana Briones families today. You should receive it Friday or Saturday.</p> <p>Please remember there is no school on Monday, November 11th due to Veteran's Day. I hope everyone enjoys their three day weekend.</p> <p>Warm Regards,</p> <p>Lisa Hickey</p> <p>Principal</p>
11/08/2013	Nixon Elementary School	<p>Subject: Picture Retakes - Tues. 11/12</p> <p>This is a reminder that Picture Retakes are on Tuesday, 11/12. If you want to have your child's picture retaken, please go to the iClicksmiles website and sign up for retakes there.</p> <p>Don't forget, we do not have school on Monday, 11/11 in observance of Veterans' Day.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
	Terman Middle School	<p>Subject: Terman PiE Donations - Double Days!</p>

11/08/2013

**Terman  
Middle School**

Dear Terman Community,

Partners in Education (PiE) our education foundation, has a huge, positive impact on our community through donations. Have you had a chance to support PiE yet? If not, this is a great time because PiE has a challenge grant that ends Friday November 15 that will match your gift dollar for dollar up to \$225,000 total for PiE.

PiE donations generously provided \$241,861 for use at our school this year! Terman uses these donated PiE funds everyday, for:

**Additional Compelling Electives** — PiE dollars allow Terman to offer a wide array of electives so that kids can discover subjects they love in school and help reduce elective class size. PiE helps fund staffing for electives including music (choir), orchestra, drama, and art.

PiE dollars also help fund Terman's popular Homework Habitat after school program to give young students the opportunity to work on homework in a safe and structured environment at school.

**Student Guidance and Support** — PiE donations provide nearly all of the support for an additional counselor to maintain one counselor per grade level. This allows Terman counselors to move with the students from 6th through 8th grade, providing continuity and a deeper connection with individual students. Counselors also have the time to meet weekly with teacher teams to check in with teachers about students and help maintain student wellness and connections.

PiE funds also help pay for Tiger Camp, Terman's popular 6th grade orientation program, and for work in the area of school climate and social kindness.

**Classroom Support** — PiE dollars are helping to deepen teaching at each grade level. Terman teachers are meeting to improve and systematize the teaching and assessments of writing and reading at all grade levels, preparation for Common Core instruction, and re-teaching. PiE funds help to provide release time for teachers to engage in this important collaborative work.

If you have already contributed, thank you so much! If not, please consider giving during the PiE challenge, and know that your gift will make a big difference for Terman. PiE suggests \$800 per student but welcomes any amount, larger if you have the capacity, or smaller if that amount is too high.

Every gift of any size matters to our kids. You can donate online at [www.papie.org/donate](http://www.papie.org/donate), or leave your gift in the school office.

Thank you for joining with fellow Terman parents to keep public education outstanding at Terman. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students.

Pier Angeli La Place, Principal, and the entire Terman Staff

11/11/2013

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update November 11

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#### Progress Reports (All Grades)

This Friday marks the midway point of the second quarter. All students who are earning a C- or lower will receive a progress report from their teacher. The official notice of progress reports will be available online November 19 at 8:00 PM and will be mailed home shortly thereafter.

#### PIE Donation Days (All Grades)

This week the Partners in Education will be sponsoring PIE Donation Days and representatives from PIE and Gunn will be out handing out information in the morning and afternoon during student drop off and pickup. This week all donations to PIE will be matched so you can double your pledge by donating before Friday. Thanks to the generosity of those who have donated to PIE, Gunn has received additional financial assistance to help support programs in Career Technical Education, the counseling department our college and career center and other areas of our campus.

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Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

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**Jordan Middle School**

Subject: The Jordan Weekly

Dear Jordan Families,

Welcome back to the Weekly.

This Week's Edition:

Technology at Jordan

This Week @ Jordan

PTA Ice Skating Parties

PiE Donation Days

In the Know: Candid Photo Day, Math Lane Meeting, Aurora Tree, Second Qtr. Progress Reports

Spotlight on: Cooking Classes

November Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

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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

11/12/2013

**Escondido Elementary School**

Subject: Partners in Education (PiE) Donation Days

Dear Escondido Families,

Partners in Education (PiE) is the local education foundation that raises funds to support staffing for important programs at our school. Each and every student at Escondido benefits this year from the generosity of last school year's PiE donors. Escondido received \$237,165.00 for the 2013-14 school year thanks to the families that donated a year ago. By paying it forward, the money is being used as

follows:

&middot; To pay for every general classroom aide, allowing teachers to work in small groups and focus on differentiated learning for all students.

&middot; To pay 100% of our science instructor, Mary Jo Ricci, so that all students receive at least one 5-6 week unit of experiential, hands-on science instruction to supplement science being taught in the classrooms.

&middot; PiE pays for all of our Spectra art teachers, Jennifer Espinoza, Alexis Hamilton, Alejandra Hermandinger and Tasmia Hussain. All classrooms benefit from regular art instruction which provides multi-dimensional learning and builds confidence and creativity in students.

&middot; To fund part of our Reading Specialists, Kaisey Hake and Alicia Hernandez, who offer support in English and Spanish to children needing extra reading support.

&middot; To pay for 100% of our Math Specialist, Jin Choo, who provides math challenge for students in grades 3-5 and math support for students in second grade.

&middot; To pay for 100% of our Primary Language Tutors, who assist our English Learners with communication in the classroom.

PiE is holding its annual Donation Days this Thursday and Friday, November 14 and 15. Consider donating today and double your donation dollar for dollar. Parent volunteers will be available during drop-off both mornings. Thank you to the 166 Escondido families who have already donated this year! Please consider joining them in supporting the important programs above. The Escondido experience is much better for our children because of the programs that PiE donations enable.

PiE suggests \$800 per student but welcomes any amount, larger if you have the capacity, or smaller if that amount is too high. Every gift of any size matters to our children. You can drop off your check at school or give online at [www.papie.org/donate](http://www.papie.org/donate).

Thank you for joining with fellow Escondido parents to keep public education outstanding at our school.

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

Apreciadas familias de Escondido:

Partners in Education (PiE) es la fundación local de educación que recauda fondos para el personal de apoyo, en programas importantes en nuestra escuela. Todos los estudiantes de Escondido se están beneficiando este año, gracias a la generosidad de nuestros donantes de PiE del año pasado. Escondido recibió \$237,165.00 para el año escolar 2013-2014, gracias a las familias que donaron hace un año. Con esta cadena de "pasar el favor a otros", el dinero se está utilizando como sigue:

&middot; Para pagar a los auxiliares de cada salón, lo que permite a los maestros trabajar con grupos pequeños y enfocarse en el aprendizaje individualizado para todos los estudiantes.

&middot; Para pagar el 100% del salario de nuestra instructora de ciencias Mary Jo Ricci, para que todos los estudiantes reciban al menos una unidad de 5-6 semanas de instrucción de ciencias en acción. Esto, para suplementar las ciencias que se enseñan en los salones de clase.

&middot; PiE cubre el salario de todos nuestros maestros de Spectra art, Jennifer Espinoza, Alexis Hamilton, Alejandra Hermandinger y Tasmia Hussain. Todas las clases se benefician de instrucción regular en arte, lo cual promueve el aprendizaje multi-dimensional y edifica la confianza y la creatividad en los estudiantes.

&middot; Para pagar parcialmente a nuestras Especialistas en Lectura Kaisey Hake y Alicia Hernandez, quienes ofrecen apoyo en inglés y español a los niños que necesitan ayuda adicional en lectura.

&middot; Para pagar el 100% del salario de nuestra Especialista en Matemáticas Jin Choo, quien provee retos matemáticos para los estudiantes de los grados 3-5, y apoyo a estudiantes de 2 grado.

&middot; Para pagar el 100% del salario de los Tutores de la Lengua Primaria, quienes asisten a nuestros estudiantes de Inglés con la comunicación en el salón de clase.

PiE estará realizando su campaña anual de recolección de Donaciones este jueves y viernes, 14 y 15 de Noviembre. Considere donar ahora y duplicar su donación por día.

Los padres voluntarios estarán disponibles las dos mañanas, en la hora de la llegada a la escuela. ¡Agradecemos a las 166 familias que ya hicieron su donación este año! Por favor, consideren unirse a ellas y apoyar los importantes programas mencionados anteriormente. La experiencia de estudiar en Escondido es mucho mejor para nuestros niños, debido a los programas que se pueden ofrecer, gracias a las donaciones de PiE.

PiE sugiere una donación de \$800 por estudiante, pero agradece cualquier suma, mayor, si ustedes tienen la capacidad de hacerlo, o más pequeña si la suma sugerida es muy alta. Cualquier donación de cualquier tamaño es importante para nuestros niños. Ustedes pueden entregar su cheque en la escuela, o hacer la donación en línea, en [www.papie.org/donate](http://www.papie.org/donate).

Gracias por unirse a los padres de Escondido, para mantener la educación pública en su nivel de excelencia en nuestra escuela.

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

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Subject: Re: November Reminders 2013

Dear Gunn Families,

It is amazing how quickly the semester is proceeding and soon it will be Thanksgiving. Turkey Feast at Gunn is approaching fast and students cannot wait--many consider it the "best day of the year." If you have not experienced it--great time to volunteer or donate a turkey or pie. The Gunn Connection contains the Turkey Feast link to volunteer or donate--see you all on Thursday, November 21.

As of this week there are six more weeks in the semester and if your student needs academic support, please review the following:

- a) Tutorial is every Tuesday starting at 2:37 PM and teachers are available in their designated rooms, please urge your student to attend and help them by not scheduling appointments during Tutorial.
- b) If they need additional time with their teacher have them email and schedule a time.
- c) The Academic Center has peer tutors (Monday-Friday) and community tutors, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- d) If you have questions on your student's progress, please email your student's teacher directly.

Partners in Education (PiE) Donation Days

Partners in Education (PiE), your education foundation, is having its PiE Donation Days, double your donation with a dollar for dollar match, ends November 15. Please give what you can and if you have already donated, thank you! PiE donations make-up between a third and to half of the flexible funds that Gunn spends every year--your generosity makes a difference. Please drop-off a check in the Main Office, or go to the PiE website and make your donation to PiE today:

<http://papie.org/>

#### Safety Reminders:

1) Bike Safety--please remind your student to wear their helmet, lock their bike in designated bike parking, and follow the traffic laws coming to and from school--that means stopping at a stop sign. We have many areas for bike parking including a new area behind the new Titan Village (two-story building).

2) Student Drivers--please remind your student drivers to follow the traffic and driving laws while driving--which includes adhering to the posted speed sign. In and around the Gunn neighborhood the Gunn staff has observed some speeding--please help us to remind them that it is about all our safety. And of course no texting while driving!

3) Gunn Parking--students, parents, and community members are permitted to park on the campus in designated parking lots and parking stalls. Students (11th and 12th graders only) may purchase parking permits in the Student Activities Center on a first-come basis. The "Gunn Student permit" MUST be displayed at all times while on campus.

All parents and visitors must check-in at the Main Office and get a "Visitor's Parking Permit". The permit is valid in the visitor's parking area, student parking, and staff parking.

As you are aware parking at Gunn is a premium, as such Palo Alto Parking Enforcement does patrol our parking areas. If students, staff, parents, and other visitors do not display a current parking permit a parking citation will be issued from the City of Palo Alto. The citation is \$46.00, which the school cannot contest.

4) Personal Property--students bring many wonderful things to campus including iPhones, iPods, tablets, laptops, etc. Please remind your students to be careful where they leave their personal property. If for any reason an item is lost or stolen they must fill out a "Theft or Lost Property" report in the Main Office.

5) Health Office--if your student is feeling sick during class they should report that to their teacher and then they will be directed to the Health Office located in the Main Office. The Health Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00-2:45PM.

6) Checking-in and out during the school day--please contact the Attendance Office if your student has a medical appointment during the school day at 650-354-8210 or email at [gunn-attendance@pausd.org](mailto:gunn-attendance@pausd.org). If your student returns during school hours they must check-in at the Attendance Office first and then proceed to class.

Congratulations to Girls and Boys Water Polo and Girls Volleyball for advancing to the CCS playoffs, please read playoff information on the Athletic webpage:

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/athletics/home>

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

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

**Palo Alto  
High School**

Subject: Paly Partners in Education donation challenge

Dear Paly Community,

Partners in Education (PiE), our education foundation, has a huge impact on our community. Have you had a chance to support PiE yet? If not, this is a great time because PiE has a challenge grant that ends Friday November 15, that will match your gift dollar for dollar up to \$225,000 total for PiE.

PiE donations provided \$ 677,584 for use at our school this year! Paly uses these donated PiE funds every day for the following:

**Supportive Guidance Staff:** PiE dollars pay for an additional school counselor at Paly, to enhance Paly's guidance services and increase connections with students, as well as other guidance staff. PiE funds also pay for our guidance outreach specialist to ensure that all students are supported by Paly's outstanding guidance system

**Teacher Advisor Program:** PiE funds help support the Teacher Advisor program, reducing the number of students seen by each teacher, as well 100% of the coordinator costs for the Teacher Advisor program for all students at Paly

**Student Connectedness:** PiE funds pay for upper-class Link Crew to facilitate orientation and mentor connections for all freshmen, for community outreach programs, and to extend hours in the Academic Resource Center

Compelling Electives: PiE funds an aide for our Biotechnology program, as well allowing us to offer exciting elective classes to our students, such as new Sports Nutrition class, AP Music (hybrid class) and Advanced JAVA (hybrid class). PiE also funds our outstanding community service program

College and Career Counseling: PiE dollars fund college and career counseling, including supporting a full-time credentialed college counselor, increasing the hours for the College and Career Center, and providing college essay workshops

If you have already contributed, thank you so much!

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Thank you for joining with fellow Paly parents for supporting excellence in public education at Paly. We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support.

Fondly,

Kim Diorio

Principal, Palo Alto High School

11/13/2013

**Duveneck  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: PiE Donation Days at Duveneck!

Dear Duveneck Families,

Have you had a chance to support PiE yet? If not, this is a great time because PiE has a challenge grant that ends Friday, November 15. Your donation will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$225,000 total for PiE.

Partners in Education (PiE) is the local education foundation that raises funds to support staffing for important programs at our school. PiE has a huge impact on our learning community.

PiE donations provided \$204,194 for use at our school this year. Everyday, Duveneck uses these funds to provide:

Classroom Aide Support - PiE dollars account for nearly 80% of our general

classroom aide time, so that all classrooms get multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides allow for small group instruction, differentiation in instruction, and guided reading for all students.

Enriched Science Classes - PiE dollars pay for 100% of the supplemental science program with six hands-on classes per grade level per year by Arad from the Junior Museum and Zoo. This provides every student with expanded experiential science instruction that is closely linked to our curriculum.

Spectra Art - All classrooms benefit from regular art instruction for multi-dimensional learning, creativity, and increased confidence.

Arts Integration - PiE dollars provide for our interactive Theatreworks program "Playing with Poetry" and "Playing with Math" to allow for fun, movement, and creative teaching and learning in our core subjects.

Counseling Support - PiE dollars also fund our counseling support for all students two days per week, as part of the instructional support team. Our Counseling Therapist serves Duveneck by contributing to our school climate and social kindness efforts.

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Warm regards,

Chris Grierson

Duveneck Principal

**Hoover  
Elementary  
School**

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**Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- PiE Donation Day 2013

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PiE donations provided \$342,383 for use at our school this year. JLS uses these donated PiE funds in the following ways every day:

&sect; Additional Compelling Electives -- PiE dollars add additional electives and reduce class sizes in all electives. Because of gifts to PiE, JLS offers electives including the new marine biology class, public speaking, creative writing, drama, broadcast journalism, KJLS, video production, music sectionals and accompanists, and an additional section of JLS's popular industrial technology program. PiE dollars mean that JLS can maintain or increase popular electives to help kids find their interests and pursue their passions in middle school.

&sect; Student Guidance and Support -- Donations to PiE help fund student support activities, including funding Panther Camp for all incoming students, paying for JLS's new 7th grade transitional Team Day program, and paying for vital additional counselor time. PiE dollars have made it possible for JLS to have one dedicated counselor for each grade, who move with their cohorts through all three years at JLS, allowing for deeper connections of kids and swifter response to concerns.

&sect; Classroom Support -- PiE gifts support the universal, systematic practice for teaching writing throughout the curriculum at JLS. PiE also pays for technology-related staffing, including the school's technology mentor for teachers and technology lead. This support helps JLS to leverage the technology plan and manages district donations to ensure that the right technology goes into classrooms where it can be best used to maximize teaching and learning.

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Sharon Ofek

Principal

**Jordan Middle  
School**

Subject: Pie Donation Days

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PiE donations provided \$345,756 for use at our school this year. Jordan uses these donated PiE funds every day, for:

**Additional Compelling Electives:** Donations to PiE enrich the electives environment and reduce elective class sizes at Jordan. PiE funds will enable sections of creative writing, music sectionals and specialists, choir and accompanist, biotechnology, ceramics, Jordan TV (video production), architectural drawing, and an expansion in the language program in French. PiE dollars allow Jordan to offer a wide array of electives so that kids can discover subjects they love in school.

**Student Guidance and Support:** Gifts to PiE help fund additional counseling time, making it possible for each grade at Jordan to have its own counselor who will travel all three years with the same kids, allowing the counselors to know and support every student better. PiE donations also support Jordan Journeys, the sixth grade orientation program that gives all students a good start at Jordan.

**Classroom Support :** PiE donors provide a teacher coach to help integrate writing skills throughout all grades at Jordan. They also pay for a technology mentor to help all Jordan teachers best use technology in their curricula, and also for a computer lab tech to work with teachers and students in the school's computer lab to ensure that time in the lab is spent productively and efficiently. Without PiE donations, the school's computer lab could not be staffed to offer this support.

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Thank you for joining with fellow Jordan parents to keep public education outstanding at Jordan.

Greg Barnes

Principal, Jordan Middle School

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary**

Subject: PiE Challenge Days

**School**

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PiE donations provided \$154,705 for use at our school this year. Briones uses these donated PiE funds every day, for:

- Helping to fund the general classroom aides who work with kids in every classroom for at least 8 hours per week (PiE pays for more than half of this time)
- Paying for Karen Kessler to provide an enhanced science program for all grades, including intensive use of the science lab, regular classroom sessions, program outreach, and materials and teacher mentoring. (PiE pays for 100% of Karen's salary)
- Funding Wendy Perry, the Spectra Arts Instructor who teaches every child creativity and confidence weekly or biweekly, depending on grade. (PiE pays for 100% of Wendy's time.)
- Paying for part of Briones' reading specialist to help ensure all kids are successfully learning to read

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Thank you for joining with fellow Briones parents to keep public education outstanding at Briones.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

**Palo Verde Elementary School**

Subject: Palo Verde PiE Challenge Grant Ends Friday

Dear Palo Verde Families:

Our PiE Challenge Grant ends this Friday, November 15th. Tomorrow and Friday you will see staff and students on campus wearing PiE shirts and signs, greeting families as they arrive at school, in support of our efforts to reach our challenge goal.

Our goal is to have 225 Palo Verde families donate to PiE this year. As of today, Wednesday, November 13th we have had 131 families participate in the challenge. We are more than half way there, but we have a long way to go in the next two days to reach our goal.

Every gift of any size matters to our children. You can donate online, or leave your gift in the school office.

Would you please help us reach our goal and donate to PiE by Friday? If you have already donated, thank you very much.

Your donations will go directly to support your child. The money we raise will be spent on science enrichment classes, classroom aides, Spectra Art, Project Resiliency and partially fund our reading specialists.

Watch our progress towards reaching our goal on our fundraising thermometer by the school office.

Thank you for helping make Palo Verde a great place for all of our children.

Anne Brown

11/14/2013

**El Carmelo  
Elementary**

Subject: El Carmelo - PiE and Play

Dear families

A quick reminder about two important events:

Tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 15) is the last day of the PiE "Double Your Gift" drive. If you've forgotten until now (like I did!), you still can take advantage of the matching funds. PiE gifts pay for 100% of our instructional aides, all of Spectra Art and Jr. Museum Science lessons.

Tomorrow and Saturday, Nov. 16 are the last showings of our school play "Aladdin." Come see our students put on a great show for us. And thank you for all of the ways that you support our school!

Chuck Merritt

[cmerritt@pausd.org](mailto:cmerritt@pausd.org)

**Walter Hays  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: PiE Double Donation Days 2013

11/14/2013	Walter Hays Elementary School	<p>Dear Walter Hays Community,</p> <p>Partners in Education (PiE) in our education foundation, and 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 PiE has a challenge grant that ends Friday November 15, that will match your gift dollar for dollar up to \$225,000 total for PiE.</p> <p>PiE donations provided \$223,740 for use at our school this year. Walter Hays uses these donated PiE funds every day, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding more than half of the general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms will get multiple hours of aide time weekly, facilitating small group and individual learning. Aides are a crucial part of the individualized instruction that Hays teachers are working to give every child</li> <li>- Funding an increase in the time for Hays' Reading specialist to work with more students and teachers on essential reading skills and strategies</li> <li>- Paying for twice-monthly Spectra art classes, so that all classrooms get regular art lessons and the opportunity to build confidence and creativity through artistic expression</li> <li>- Funding 100% of the supplemental science program with regular visits from the Junior Museum and Zoo, so that all students receive vivid, hands-on science instruction</li> <li>- Funding supplemental Physical Education instruction from the YMCA for all lower grades, so that students at every grade can benefit from regular movement, sports, and games</li> </ul> <p>If you have already contributed, thank you so much! If not, please consider giving during the PiE challenge, and know that your gift will make a big difference for Walter Hays. PiE suggests \$800 per student but welcomes any amount, larger if you have the capacity, or smaller if that amount is too high. Every gift of any size matters to our kids. You can donate online at <a href="http://www.papie.org/donate">www.papie.org/donate</a>, or leave your gift in the school office.</p> <p>Thank you for joining with fellow Walter Hays parents to keep public education outstanding at our school.</p> <p>Mary Bussmann</p>
11/15/2013	Juana Briones Elementary School	Subject: Progress Reports/ Collection Drive for the Philippines

11/15/2013	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Juana Briones Community,</p> <p>Last Friday marked the official end of the first trimester. Every parent should receive the Progress Report by Thanksgiving Break. Some parents already received their Progress Reports at the parent-teacher conference. There are some teachers who are sending home Progress Reports with their child today. If you have a parent-teacher conference between now and Thanksgiving Break, your child's teacher may be waiting to give you the Progress Report at the conference. If you have specific questions as to when your child will receive their Progress Report, please contact your child's teacher.</p> <p>Juana Briones will be collecting baby food, flashlights, and batteries on Monday and Tuesday of next week to help the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. We chose these items because they are among the items that will get to the Philippines via air. Other items such as food will be shipped via container, and will take much longer to arrive in the Philippines. There is also a short turnaround because all items will be donated to the West Bay Philipino Multi-Service Center, and they are collecting through Wednesday, November 20th. While you are out this weekend, please pick up some baby food and/or flashlights/batteries to donate. We appreciate your support. There will be collection boxes in the office.</p> <p>Enjoy your weekend.</p> <p>Warm Regards, Lisa Hickey</p>
11/17/2013	Jordan Middle School	Subject: The Jordan Weekly

11/17/2013

**Jordan Middle School**

Dear Jordan Families,

Welcome back to the Weekly.

This Week's Edition:

Air Bands

This Week @ Jordan

1000 Stars

PiE Donation Days

In the Know: Leadership Retreat, Jordan Night at Books Inc, Second Qtr. Progress Reports

Spotlight on: Teal Team

November Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

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

<https://app.box.com/s/xnih4kxyzs32zeqgmbi8>

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

**Juana Briones Elementary School**

Subject: REMINDER: Collection Drive for the Philippines

11/17/2013

**Juana Briones Elementary School**

Dear Juana Briones Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. As a reminder: we are collecting baby food, flashlights, and batteries for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan on Monday and Tuesday of this week. If you didn't get a chance to buy these items over the weekend, you are welcome to donate a couple of dollars. In addition to baby food and flashlights, medical supplies and water purification tablets are on the list for "highly needed" items. All money donated will be used to purchase medical supplies/ water purification tablets and added to the donation. Thank you for your support.

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11/18/2013

**Henry M. Gunn High School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update November 18

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## College and Career Center News

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11/20/2013	<b>Henry M. Gunn High School</b>	<p>Subject: Yosemite Info Night for SLC Families</p> <p>Dear Small Learning Community Families,</p> <p>The SLC team will hold a meeting on December 5th, at 6 pm in N-111 to discuss the Yosemite trip. We will cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departure and arrival times from Gunn</li> <li>What to bring</li> <li>What to expect</li> <li>What students will learn</li> <li>Answer any questions you have about the trip</li> </ul> <p>We encourage all families to attend this meeting. Your students are welcome to join us.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Your SLC team</p>
11/21/2013	<b>Juana Briones Elementary School</b>	Subject: Thank you for all the donations!

11/21/2013	<b>Juana Briones Elementary School</b>	<p>Dear Juana Briones Community,</p> <p>We want to thank all of the families that donated items and money for our Philippines Typhoon Relief Drive. The response was amazing for our short two-day drive. With your support, we donated...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 339 containers of baby food</li> <li>- 273 batteries</li> <li>- 51 flashlights</li> </ul> <p>In addition, we collected \$190.20 in cash donations. The money was used to buy medical supplies and water purification tablets.</p> <p>All of the items were dropped off yesterday at the West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center in San Francisco. They were very appreciative of our donations and let us know that the items would be shipped via air by Philippines Airlines. Thank you again for your generous donations. Special thanks also goes to 5th grade student council representatives who help count all of the items donated.</p>
	<b>Terman Middle School</b>	<p>Subject: Terman 6th Grade Science Camp Return</p> <p>Dear 6th Grade Parents,</p> <p>On Wednesday, November 20th and Friday, November 22nd, the students are scheduled to depart NatureBridge Golden Gate Campus around 1:00 PM.</p> <p>We ask that you PICK UP YOUR CHILD at the rear of campus between 2:15PM and 2:30 PM.</p> <p>We need your help to have all students returning from science camp to be picked up on time and leave campus as soon as possible.</p> <p>They will be tired and hungry and want to go home.</p> <p>That's also a good description of their teachers, so your help with this is appreciated!</p> <p>Please park in the front of school and walk through to the rear of campus.</p> <p>It is not save for our students for you to PARK IN or NEAR THE BUS TURN-AROUND.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Pier Angeli La Place, Principal</p>
11/24/2013	<b>Jordan Middle School</b>	<p>Subject: Jordan Weekly Update: November 25th</p>

11/24/2013

Jordan Middle School

Dear Jordan Families,

A couple of brief reminders for this upcoming short week.

1. Tuesday, November 25th is a "No Homework Night".
2. Our last day of school this week will be Tuesday, November 26th. We will welcome back students on Monday December 2nd.
3. The Jordan Weekly will return Sunday December 1st.

I hope everyone enjoys the long holiday weekend with family and friends.

Gregory Barnes,  
Principal, Jordan Middle School.

Terman Middle School

Subject: Terman Breaking of the Bread Event update

11/24/2013

**Terman  
Middle School**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Hope you're doing well. We are writing to update you on our Annual Breaking of the Bread Event scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th.

In the spirit of our rich diversity and community building, we invite students to bring in bread that is rooted in their cultural and/or family tradition- something that is special to them for any reason. Students will share and sample all the breads brought in from 12 -12:20 P.M. on Tuesday.

Here are a few reminders:

Breads can be dropped off on Tuesday morning starting at 7:45 A.M. on tables designated by classroom wing in the cafe.

Please remind your student to label the bread with their 5th period classroom. Students will be sampling bread in their 5th period classroom wing.

As a special treat this year, our 7th grade band students will be performing in the Terman triangle during the event!

Our wonderful parent volunteers will be helping us with this event and we are deeply grateful for their time and effort!

We look forward to helping our students enjoy this cherished Terman tradition and truly appreciate and value every student's thoughtful contribution to this annual event.

We wish you a warm, safe and peaceful holiday season!

Gratefully,

Terman Staff

11/25/2013

**Henry M.  
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School**

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update for November 25

Dear Gunn Community,

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

Happy Thanksgiving, 7 Period Day Tomorrow, No School on Wednesday (All Grades)

This week is Thanksgiving and the Gunn Counseling Department wants to wish

everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

A reminder that there is no school on Wednesday and tomorrow (Tuesday) will be a 7 period schedule as the school day will end at 3:35 PM. There will be no tutorial on Tuesday.

#### Returning Books (10th, 11th, 12th Grades and Alums)

With the beginning of the holiday season, many former Gunn graduates will be coming back to the area who might still have Gunn textbooks they haven't returned. If you have a current student or a former student who has a textbook that hasn't been returned, please bring it back to the front office so we can put it back in circulation at Gunn.

#### Progress Reports and Finals (All Grades)

All progress reports are now available online on Infinite Campus. If you have any questions about the academic progress of your child, please contact their teacher.

Hard to believe that finals will begin in three weeks. In next week's update, we'll talk about academic services that are available for students before the end of the semester.

#### Counselors Check In with Sophomores (10th Grade)

The counselors are calling in their sophomore students to check in to see how they're doing both academically and socially emotionally. This meeting will be a precursor for the more in depth meeting they will have after winter break as they help students map out their four year academic plan.

#### College and Career Center News

#### UC and most CSU Applications Due Saturday (November 30) (12th Grade)

A reminder that Saturday (November 30) is the deadline for the University of California system and most California State University schools. For more information,

please click the links website below.

University of California

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/dates-deadlines/>

California State University

<http://www.calstate.edu/admission/deadlines.shtml>

Junior Conferences in College and Career Center (11th Grade)

New this year for juniors will be a meeting with College and Career Counselor, Ms. Linda Kirsch. Ms. Kirsch will be working with their students in depth on their plan for post secondary options. Ms. Kirsch will be contacting students to schedule the meeting and parents are invited to attend the session if they choose. Parents will be contacted directly to let them know when the meeting is happening.

All juniors will also have a meeting with their counselor to check on how the student is doing academically, socially-emotionally and to do some post secondary planning. Your student's counselor and Ms. Kirsch will work together to help support your student to be successful at Gunn and to plan for life after Gunn.

Practice on Oral Interviews-Each Wednesday-Thursday-Friday from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM (10th-11th-12th grade)

The Gunn College and Career Center is expanding its workshops for students on oral interviews to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM to work on their oral interview skills for the college application process, job interviews and in improving their overall communication skills. For more information, please feel free to contact Linda Kirsch at [lkirsch@pausd.org](mailto:lkirsch@pausd.org)

Special Instructions for Georgetown (12th grade)

Seniors applying to Georgetown University must complete the paper copy of Georgetown's Secondary School Report and Midyear Report. Gunn counselors will not be submitting these forms electronically. Your counselor or the Registrar can supply you with a paper copy of these forms so you can complete your portion before you include them in your college packet.

Recap on Past Events and Ongoing Activities

Counselor on Call (All Grades)

For the past two months, we have been having a counselor clear out their schedule each day so they could meet with students on a drop in basis. This was one of the recommendations of the Gunn Guidance Advisory Committee last year.

Every counselor participates on a rotating basis and the response from counselors, students and parents has been very positive. Because of the success of "Counselor on Call," we have made it a permanent part of our counseling services.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

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Subject: RE: Gratitude and Appreciation

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Dear Gunn Families,

First, a huge thank you to ALL the parents who made the Annual Gunn Turkey Feast an amazing event--from the donations of food, food prep, and serving. It is very appreciated by the students and staff and a great community-building event. Second, fall is here and Thanksgiving is in a couple of days. Just a brief note of gratitude for ALL you do for the staff, students, and the community. Your time is always appreciated!!

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, because it was the holiday my family adopted when we moved to the US and made us feel "American." It was easy to adopt as my Mom says, "it is about familia." My hope for all is--the Thanksgiving you want happens, whether it be family and friends, football, binge TV or movie watching, exercise, sleep, reading the NY Times cover-to-cover (me), or eating lots and lots of leftovers--ENJOY! Happy Thanksgiving, feliz D&iacute;a de Acci&oacute;n de Gracias !

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

**Nixon  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Keyboarding Skills

Dear Nixon Families,

You received an electronic newsletter from our Superintendent, Kevin Skelly, last Friday. I hope you will find an opportunity to read it as you have time. There is one article in the newsletter about keyboarding skills being taught at the elementary level that I would like to follow-up on.

At Nixon, we begin teaching keyboarding skills in first grade using a program called "Read, Write and Type." The program is specifically designed for early primary students because it reinforces basic phonics while teaching typing skills. At second grade we use a different program called "Typer Island." In both of these programs, the focus is on correct position of the hands and accuracy in typing – not on speed. At third grade, we move to the district program, "Type to Learn 4." This is the program that is mentioned in the Superintendent's Newsletter article. Sarah Patanroi is the person who teaches these skills to all of the students during their time in the computer lab.

It has been our experience for several years now that this sequence of keyboarding programs is well suited to helping children develop reasonable skills by third grade when we can then encourage improvement in speed along with accuracy. We have found that it is important to monitor students' beginning keyboarding work to ensure that they are using the correct finger placements. The letters on the keyboards in our computer lab are actually covered with stickers to encourage the children to look at the screen rather than at their hands.

As we transition to a new kind of online state assessment for 3rd through 5th graders, students will be expected to use their keyboarding skills to respond to the assessment questions and tasks. These tests are not timed so speed is not a major factor, except in supporting the child's stamina to persist through the test. We ask for your help in supporting the development of your child's keyboarding skills in the following ways:

Please allow us to introduce keyboarding skills in first and second grades using the programs that we have found to be successful at these stages. Please do not use the Type to Learn 4 program for your kinder through second graders.

Beginning at third grade and continuing through 5th grade, routine practice of about 10 -15 minutes several days per week using the Type to Learn 4 program would be very helpful. You might ask your 3rd to 5th grader to log in and complete 10 minutes of typing practice before switching over to other uses of your home computer. Each 3rd -5th grader should know his/her own log-in and password. If there is any confusion, please email Sarah Patanroi rather than your child's teacher. Sarah (spatanroi@pausd.org) can answer questions about log-ins and passwords.

If your child has arrived at Nixon new in 3rd, 4th or 5th grades and has not learned keyboarding skills at his/her previous school, it is very important that you realize that keyboarding is a skill which will be needed during the end of year state tests and that your child may need to do some extra work to catch up with peers. Please set up a plan with your child for regular practice of these skills using the Type to Learn 4 program. Your child's teacher and Sarah can offer advice, if needed.

I hope this helps you understand what we are doing to help Nixon students develop the increasingly essential skills of accuracy and speed in keyboarding.

Thanks again for all of your support,

Mary Pat O'Connell

**11/26/2013**  
**Juana Briones Elementary School**

Subject: Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Briones Parents,

Just a reminder that the Thanksgiving Break is November 27- December 1st. There is no school tomorrow (Wednesday). Today is a regular day and dismissal time is at 2:30 PM (Grades 1-3) and 2:40 PM (Grades 4-5). Kindergarten dismissal is at 11:50 AM or 1:30 PM depending on whether Tuesday is a late day for your child.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday! We'll see you on Monday, December 2nd.

**11/28/2013**  
**Henry M. Gunn High School**

Subject: UC/CSU Applications Due on Saturday (November 30)

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Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

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