

## Section 1: Ethan

# Calendar

## Calendario

### Fri, Feb 8

#### Viernes 8 de febrero

Staff Appreciation Lunch, 12:15 PM

Almuerzo de Apreciación del Personal, 12:15 PM

### Mon-Wed, Feb 11-13

#### Lunes a miércoles, 11-13 de febrero

Alternate Schedules (see [Calendar](#))

Horarios Alternativos (ver Calendario)

### Wed, Feb 13

#### Miércoles, 13 de febrero

9th Grade Parent Coffee, 8:15 AM, Staff Lounge

Café para padres de 9º grado, 8:15 a.m. Salón del personal

### Thu, Feb 14

#### Jueves 14 de febrero

NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day

NO HAY ESCUELA - Día de Desarrollo del Personal

### Fri & Mon, Feb 15 & 18

#### Viernes y lunes, 15 y 18 de febrero

NO SCHOOL - President's Day Holiday

NO HAY ESCUELA - Día de fiesta del Presidente

### Tue-Fri, Feb 19-22

#### Martes a viernes, 19-22 de febrero

Alternate Schedules (see [Calendar](#))

Horarios Alternativos (ver Calendario)

### Tue, Feb 19

#### Martes, 19 de febrero

College Readiness & CAASPP Testing, 7 PM, Library

Preparación para la universidad y pruebas CAASPP, 7 PM, biblioteca

### Fri, Feb 22

#### Viernes 22 de febrero

Junior Parents Network Meeting, 8:15 AM, Staff Lounge

Reunión de la Red de Padres Junior, 8:15 AM Staff Lounge

# Gunn

## 9th Grade Parent Coffee

### Café para padres de 9º grado

*Wed, Feb 13, 8:15-10 AM, Staff Lounge*

*Miércoles, 13 de febrero, 8:15-10 AM, Salón del personal*

Please join us for our next 9th Grade Parent Coffee, "Planning Sophomore Year and Beyond." From 8:30-9:00 AM, Derek Johanson, Jonathan Fidani, and Cora Ross, three of our wonderful Gunn counselors, will lead an informal Q&A about course selections for next year and beyond. (Students' course selections need to be turned in by February 25th, so this is a great opportunity to get your questions answered.) We'd also like to exchange ideas about summer options for 9th graders, and socialize informally. Coffee and light breakfast snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there! --Jen, Masha, Roberta, and Rose, 9th Grade Parent Network Coordinators

Por favor, contáctenos para nuestro próximo Café de 9º grado para padres, "Año de planificación del segundo año". De 8:30-9:00 AM, Derek Johanson, Jonathan Fidani y Cora Ross, tres de nuestros

maravillosos consejeros de Gunn, dirigirán una serie de preguntas y respuestas informales sobre las selecciones de cursos para el próximo año y más allá. (El curso para estudiantes es una pregunta sobre cómo responder a las preguntas). También nos interesa el tema de los alumnos de 9º grado y socializar de manera informal. Se proporcionará café y aperitivos ligeros para el desayuno. Esperamos verle allí!  
--Jen, Masha, Roberta y Rose, Coordinadores de la Red de Padres de 9º grado

### **College Readiness Testing for the CSU & Why the CAASPP Testing Is Important** **Pruebas de preparación para la universidad para la CSU y por qué es importante la prueba CAASPP**

*Tue, Feb 19, 7 PM, Library*

*Martes, 19 de febrero, 7 pm, biblioteca*

Manager of College Readiness Programs at San Jose State University Tom Reisz, will discuss academic readiness and placement in math and English by taking the Early Assessment Program(EAP) test in the CAASPP. The EAP program (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gc/hs/eapindex.asp>) is a way for the CSUs to determine where to place students after acceptance in math and english. It will not determine whether students are accepted, but will be used after.

El Gerente de Programas de Preparación Universitaria en la Universidad Estatal de San José, Tom Reisz, hablará sobre la preparación académica y la ubicación en matemáticas e inglés mediante la prueba del Programa de Evaluación Temprana (EAP) en el CAASPP. El programa EAP (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gc/hs/eapindex.asp>) es una manera para que las CSU determinen dónde ubicar a los estudiantes después de ser aceptados en matemáticas e inglés. No será aceptado, pero será usado después.

### **Section 2: Nikki**

#### **Work Experience Program at Lockheed Martin**

*Application Deadline: Mon, Mar 4, 3 PM*

Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Solar and Astrophysics Center has been collaborating for over 30 years with PAUSD to provide a Science Work Experience Program in a research environment. Students must be in their junior year when they apply. For more information, click [here](#). Contact Theresa McDermott, Work Experience Education Teacher Coordinator, [tmcdermott@pausd.org](mailto:tmcdermott@pausd.org), if you have questions.

#### **Gunn Community Service Day: Adult and Student Volunteer Signups Open NOW!**

*Thu, Mar 7, 8:00 AM-2:15 PM (times will vary depending on the service opportunity you choose)*

Each year, Youth Community Service (YCS) sponsors the popular Gunn Service Day. YCS-Interact and Key Club students are working very hard to make this day happen. This year there will be on and off-campus service projects for students and for adult chaperones. For off-campus service projects, students will travel in buses to various service sites such as pre-schools, parks, or soup kitchens. MANY adult chaperones are ESSENTIAL to accompany the student-led teams. Please visit the [Gunn website](#) for more information and to sign up. Questions: [nhesterman@pausd.org](mailto:nhesterman@pausd.org) and [ashley@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:ashley@youthcommunityservice.org).

### **Section 3: Joseph**

#### **FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE:**

#### **Announcing Gunn's New Social Justice Pathway: American Values in Action**

*Registration for next year begins Feb 2*

Ninth graders can register now for a place in this new, multi-disciplinary, 3-year program in which students will learn the history of justice, freedom and equality in our country, and will acquire the leadership skills to take action for positive change in their communities. We are looking for students with diverse skills, viewpoints (not just liberal) and backgrounds who believe in the values our country was

built on. Honors credit available for English classes. For more information, please contact your student's counselor or check this year's catalog for the Social Justice Pathway. To sign up, students choose 10th grade Social Studies and English classes with the "SJP" letters after the course names. If you have questions, find us at the Elective Fair, or reach us at [lnavarro@pausd.org](mailto:lnavarro@pausd.org).

## Section 4: Edward

### **RT 88 Bus Schedule Adjustments for Feb 11-13**

*Mon, Feb 11 (Special Dismissal 2:15 PM)*

School trippers will depart Vets Hospital at 2:23 PM (88M) and 2:25 PM (88L). An additional N/B 88 trip to Middlefield/Colorado will depart Vets Hospital at 2:27 PM.

*Tue, Feb 12, and Wed, Feb 13 (3:35 PM Dismissal)*

School trippers will depart Vets Hospital at 3:43 pM (88M) and 3:45 PM (88L). An additional N/B 88 trip to Middlefield/Colorado will depart Vets Hospital at 3:47 PM.

### **GunnHacks 5.0 Registration Now Open**

*Sat, Feb 23, 7 AM-10 PM, N Building*

We are excited to host the fifth iteration of our school hackathon, GunnHacks 5.0, which will be held on Saturday, February 23, 7am to 10pm. You'll have the opportunity to work in teams of up to four to create cool projects and make your ideas a reality. We welcome high school students of all skill levels. Food and refreshments will be provided. Prizes will be given to the best projects. To apply or learn more about GunnHacks 5.0, please visit <https://gunnhacks.com/>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [ghshacks@gmail.com](mailto:ghshacks@gmail.com).

## PAUSD & PTAC

### **\*\*NEW\*\* EACH FRIDAY! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update**

Read Dr. Don Austin's Weekly Board Update, published new each Friday <https://www.pausd.org/news>.

Ajustes de autobuses RT 88 para febrero 11-13

Lunes, 11 de febrero (despido especial a las 2:15 pm)

Los participantes de la escuela saldrán del Hospital Vets a las 2:23 PM (88M) y a las 2:25 PM (88L). Un viaje adicional N / B 88 a Middlefield / Colorado saldrá del Hospital Vets a las 2:27 PM.

Martes, 12 de febrero y miércoles, 13 de febrero (a las 3:35 PM, despido)

Los participantes de la escuela saldrán del Hospital Vets a las 3:43 pM (88M) y a las 3:45 PM (88L). Un viaje adicional N / B 88 a Middlefield / Colorado saldrá del Hospital Vets a las 3:47 PM.

Gunn Hacks 5.0 Inscripciones ya abiertas

Sábado, 23 de febrero, 7 am-10 pm, edificio N

Nos complace presentar la quinta iteración de nuestro hackathon escolar, Gunn Hacks 5.0, que se llevará a cabo el sábado 23 de febrero, de 7 am a 10 pm. Tendrá la oportunidad de trabajar en equipos de hasta cuatro personas para crear proyectos geniales y hacer realidad sus ideas. Damos la bienvenida a los estudiantes de secundaria de todos los niveles. Se proporcionarán alimentos y refrescos. Se entregarán premios a los mejores proyectos. Para solicitar u obtener más información sobre Gunn Hacks 5.0, visite <https://gunnhacks.com/>. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en contactar con nosotros en [ghshacks@gmail.com](mailto:ghshacks@gmail.com).

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**\*\* NUEVO \*\* CADA VIERNES!** Actualización semanal de la Junta del Superintendente  
Lea la actualización semanal de la Junta del Dr. Don Austin, que se publica cada viernes  
<https://www.pausd.org/news>.

## Section 5: Niki

### **\*\*NEW\*\* PTAC Special Meeting: Stanford G.U.P.: FULLY MITIGATE**

On Wednesday, PTAC held a Special Meeting for the General Association focusing on the Stanford G.U.P. A number of resource materials were provided to all school communities, PTAs and PTSAs. We heard from Teachers' Union (Teri Baldwin), CSEA (Meb Steiner), PAUSD Board (Dr. Jennifer DiBrienza) and PAUSD Superintendent (Dr. Don Austin), Nixon PTA President (Matthew Hayes), Palo Verde PTA President (Karolina Werner), Safe Routes To School Committee (Peter Phillips), and others. The association had a robust discussion on the issue of the largest development in the history of the County, and developed a strategies around letter writing campaigns to Stanford University and County Board Supervisors, via electronic and paper format. Each school community is choosing to do their own letter or letters addressing a focus that mostly impact them, e.g., Nixon PTA (focus on after-school child care). All PTAC provided resource material, including PTAC Fact Sheet, as well as email addresses are posted and update on the PTAC website. Go here to read more: [www.paloaltopta.org](http://www.paloaltopta.org).

### **\*\*NEW\*\* PTAC General Association Meeting with Special Guest Supervisor Joe Simitian**

*Wed, Feb 13, 9-11 AM, District Office Board Room, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto*

Please join us. We welcome all. We invited Santa Clara County Board Supervisor, Joe Simitian, to speak to us about the Teacher Housing and Update on the Stanford GUP Development Agreement. You don't want to miss this.

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Call to Action: Please Sign the Petition**

Palo Alto PTA Council **URGES YOU TO TAKE ACTION**. Parents, teachers, staff, PAUSD students, Palo Alto neighbors, and colleagues, too! Please sign the online petition to speak up and voice your concerns. The message is simple: **STANFORD TO SAFEGUARD OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION WITH FULL MITIGATION**. PAUSD students who come with no tax dollars for their education in a public school is just not right. **FULL MITIGATION** will safeguard our children's education now and for future generations of school children. Please [sign the petition!](#)

### **2019 Annual CAC Sweetheart Awards: Call for Nominations**

*Nomination form due: Thu, Feb 14*

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, administrator, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, coach, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something (however large or small) for your special needs child with an IEP or 504? Honor that person by nominating him or her for a CAC Sweetheart Award. Submit nominations using this [online form](#) before Thursday, February 14th (early submissions welcome). The Awards Ceremony will be on Wednesday, February 27th from 6-8 PM at Nixon Elementary School. For more information or questions contact [sweethearts.award@gmail.com](mailto:sweethearts.award@gmail.com) or go to [www.cacpaloalto.org](http://www.cacpaloalto.org). Co-sponsored by Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs.

## Section 7: Hannah

### **Parent Ed Night: Learn the Basic ABCs About LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Wed, Mar 13, 7 PM, Fletcher Middle School, MP Rm, 655 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto*

This [Parent Ed event](#) is organized by the Fletcher Middle School PTA and staff, and is open/relevant to anyone, not just Fletcher families. Our event will be about understanding gender identities, sexual orientation, how to support LGBTQ+ youth in our community, and more. Open to all families with the purpose of supporting youth so we can be an inclusive and WELCOMING community. Translation

(Spanish and Mandarin) available if requested 3 days in advance. Please email [klee@pausd.org](mailto:klee@pausd.org) to request. Special guests include Miriam Stevenson (PAUSD's Director of Student Services), Valerie Royaltey-Quandt (Greene Middle School Principal), Melissa Howell (Fletcher Middle School Principal), Diana Hernandez and Ryan Fouts (Project Outlet Education Coordinator and Program Director), Shounak Dharap (PAUSD Board of Education member), Sally G. (former PAUSD parent), and Julian G. (former PAUSD student). Also available: City and school library resource tables and great prizes! Have a question you'd like addressed? [Fill out this anonymous form](#) by Monday, 3/11/19.

### **Educación para los padres: aprenda cosas para los jóvenes que son LGBTQ+**

*El miércoles, el trece de marzo, siete en la tarde, Fletcher Middle School, MP Rm, 655 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto*

Este [evento para los padres](#) es por el maestros de Fletcher escuela. Todos pueden asisten, no solo los familias de Fletcher. Este evento es para entender la identidad de género, la orientación sexual, y cómo apoyar el comunidad de LGBTQ+. Si quieres apoyes el comunidad de jóvenes que son LGBTQ+, asistes porque estamos un comunidad inclusivo. Si quieres un traducción de el repartir, por favor notifiocas tres días antes de el evento. Email [klee@pausd.org](mailto:klee@pausd.org) por un traducción. Hay invitados especiales incluye Miriam Stevenson (el director para los servicios para estudiantes), Valerie Royaltey-Quandt (el director de el escuela Greene), Mellis Howell (el director de el escuela Fletcher), Diana Hernandez y Ryan Fouts (directores de el proyecto Outlet), Shounak Dharap (PAUSD miembro), Sally G. (anterior padre de una estudiante de PAUSD), y Julian G. (anterior estudiante de PAUSD). También hay mesas de recursos y buenos premios. Si tienes una pregunta, completes [esto](#) antes de lunes, el once de marzo.

## Section 8:Annetta

# Community

### **2019 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair**

*Sun, Feb 24, 2-5 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto*

The Palo Alto Chinese Community cordially invite you and your family to celebrate 2019 Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig. This fourth annual Chinese New Year Fair features performances of Chinese folk music, instruments, and dances by students from the Palo Alto Unified School District and local talents. The fun and festive celebration showcases Chinese art, cultural exhibitions, game booths, delicious foods and many more! The event admission is free and all proceeds from activities, food, etc will be donated to support the Palo Alto schools. We look forward to seeing students, parents, teachers, staff, neighbors, and friends. This large-scale event is organized by the Palo Alto Chinese Parents Community in collaboration with the City of Palo Alto and Palo Alto Council of PTAs. Parking is limited, so please walk, bike, or share a ride.

### **Rise Together Education's Annual Fundraising Gala**

*Fri, Mar 15, 7-11 PM, Domenico Winery, 1697 Industrial Rd, San Carlos*

Please join us for an evening of friendship, wine tasting, dinner, and dancing. Win vacation accommodations, dinner at local restaurants, and priceless experiences bidding on over 50 silent auction items. Let's raise our paddles during the live auction to raise funds for high achieving, low income Palo Alto students to assist with their plans to attend and graduate from a 4year college program. Buy your tickets today! Put together a table of ten! Early Bird Pricing ends February 28. Tickets can also be purchased with a check made payable to Rise Together Education Inc and sent to 380 Hamilton Avenue, P.O. Box 29, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Buy tickets [here](#). Click [here](#) for a sneak peek at the auction catalog.

## Section 9: Eileen

## **Volunteer! An Hour a Week Could Change a K-5 Student's Life**

### **¡Haga trabajo voluntario! Una Hora Cada Semana Puede Cambiar la Vida de un Estudiante de Primaria**

Over 80% of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park students are performing below grade level in reading and math.

Más que 80% estudiantes de Palo Alto del Este y Menlo Park del Este están realizando debajo de sus niveles grados en las matemáticas en en la lectura.

As a classroom volunteer, you will work with the same teacher and student every week for an hour during the school year.

Si es voluntario de clase, trabajará con el mismo maestro y estudiante cada semana por una hora durante el año de la escuela.

It's an opportunity to build a relationship with a student and impact his or her life.

Es una oportunidad construir una relación con un estudiante y afectar su vida.

All Students Matter provides training and coordinates logistics with you and your schedule in mind.

Todos los Estudiantes Son Importantes provee entrenamiento y coordina logística con usted y su horario.

Sign up now and start mid-September.

Inscríbese ahora y empieza en el medio de Septiembre.

Learn more [here](#), sign up to volunteer [here](#), or you're welcome to contact Keri Tully ([keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com)).

Aprenda más [aquí](#) y inscríbese para hacer trabajo voluntario [aquí](#), o puede contactar a Keri Tully ([keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com)).

You can make a real difference!

¡Puede hacer una diferencia real!

## **FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE:**

### **DESDE LA EDICIÓN ANTERIOR:**

#### **Nominate Great People for Awards**

#### **Nomine Personas Buenas Para Premios**

*Deadline for nominations: Mar 1*

*Vencimiento para nombramientos: 1 de marzo*

Each year the Palo Alto Council of PTAs may bestow one of several California State PTA Honorary Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth in our community.

Cada año el consejo de Palo Alto de PTAs puede dar uno de tantos premios de servicio honorífico de California PTA a individuales o organizaciones que mostraron servicio espectacular a niños y la juventud en nuestra comunidad.

The individuals or organization nominated must make far-reaching, notable contributions.

Los individuales o organizaciones nominados deben hacer contribuciones notables y trascendentes.

The PTA Council HSA Committee selects persons or groups who have benefited children and youth on a district-wide or Palo Alto community level.

El comité HSA del consejo de PTA selecciona personas o grupos que benefician a los niños y la juventud en un barrio o en el nivel de la comunidad de Palo Alto.

We also have awards that honor exceptional PTA volunteers at the unit (school) level.

También tenemos premios que honrar voluntarios de PTA excepcionales al nivel de unidad (escuela).

If you know of someone or an organization that deserves to be honored, please complete this form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Kgm6mkkURvCdIGV13>.

Si conoces a alguno o una organización que merece ser honrado, por favor complete este formulario:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Kgm6mkkURvCdIGV13>.

Recipients will be announced at our Honorary Service Award Reception on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

Receptores será anunciado en nuestra recepción de premios de servicio honorífico en jueves, 25 de abril del 2019.

Visit here past recipients: <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/honorary-service-awards/>.

Visite aquí para ver receptores pasados: <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/honorary-service-awards/>.