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08/01/2013	El Carmelo Elementary	<p data-bbox="414 126 1006 157">Subject: El Carmelo - Start of school confirmation</p> <p data-bbox="414 231 714 262">Dear El Carmelo parents</p> <p data-bbox="414 294 1421 472">I hope you have enjoyed your summer vacation! The school staff is busy preparing for the students' return on August 15th. As part of this preparation we are reviewing class placements and need to know if your plans have changed and your student(s) will not be attending El Carmelo for the 2013-14 school year. Please let us know right away if this is the case by phoning 650-856-0960 or emailing Jennifer (jfernandez@pausd.org) or Ginny (vnagao@pausd.org).</p> <p data-bbox="414 493 1404 525">Class lists will be posted on the office window after 4:00PM on Tuesday, August 13.</p> <p data-bbox="414 556 706 588">Thank you for your help!</p> <p data-bbox="414 619 941 651">Chuck Merritt, principal, cmerritt@pausd.org</p>
08/02/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p data-bbox="414 682 1104 714">Subject: Gunn Gym Grand Opening and new building tour</p> <p data-bbox="414 787 1250 819">Commemorate Your Student or Family Forever in the New Gunn Gym!</p> <p data-bbox="414 850 1421 1029">At the Gunn Gym Grand Opening on August 18th you will have the first opportunity to purchase a beautiful commemorative Donor Appreciation Wall plaque to honor your Gunn student athlete or family! You will be able to choose from 3 different sizes and price ranges (from \$350 to \$1500), all with lettering of your choice. This is a unique Gunn Boosters fundraiser with proceeds going toward supporting all of our Gunn Athletic Programs.</p> <p data-bbox="414 1060 1421 1270">Located in the foyer of our new gym, the Donor Appreciation Wall will be an impressive, highly visible permanent display. Please note that there are only a total of 214 plaques available and they will probably sell quickly. We're accepting all orders on a first come, first served basis which will determine the location placement of your plaque (we're filling left to right, top to bottom). Those attending the Grand Opening will have the advantage of being able to purchase first and on the spot, so make sure to mark your calendars and bring your credit card!</p> <p data-bbox="414 1291 1404 1354">Those not able to attend the Grand Opening will be able to purchase plaques online afterward through our Donor Appreciation Wall Fundraiser website (coming soon).</p> <p data-bbox="414 1375 1380 1501">Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to have your student athlete or family remembered forever in the new Gunn Gym! For more information, please visit our Sports Boosters website at http://www.gunnsportsboosters.com/gunn-</p> <p data-bbox="414 1617 1421 1827">In addition to the Titan Gym Gala, you will be able to walkthrough our newest 58,000 square foot classroom building, the new Titan Village. This two-story classroom facility contains 28 classrooms, two computer labs, including our new Marvell Innovation Lab, and the Math and English department offices. Some classrooms, the Marvell Lab and the courtyard and surrounding grounds will be open! Representatives from Marvell Semiconductor and Kinoma Software will be available in the Marvell Lab to answer questions.</p>
	Nixon Elementary School	<p data-bbox="414 1858 990 1890">Subject: Nixon Update Requirement before 8/15</p>

All redactions are for the following reason: Invasion of privacy - Private contact information (6254c)

08/02/2013	Nixon Elementary School	<p>Hello Nixon Families -</p> <p>We have just 10 families that have not yet completed their Annual Data Update. This requirement must be completed before returning to school in August. If you are receiving this email, you have not yet completed this task and we are now past the deadline. Please note that you will need to go through each page until you get to the end to submit, even if there are no changes.</p> <p>For assistance, please contact Infinite Campus at infinitecampus@pausd.org or call 650-329-3796. Appointments will be available for families who do not have computer access or still need further assistance. We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.</p> <p>Hope you are enjoying your summer. Thank you.</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
08/03/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	Subject: Picture Day 2013-14

08/03/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Dear Gunn Students and Families,</p> <p>This year, we will be taking all school photos on Wednesday, August 14th, the day before our first day of instruction. Photos will be taken in the new Titan Gymnasium!</p> <p>In order to ensure there is ample time for each group, the students have been scheduled for their photos in the following shifts:</p> <p>Sophomore Class: 8:00am - 10:00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> &middot; Sophomores with last name A-L arrive between 8:00 - 9:00 AM &middot; Sophomores with last name M-Z arrive between 9:00-10:00 AM <p>Junior Class: 10:00am - 12:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> &middot; Juniors with last name A-L arrive between 10:00 - 11:00 AM &middot; Juniors with last name M-Z arrive between 11:00 - 12:00 PM <p>Senior Class: 12:00pm - 2:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> &middot; Seniors with last name A-L arrive between 12:00 - 1:00 PM &middot; Seniors with last name M-Z arrive between 1:00 - 2:00 PM <p>All Freshmen will take pictures during Freshman Orientation!</p> <p>All students will receive their Student ID Card after taking their picture. Students need an ID card to check out textbooks on Friday August 16th. Look for more details about pictures in your back-to-school mailer.</p> <p>Looking forward to seeing all our new and returning Titans on August 14th!</p> <p>The Gunn Administration</p>
08/04/2013	Jane L Stanford Middle School	Subject: JLS -- PANTHER CAMP 2013

08/04/2013	Jane L Stanford Middle School	<p>Greetings!</p> <p>Please sign up for JLS Panther Camp 2013: Event Supervision.</p> <p>Here's how it works in three easy steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/bAv38U 2. Enter your email address (You will NOT need to register for an account on VolunteerSpot.) 3. Sign up! Choose your spots -- VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. <p>NOTE: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. IF you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually: </p> <p>We are looking forward to seeing you during Panther Camp!</p> <p>The Panther Camp Team</p>
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08/05/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Update August 5</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p> <p>Schedules Available online on August 12 at 8:00 PM</p> <p>The 2013-2014 schedules for students for Gunn High School will be available online on Infinite Campus on August 12 at 8:00 PM. This week all schedules are being at looked by the counseling department to make students have the classes they need for graduation and to be eligible to apply for college.</p> <p>Support for Students</p> <p>Our students can experience a wide range of joys and sorrows over the summer months when they are away from the supports our school typically offers. Transitioning back to school can be a challenge for some. To assist with these transitions, the Palo Alto Unified School District is providing counseling and support this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings on the Gunn campus. The providers will be on campus on August 7, 8 and 9 between 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.</p>
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In the first few weeks of school students can count on additional support provided by Gunn counselors and external clinicians. If anybody in the Gunn community would like to access the services that are available this week, please check into the main office and you will be directed to the providers. We encourage anybody who needs counseling to access the services available and are happy to support students' well being.

New Map for Gunn

With the opening of school next week, the new math and English building will be open for students. With 28 classrooms coming online, it's the largest building project at Gunn since the school opened in 1964. Because of all of the construction at Gunn, all buildings on campus have been renamed. To help assist you navigate your way around Gunn, we have included a link to the new map.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/campus-map>

Photo Day

This year Gunn students will take photos on the day before school starts (Wednesday, August 14). All photos will be taken in the new gym.

Here are times for photos.

9th Graders-During Orientation (12:00-4:00 PM)

10th Graders-8:00-10:00 AM

11th Graders-10:00AM-Noon

12th Graders-Noon-2:00 PM

Freshman/New Parent Night on August 12

Next Monday (August 12), Gunn will host a Freshman/New Parent Night in Spangenberg at 7:00 PM. This evening is full of important information for families to better familiar themselves with Gunn High School.

Orientation for Freshmen/Transfers

On August 14, Gunn will host an orientation for all freshmen and transfer students new to Gunn. The orientation is a great opportunity for students to meet new classmates, learn about the great traditions of Gunn and become familiar with the campus.

Orientation will begin at noon on August 14 and all students should report to Spangenberg.

Obligations/Annual Data Update

The Gunn office is now open to take care of any outstanding obligations you might have.

Also, you need to do the Annual Data Update (ADU) on Infinite Campus for your student so their information is accurate on Infinite Campus.

If you do not clear your obligation or complete the ADU, you will not be able to have access on Infinite Campus to see you schedule on August 12.

Zero Period Classes for 2013-2014

This year Gunn will offer the classes listed below as zero period classes. All classes still have space available and if your student is interested in being in one of the classes, please email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org. Zero period classes are optional, however, there are times when students who wish to double up on two subjects in the same discipline in either their junior or senior year or have a G prep, will need to take a zero period class in order to fit in all of their classes.

Here are the Zero period classes for 2013-2014.

Alg2/Trig A

Intro to Analysis Calculus

AP Stats

AB Calculus

AP Econ

PE for 9th Graders

PE for 10th Graders

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

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

tjacoubowsky@pausd.org

Subject: Gunn High School Cheer and Dance Team Try-Outs Information

Dear Gunn Students and Families,

Gunn High School Cheer Team try-outs will be held this Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th on the field from 1pm to 8pm. Participants are asked to bring the Gunn athletic packet (located on the Gunn website) signed and filled out along with their "ticket to play". Participants that cannot make the tryout due to family obligations have an opportunity for a try-out August 31-September 1st, which will be hosted at the same times (1pm-8pm).

Those wishing to participate on the dance team will have an opportunity to try-out August 31-September 1st during the same time as cheer try-outs held in the dance room from 1pm to 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Dancers are asked to provide a physical, athletic packet and their "ticket to play" to day 1 try-outs.

When coming to try-out, please come with:

- hair in a CLEAN pony tail with all hair out of face
- with black soffee shorts, and a red T-shirt on day one and red soffee shorts and a black t-shirt on day 2
- dancers must wear dance shoes and cheerleaders must wear cheer shoes or athletic shoes
- jewelry is NOT permitted or must be covered with skin colored tape or band-aid
- please be on time!

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Thank you for your cooperation!

Michaela Guillory

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: A message from Juana Briones

Good afternoon Briones families, this is Mrs. Hickey. I hope you are all enjoying your summer. The office staff and I are busy finalizing our enrollment and class placement for this upcoming school year and it is more important than ever that our numbers are accurate. Please notify us immediately if your plans for the upcoming school year have changed. It is very important that we know within the next two days if you are not planning on returning to Briones next week. Your cooperation is most

		<p>appreciated.</p> <p>For those families who are returning, we look forward to seeing you next week. You should receive a back to school packet in the mail at the end of this week. Thank you!</p>
	Palo Alto High School	<p>Subject: Comedy Lit UC approved</p> <p>Hi Comedy Lit students,</p> <p>We just want to let you know that Comedy Lit is now a UC and NCAA approved English class.</p> <p>We hope you are having a splendid summer!</p> <p>The Guidance Department</p>
08/06/2013	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: Next week's start of school!</p>

08/06/2013

El Carmelo
Elementary

Dear El Carmelo families,

This is Chuck Merritt, principal of El Carmelo Elementary. I want to extend a warm welcome to all of the new and returning families!

The first day of school is next Thursday, August 15. We look forward to seeing you all that morning. Please be sure to arrive by 8:20am so as to be on time for class starting at 8:25am. Parents that can stay after are invited to join me and other parents on the patio for coffee.

We want to make the opening of school a safe start for everyone, so here are a few traffic tips. First, if it's at all possible, please walk or ride a bike to school since parking here is very limited. We also ask that when dropping off your student from your car, that you drive up to the campus (and not across the street) in the designated drop off zones at Bryant and Ramona.

Our PTA generously buys school supplies each summer so you don't have to. There may be items that you want to buy yourself, like a special colorful binder, but that is optional. The teachers will let you know later of anything that kids and parents sometimes prefer to personalize.

Don't forget to pack a snack and a lunch for your child. There is also a hot lunch option that you can choose but there is no snack food service and that healthy snack can really make your kid's day go well.

I will be sending detailed information to you about the Back to School events. Back to School Night for Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, August 22 and for Grades 1 through 5 will be held on Tuesday, August 27. Look for times and locations in a more detailed message from me or on our website at elcarmelo.pausd.org.

Other important dates:

Sunday, August 11, 2-4 PM New Families Ice Cream Social, Kinder Yard.

Tuesday, August 13, 4 PM Posting of Class Lists and PTA packets, Main Office.

Thursday, August 15, 8:20 AM Arrival for First Day of School! and Parent Coffee on the patio by the Main Office.

Friday, August 16, 8:20 AM, Kinder Parent Coffee in front of Rm 3.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and your kids on Thursday the 15th!

Sincerely,

Chuck Merritt, principal

cmerritt@pausd.org

Palo Alto
High School

Subject: Schedules posted

08/06/2013

Palo Alto
High School

Dear Paly students and parents,

Class schedules have been posted in Infinite Campus!

The guidance counselors will be available to correct errors only on Wednesday, August 7 and Thursday, August 8 according to the schedule below. If you find that you have one of your alternate choices on your schedule, please note that is not an error.

If you are unable to enter the Student Portal, it may be that your Annual Data Update (ADU) with the district has not been completed. Parents, you can enter the Parent Portal to finish the ADU and the Student Portal will be activated in about an hour.

Wednesday, August 7

9th and 10th grade students 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

11th and 12th grade students 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday, August 8

11th and 12th grade students 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

9th and 10th grade students 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

What is an error in a schedule?

Duplicate classes (2 English classes in the same semester)

Two classes that meet during the same period

Incorrect level placement

Missing graduation requirement

Thanks and see you soon!

Paly Guidance Department

Subject: Paly Back to School packet

08/06/2013

Palo Alto
High School

Dear Vikings,

I'm pleased to announce that the Paly Back to School packet has gone digital!

Please go to <http://paly.net/book-page/back-school-information> to view the complete Back-to-School packet.

If you would like a hard copy of the packet, please stop by the main office in the Tower building between 8-4 pm. (Please note we will not be mailing the packet home).

On behalf of the entire Paly staff, we're looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Thursday, August 15th. Until then, enjoy the last few days of summer break.

Most of all, thank you for your generous support,

Kim Diorio

Principal

Palo Alto High School

08/07/2013

Escondido
Elementary
School

Subject: Back to School Message-English

Dear Escondido Families,

Welcome to the 2013 - 2014 school year! As expected, this year will be filled with outstanding instruction, student learning, friendships and community building. Escondido will continue to be a school where all students feel a sense of belonging and their unique personalities, talents and gifts are valued.



In addition to our new families, we welcome new educators to Spanish Immersion: Nicole Taggares at kindergarten, Anai Ramos at first grade, Alejandro Gonzalez at third grade and Cecilia Ortega at fourth grade. These amazing teachers are excited to be members of our community and will continue our rich tradition of providing outstanding instruction in Spanish. As one of the largest elementary schools in the district, with two programs, we have been given additional administrative support. Former Menlo Park Spanish Immersion teacher, Aleyda Barrera, is our new Assistant Principal. She will be on campus two and a half days per week. Each of these educators brings dedication to children, tremendous experience, and a commitment to

teaching and learning. They will add a depth of knowledge and new perspectives to our instructional staff and community.

Room assignments will be posted in the Multipurpose (MP) Room on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 4:00 PM. The PTA will provide a summer treat, so bring the family and join us! Please make sure that you have completed the Infinite Campus (IC) registration process, which includes updating your phone numbers, emergency contacts and student health/allergy information. Per the District's request, class lists will only include the names of students with completed registrations.

The first day of school is Thursday, August 15, 2013. School begins promptly at 8:10 AM. For those of you who drive, please allow yourself extra time for traffic and limited parking on campus. Kindergarten students are dismissed at 12:00 PM. All kindergarten students must be picked up at this time. Grades 1 - 5 are dismissed at 2:45 PM. All students must be picked up immediately after school. When late, please notify our school secretary, Bella Almanzan, at 856-1337. For student safety, only children supervised by an adult can play after school. All unsupervised students will need to wait in the office.

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 5:00 PM. You will meet our instructional staff, learn about the content that will be taught this year, receive information about field trips and volunteer opportunities at Escondido. Childcare will be provided.

Enclosed you will find information about student drop off and pick up. Please review this prior to the first day of school. There is also a list of important upcoming dates and events. Please take a look and mark your calendars!

Some of you will be starting your elementary school experience as a parent for the first time. For others, this will be your last year at Escondido. For most of you, we will have many more years together. May this school year be filled with academic, social and emotional growth for each and every student.

Warm Regards,

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

Escondido Elementary School 2013 Important Upcoming Dates and Events

Room Assignments will be posted on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 4:00 PM

PTA Summer Social: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 4:00 PM

First day of school: Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 8:10 AM

Daily schedule

8:05 AM First Bell

8:10 AM School Begins

10:00 AM Recess

11:55 PM Lunch

1:45 PM Afternoon Recess, grades 1 -­? 3

2:45 PM Dismissal

PTA First Day Coffee: Wednesday, August 15, 2013, 8:00 AM

Back To School Night: Thursday, August 22, 2013

5:00 PM After School Vendor Fair

6:00 PM Teacher Introductions, Principal, PTA and PiE Presentations

6:30 PM Teacher Presentations

For more information about childc

Subject: Back to School Message-Spanish

Queridas familias de Escondido:

Bienvenidos al año escolar 2013-2014! Como ha de esperarse, el año escolar estará lleno de enseñaanza, aprendizaje, amistades y un gran sentido de comunidad. Escondido seguirá siendo una escuela donde todos los estudiantes se sientan incluidos y sus personalidades, talentos y dones serán valorados.



Aparte de darle la bienvenida a nuestras nuevas familias, también le damos la bienvenida a nuevos maestros del programa de inmersión: Nicole Taggares en kínder, Anai Ramos en primer grado, Alejandro Gonzales en tercer grado y Cecilia Ortega en cuarto grado. Estos extraordinarios maestros están muy

emocionados de formar parte de nuestra comunidad y continuar nuestra tradiciøn de proveer la mejor enseña en español. Al ser una de las primarias m´s; grandes en el distrito, con dos programas educativos, nos han dado m´s; apoyo administrativo. Aleyda Barrera, quien anteriormente fue maestra del programa de inmersiøn en español de Menlo Park, ser´s; nuestra nueva subdirectora. Ella estar´s; en la escuela dos días y medio por semana. Cada uno de estos educadores trae una gran dedicaciøn para trabajar con niños, bastante experiencia y un gran compromiso a la enseña y el aprendizaje. Ellos contribuir´s; nuevos conocimientos y perspectivas a nuestra comunidad docente.

Los nús;meros de salones ser´s; puestos afuera del saløn de multiusos el miés;rcoles 14 de agosto a las 4:00 PM. La asociaciøn de padres de familia proveer´s; un retiro de verano, así que por favor traiga a su familia. Por favor asegús;rese de llenar el proceso de matriculaciøn en Infinite Campus (IC), lo cual incluye actualizar su nús;mero de telés;fono, contactos de emergencia e informaciøn de salud y alergias. El distrito escolar requiere que las listas de clases sølo incluyan los estudiantes que se han matriculado.

El primer día de clases ser´s; el jueves 15 de agosto. Las clases empiezan a las 8:10 AM. Si usted maneja, por favor asegús;rese de dejar suficiente tiempo para el tr´s;fico y para encontrar estacionamiento. Los estudiantes de Kínder salen a las 12:00 PM y tienen que ser recogidos a esta hora. Los estudiantes en los grados 1-5 salen a las 2:45. Todos los estudiantes deben ser recogidos inmediatamente después;s de clases. Si usted llega tarde a recoger a su hijo, por favor llame a la secretaria Bella Almanzan al 856-1337. Por seguridad, sølo los estudiantes que son acompañados por un adulto pueden jugar después;s de clases. Todo los estudiantes sin supervisiøn deben esperar en la oficina.

La Noche de regreso a clases o "Back to School Night," ser´s; el 22 de agosto a las 5:00 PM. Usted conocer´s; a todo el equipo docente, aprender´s; sobre el contenido que ser´s; enseñado este año y tambiés; recibir´s; informaciøn sobre paseos y oportunidades de voluntariado en Escondido. Se proveer´s; cuidado de niños.

Adjunto encontrar´s; informaciøn sobre como dejar y recoger a sus hijos en la escuela. Por favor repase esta informaciøn antes del primer día de clases. Tambiés; encontrar´s; una lista de fechas y eventos especiales. Por favor marquen sus calendarios.

Para algunos de ustedes es su primera experiencia como padres de estudiantes de primaria. Para algunos otros, este ser´s; su ús;ltimo año en Escondido. Para la mayoría de ustedes, tendremos muchos m´s;s años juntos. Espero que este año este lleno de crecimiento acadés;mico, emocional y social para cada estudiante.

Saludos cordiales,

Danaés; L. Reynolds, M.Ed.
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Escuela Primaria de Escondido 2013 Eventos y Fechas Importantes

Nu?meros de salones sera?n puestos el mie?rcoles 14 de agosto del 2013 a las 4:00 PM

Retiro de la asociacio?n de padres de familia: mie?rcoles 14 de agosto a las 4:00 PM

Primer di?a de clases: jueves 15 de agosto del 2013 a las 8:10 AM

Horario del di?a

8:05 AM Primera campana

8:10 AM Las clases empiezan

10:00 AM Recreo

11:55 PM Almuerzo

1:45 PM Segundo recreo, grados 1 -­? 3

2:45 PM Salida

Cafe? del primer di?a con la asociacio?n de padres de familia: mie?rcoles 15 de agosto del 2013 a las 8:00 AM

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**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: Sign up for the Paly Link!

Dear Parents,

Don't forget to sign up for the Paly Link eNews!

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs081/1102270631099/archive/1107256857307.html>

If you have multiple students at Paly, please be sure to sign up for each student's class, because there may be rare, but important, class-specific emails. Don't worry, you will still receive only ONE copy of each Paly Link.

Thank you for your continued support.

Go Vikings!

08/09/2013

**Barron Park
Elementary
School**

Subject: Back to school welcome from Principal Magdalena

Dear Barron Park families,

Happy New School Year!

We are excited about the learning in our classrooms and enrichment programs such as science lessons from the Junior Museum, SPECTRA art lessons, as well as Spanish Lessons, supported by our PTA and PiE. Our teachers will continue to enhance our use of technology throughout the school.

Our PTA is hosting a Back to School/Newcomer Treasure Hunt on Wednesday August 14th at 1:30 p.m. Class lists will be posted outside the office at 3:00 p.m., and our Kindergarten Open House is from 3:00-4:00. We hope you will join us for these special events. You will want to pick up packets with our new Handbook, information about important PTA membership and activities, PiE donation forms, and flyers for after school programs.

I want to inform you that we have a new schedule for students - all students K-5th grade will begin class Monday-Friday at 8:15am. Our Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:50 through October 11th; beginning October 14th, their dismissal will be at 2:30 p.m. Dismissal for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students is 2:35, and for 4th and 5th grade is 2:45. Wednesday will continue to be a minimum day with a 1:30 dismissal.

If your child will purchase brunch at morning recess or lunch at noon, please note that prices have changed. Brunch is \$2.50 and Lunch is \$4.25; the reduced prices are 30 cents and 40 cents respectively. Please visit the Meal Plan tab on the PAUSD web site for menus and additional information.

<http://pausd.org/parents/services/mealplans/>

Parents, please join the PTA and me for coffee and treats after our opening assembly on Thursday, August 15th. School starts at 8:15 and we will have our assembly on the blacktop at 8:35.

See you soon!

Principal Magdalena Fittoria

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08/09/2013

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See you soon!

Principal Magdalena Fittoria

**Duveneck
Elementary
School**

Subject: Duveneck - Welcome to the 2013-14 School Year!

Dear Duveneck Families,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! I hope you have had a relaxing and happy summer, and I am very excited to continue working with you as Duveneck's Principal. The construction teams, our custodians and our teachers have been working tirelessly to prepare for what will be a wonderful year.

Please join me in welcoming new faces to our Community of Dragons. Also, please review the new locations of the staff members below.

New Faces to the Duveneck Staff:

Erika Gardiner, School Psychologist, Office

Rosalie Bergman, Counseling Therapist, Office

Jonathan Lagarejos, Technology Support

Tara Keith, Inclusion TOSA

Ginna Park, Part-Time Second Grade Teacher, Rm. 8

Changes & Relocations within the Duveneck Staff:

Carolyn Jones, from Kinder to Grade 3, Rm. 15

Jodi Gutierrez, from Grade 4 to Grade 3, Rm. 13

Cathy Hsu, Grade 4, relocated to Rm. 10

What is going on with the Duveneck Website?

As you may have noticed, our website is currently down. I have been working with the IT Department to get our website rebuilt as quickly as possible, however, it may take a couple more days. Ultimately, our new address will be www.duveneck.pausd.org. In the meantime, I have included the same important start-up information that was mailed to you earlier this week. If you have any questions, please let me know.

The Duveneck staff and I are looking forward to seeing you and your children very soon!

Sincerely,

Chris Grierson

Duveneck Principal

Important Information for the start of the 2013-14 School Year:

Duveneck PTA Back To School Packets and Classroom Assignments:

Important Back-To-School materials and information will be distributed on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Students' classroom assignments will be posted on classroom doors, and their assignment information will be on their Back To School Folder as well. Please join us on Wednesday afternoon for this celebratory return to school!

First Day of School: August 15, 2013

School begins Thursday, August 15, at 8:05 AM, with dismissal at 2:35 PM for grades 1-5, and 11:45 AM for kinder students. On Wednesdays, students in grades 1-5 are dismissed at 1:05 PM, and kindergarten students will still be dismissed at 11:45 AM, until their extended day schedules begin in October. All students in Grades 1-5 need to either bring a lunch from home or purchase a lunch here at school.

After you have dropped off your student(s), please plan to join us for our traditional First Day Coffee at 8:05 AM, followed by our 2013 Opening Day Ceremony on the blacktop at 8:30 AM.

Duveneck Supply Lists:

While the school provides most instructional materials and texts, some personal supplies are requested. These grade-level specific supply lists are attached to this message. If, for any reason, you are unable to purchase these items, the school will be happy to provide these items for your child.

Medical Forms:

Over-the-counter and prescription medications cannot be distributed or brought to school unless forms signed by a parent and the child's pediatrician are on file. All necessary forms are accessible through the PAUSD website, via "Health Services" in the drop-down short cut menu.

Attendance:

Please report all absences to the school office. Parents and guardians must call the office at 322-5946, Extension 1, before 8:45 AM on the day of a child's absence. Attendance messages can be left on Extension 1 when the office is closed. Duveneck office hours are 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM during the school day.

Duveneck Nut Policy:

Since many of our children suffer from a variety of allergies, our school's policy has been to make Kindergarten and First Grade "Nut-Free" zones, meaning that nuts of any kind, including Peanut Butter, are not allowed at school. Second Grade and beyond have specific nut-free tables where children can eat if they choose.

Dogs on Campus:

No dogs are allowed on campus for the first two weeks of school. After that, dogs are allowed during drop-off and pick-up times, but only if the dog is secured by a leash held by an adult, and kept away from the red top, picnic areas and play structures. Always clean up after your pets, and encourage others to do so too.

Partners in Education (PiE):

This community foundation is an essential part of our district and school funding, supplementing our budget by \$204,637 this year. Used to help fund regular classroom aides, Junior Museum programs, and instruction through the Spectra Art program, PiE funds help provide a stable educational experience when many other California districts have eliminated programs thought once to be secure.

This year, PiE's suggested donation is \$800 per student. A challenge grant will match your donation (dollar-for-dollar) through August 31, 2013. Please consider making an early donation in order to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information, please visit the PiE website at www.papie.org

Traffic Around Duveneck:

Because this is a heavily traveled and congested area, please take careful note of these traffic requests, specifically designed to keep each of our children safe. Due to our school's construction project and the city's storm drain improvement, we have to be extra diligent.

Crosswalks are located at the intersections of Dana and Newell, Alester and Dana,

and at the corner of Alester and Channing. Please observe the crosswalk lines at all times.

Vehicular traffic on Dana Avenue and Heather is strongly discouraged, as these streets are especially narrow and/or used by students biking to Jordan Middle School. Please use the pedestrian safety flags at the Heather and Channing and at Dana and Alester intersections.

U-Turns and double-parking on Channing Avenue are illegal and will subject you to ticketing by Palo Alto Police Department.

Bicycling is encouraged; racks are located near the Library.

Please make every effort to walk, roll, or bike to school. Fewer cars on the streets help keep our children safe.

Once our new website is launched, everyone will be able to see our Safe Routes to School Map. For more information regarding the Safe Routes initiative, please visit: www.cityofpaloalto.org/saferoutes

Construction Update:

The Duveneck site has experienced many changes this summer. We have start

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Grand Opening Celebration of Gunn's New Titan Gym and Training Center

Please join us at the Grand Opening Celebration of
Gunn's New Titan Gym and Titan Training Center

Sponsored by Gunn Sports Boosters
with support from Gunn High School and PAUSD

Sunday, August 18th

2:00-4:00 pm

BBQ (pre-order) 1:30 pm

Visit the Gunn Sports Boosters webpage for more details about the BBQ,
Grand Opening of the Titan Gym and Titan Training Center,
and the Donor Appreciation Wall (DAW) Fundraiser.

<http://www.gunnsportsboosters.com>

1:30 pm BBQ for those interested, quantities are limited

2:20 pm Ribbon Cutting and Opening Ceremony of Titan Gym

Special Guest Speakers including the introduction of Gunn's new Athletic
Director

Entertainment provided by members of the Gunn Band and the Gunn Cheerleaders

Representatives of Gunn's Fall, Winter, and Spring sports will be on hand for

questions

Tours of the Titan Gym and Titan Training Center as well as all Athletic Facilities

Walk through new Titan Village, the 58,000 square foot, 2-story classroom building featuring the

Marvell Innovation Lab with representatives from Marvell Semiconductor and Kinoma Software in the lab to answer questions

First opportunity to purchase commemorative plaque to be displayed in the foyer of the Titan Gym. Proceeds from the Donor Appreciation Wall (DAW) fundraiser will benefit all of Gunn's Athletic Programs

Questions regarding the BBQ or Grand Opening can [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Questions regarding the DAW can be directed to

[REDACTED]

Go Gunn Titans!

08/11/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Subject: Special Update from Gunn Counseling

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is a special update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

Freshman/New Parent Night on August 12

On Monday (August 12), Gunn will host a Freshman/New Parent Night in Spangenberg at 7:00 PM. This evening is full of important information for families to better familiar themselves with Gunn High School.

Changes for the Gunn Counseling Department for 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 school year promises to be a very rewarding one for the Gunn community as we're greatly expanding counseling services. We are very fortunate to have new outstanding counselors who all bring a wealth of talent and experience to our counseling team. In addition, we have done some restructuring that will allow for better counseling services for all of our students.

Some of the changes for this year; Lisa Kaye will be our lead counselor for the department, we have four new counselors joining our team and we're expanding our College and Career Center in a new location.

Lisa Kaye, Bill Christensen and Myesha Compton will continue to see the majority of the students they have had on their caseloads and we're very pleased to bring on board Molly Michaelis, Challis Michael, Derek Johanson, and Deanna Mistele, to our counseling team.

Molly Michaelis, who has worked at Lowell and Leadership High School, will be taking over Jovi Johnston's caseload as Jovi will be at Terman this year. Molly and Jovi have met to go over students and will continue to be in contact to ensure the smoothest transition for the students.

Jessica Oei let us know two weeks ago that she will not be returning and we were very fortunate to be able to get Challis Michael, who has been a counselor at Carlmont and Terra Nova High School, to come in and join our counseling team. She will be working with the students that Jessica had last year.

Coming from Fremont High School is Deanna Mistele, who will take over Linda Kirsch's caseload and we also bring on board Derek Johanson, who has worked in Long Beach, Vallejo and Redding and brings a variety of experiences to our counseling team. Derek will be taking over many of Monica Espinoza's students and will team up with Myesha Compton on College Pathways of which Monica will be overseeing.

This year marks the launch of our expanded College and Career Center located in M-3, the portable in the parking lot by the bike cages. Linda Kirsch, Monica Espinoza and Leighton Lang will be working with students on post secondary possibilities. Linda and Monica are working closely with Deanna and Derek on transition of their students as they will no longer be having caseloads but rather will be taking a large part of the college counseling education for our students. This will free up more time for the caseload counselors to get to know their students and have more contacts.

In addition, counselors are also planning on visiting the classrooms to make more connections with students and staff.

We're all excited about the upcoming year and make sure to drop by the counseling office to meet the new counselors and also take a trip to M-3 and visit the new College and Career Center.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Subject: Gunn Gym Grand Opening- corrected weblink

Dear Gunn Families,

It has come to our attention the link pasted in the Gunn Gym Grand Opening invitation does not open the page. Please use the following correct links to access the Gunn Sports Boosters webpage. Also, please be sure to get your order in for the BBQ if you are interested in purchasing. Quantities are limited and we will not be offering many "walk-ups" the day of the event. The deadline to order your BBQ is Tuesday, August 13th.

Thank you!

Gunn Sports Boosters webpage:

<http://www.gunnsportsboosters.com/>

Subject: RE: Welcome to 2013-2014

Dear Students and Gunn Families,

WELCOME BACK, WELCOME HOME! As the new school year is upon us, we welcome back our returning students and offer a special welcome to the class of 2017 --our newest Titans! Thanks to our community's generosity, our students will enjoy three new facilities this year--Titan Gym, Titan Village, and the new World Languages building.

I am extremely excited to begin the 2013-2014 academic year. By now, all families should have received the summer/back-to-school packet through the US mail. If you are new to the district or just registered in late July or early August and did not receive the packet, you can find the packet materials available on the website. Please read and review the packet carefully as there is a lot of important information regarding the start of school.

Please note--student schedules will be made available on Infinite Campus Monday, August 12 after 6:00PM. If you cannot log on to your Infinite Campus account, the login page does contain information on next steps. If your student has outstanding book obligations or if you did not update your information (ADU), your student(s) will be blocked from viewing their schedule(s). Book obligations can be cleared in the library or main office during regular hours.

Reminders:

a) Photo Day is Wednesday, August 14 in the new Titan Gym. ALL students are required to take a school photo, but purchasing a picture packet is optional.

Students ALSO have the opportunity to turn in checks and forms from the summer/back-to-school packet (at Titan Gym).

Photo Day Schedule:

-9th grade (as part of orientation 12:00-4:00PM)

-10th grade (8:00-10:00AM)

-11th grade (10:00-12:00PM)

-12th grade (12:00-2:00PM)

b) Textbook Distribution is Friday, August 16--please bring your school ID (Previous year's ID card and/or middle school ID card is OK).

c) Please remember that the Miranda entrance is not set up for student drop-off. Please use the main student drop-off area at the Arastradero main entrance.

d) Please encourage your student(s) to ride their bicycle to school and remember helmet safety. Don't forget your locks!

e) The Welcome Back Dance is Friday, August 23 on the Quad from 7:30-10:30PM--tickets will be sold at the door.

f) Tutorial period is every Tuesday and students have the opportunity to meet with their teachers and get help. Please strongly encourage your student to attend Tutorial every Tuesday. I ask for your support by scheduling medical appointments and/or other activities after the Tutorial period, 3:35PM. Thank you!

g) Gunn has a great website with many resources. Please pay particular attention to the school calendar--with all events and activities listed. As a result of construction and our new facilities, all our buildings and classrooms have been re-numbered. Please review the NEW GUNN map:

<http://gunn.pausd.org/campus-map>

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08/12/2013

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Gunn High School
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Subject: New to Gunn Student Orientation- Wednesday August 14th, 12-4pm

Dear Students New to Gunn,

Please come on Wednesday August 14th from 12-4pm to our New Student Orientation. While we are also offering Freshmen Orientation at the same time, we have a special program for our newest Titans entering grades 10-12.

Check-in at Spangenberg Theater at 12pm to begin a valuable afternoon learning all about Gunn, connecting with other students new to Gunn and meeting numerous staff and student leaders.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Questions can be directed to Assistant Principal Trinity Klein at tklein@pausd.org or 650-354-8227.

Thank you!

The Gunn Administration

08/13/2013

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Special Schedule Update From Gunn Counseling

Dear Gunn Community,

This is a special update from the Gunn Counseling Department.

Schedules Are Now Online/Please Check Your Schedule Wednesday Night

The 2013-2014 student schedules are now available online. All students should check to make sure there aren't any errors on their schedule. If you do have an error, the counseling office will be open from 9:00 AM to Noon on Wednesday to meet with a counselor.

Because of 0 period requests and any error corrections, it's a good idea to make a final check of your schedule on Wednesday night at 8:00 PM.

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Zero Period Classes

With the exception of AP AB Calculus and Alg2/Trg A, our 0 period classes are now full and there is a waiting list.

At the present time, the following classes are not available in 0 Period.

PE

AP Econ

AP Statistics

Intro to Analysis/Calculus

If you are in a 0 period class and decide that you do not want to be enrolled, please let me know so a person on the waiting list can get in. You can email me at tjacoubowsky@pausd.org.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

	<p>Nixon Elementary School</p>	<p>Subject: corrected classroom number (C-6)</p> <hr/> <p>To All Parents of Students in Kim Peckenpaugh's Class:</p> <p>In the rush of getting the lists posted today, I inadvertently put the wrong room number on the list for Kim Peckenpaugh. She is now in Room C-6. She just moved into this classroom and I wrote her old room on the list by mistake. If your name was on her list, you are assigned to her class. Only the room number was incorrect.</p> <p>Sorry for the confusion.</p> <p>Becky Brewer, Nixon Secretary</p>
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<p>08/14/2013</p>	<p>El Carmelo Elementary</p>	<p>Subject: El Carmelo - More start of school info</p>

08/14/2013

**El Carmelo
Elementary**

Dear families,

So, tomorrow is the big day! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at school; we've all been working hard to make the first day of school a great beginning to a great school year!

Parents, don't forget that you are invited to coffee on the patio at the start of school tomorrow. There is also a coffee for Kinder parents on Friday in front of Rm. 3.

And, we are celebrating the start of school with the 2nd Annual PTA Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, August 17! We had a fantastic turnout last year, so I hope to see a lot of families. Just come to El Carmelo, eat some delicious spaghetti from Bucca di Beppo and enjoy the company of other members of the school community. Everyone is welcome!

And for good measure, here are the dates for our Back to School Nights:

Kinder BTSN: Thursday, August 22, 6pm in the MP Room

Grades 1-5 BTSN: Tuesday, August 27:

5:30-6:00pm - Parent Welcome in Library

6:00-7:00pm - Grades 1-3 in classrooms

7:00-8:00pm - Grades 4 in classrooms, Grade 5 in MP Room

I hope to see you all in the next few days, between the opening of school, parent coffees, the Spaghetti Dinner and Back to School Nights.

Sincerely,

Chuck Merritt, principal

cmerritt@pausd.org - <http://elcarmelo.pausd.org> - @EICarmeloSchool

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Schedules Are Updated

08/14/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Dear Gunn Community,

We just finished a day of placements tests and corrections to student's schedules and we have updated Infinite Campus.

The schedule you now see on Infinite Campus is the official schedule for each student.

Have a great a first day and we look forward to seeing everybody tomorrow at Gunn High School at 8:25 AM.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

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Subject: RE: First Day Reminders

Dear Gunn Students and Families,

Welcome back, welcome home...the first day of school is here, yeah! The Gunn staff is eager to see you tomorrow and get the year started.

Some Reminders:

1. The first bell (warning) is at 8:20AM and classes begin at 8:25AM.
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Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: Check your class schedule tonight

Hi Paly students,

We are very excited to see you tomorrow for the start of school!

The Guidance Department has been hard at work making last minute schedule changes to get ready for the school year. Please check your schedule again tonight or tomorrow morning on Infinite Campus before you come to school just in case a change was made to it while we enrolled new students and balanced classes.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

The Paly Guidance Department

Subject: Annual Data Update

Dear Paly family,

Please take the time to complete the Annual Data Update (ADU) tonight. It provides the school with information to use in the case of an emergency. We need this to be done before your child starts class tomorrow. Login to Infinite Campus and click on the ADU link. If you are having difficulty doing the update, please email infinitecampus@pausd.org for assistance.

Thank you so much!

Palo Alto High School

Subject: Urgent Message from Paly

Dear Paly Student and Parent/Guardian,

It has come to our attention that you have not completed the district's Annual Data Update (ADU) for your Paly student(s). Please do so tonight!!!

This is very important in order for your student(s) to be able to attend class tomorrow. The district is requiring of us that any student who has not completed the ADU be sent to the library and not allowed to attend his/her classes until the ADU is complete. I would hate for this to happen to any of our students, especially on the first day of school. This would be an unfortunate way to start off the new school year. We want everyone to be able to attend and enjoy their first day of school in their classrooms.

Here is the link to get started:

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

And if you are having any difficulty with the update, please email infinitecampus@pausd.org

Again, please, please fill out the Annual Data Update on Infinite Campus as soon as possible. We want tomorrow to be a great day as we kick-off another school year!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter,

Kim Diorio

Principal, Palo Alto High School

Subject: Welcome Back Paly!

Dear Vikings,

On behalf of the entire Palo Alto High School staff, I'm writing to express our enthusiasm and excitement for the start of the 2013-2014 school year! We look forward to welcoming our students back to Paly tomorrow, Thursday, August 15th. It's going to be a great year!

When our students return to school, they will notice some nice improvements to our facilities. The original windows in the Tower building were replaced with beautiful new ones; we converted 2 portables into science classrooms (P-4 and P-6) to accommodate our growing enrollment; and most strikingly, we completed the updates and improvements to Viking Stadium. Please come to our first home opener football game on Friday, September 13th to check it out! The campus is looking great, and our teachers can't wait to greet our students in the morning.

Please find attached our "Jump Start" document which has specific information on the first day of school schedule. This information is also posted on our new and improved website at <http://paly.net/book-page/back-school-information>

The Guidance office will open tomorrow at 7:30 am to help students with schedule errors (i.e. two English classes in the same semester, missing a core class, or an inappropriate lane). This is not for period or teacher changes. If your student thinks they have a schedule error, please have them come early. If your student simply needs a print-out of their schedule, they can come to the Student Center before school.

If your student was not able to pick-up their planner today, please send them to the attendance office in the Tower building this week. Special thanks to the PTSA for purchasing planners for all of our students! Photo make-up day is scheduled for September 10th.

As always, if your student has any questions or needs some extra attention or care, please have them come to the main office in the morning or throughout the day where we will be happy to assist them. We really mean this and want to make sure they feel comfortable and supported on our campus, especially on their first day of school.

Students- do something fun and relaxing tonight. Spend time with loved ones. Get a good night's sleep. Eat a good breakfast in the morning. Come to Paly in the morning with a smile and readiness to learn. We can't wait to see you again!

As your new principal, I'm delighted and honored to welcome all of our Vikings back to school!

Fondly,

Kim Diorio

Principal, Palo Alto High School

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." - Marian Wright Edelman

08/15/2013

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: Happy First Day of School!

Dear Juana Briones Families,

Today was an exciting and successful first day of school! I hope your children had a great day. We have 375 K-5 students this year. Thank you to the PTA for hosting the Opening Day Coffee this morning. Please mark your calendars for Back to School Night on Thursday, August 22nd. The schedule is as follows:

6:00-6:45- Kindergarten-2nd Grade

6:55-7:05- General Session

7:15-8:00- 3rd-5th Grade

Please note that this is an adult-only event and there is no childcare available. I also want to emphasize our bell schedule change this school year. 1st-3rd graders dismissal time on M, T, TH, & F is 2:30 PM. 4th & 5th graders end at 2:40 PM. All 1st-5th graders are dismissed at 1:30 PM on Wednesdays. We ask that you keep the upper grade wing clear from 2:30 PM-2:40 PM since the 4th & 5th graders still have ten minutes of instructional time.

We are looking for noon-duty supervisors. If you are available between 11:45 AM-12:40 PM and willing to serve as a noon-duty supervisor, please contact the office.

I look forward to a wonderful school year.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: Important Message from Paly Principal

08/15/2013	Palo Alto High School	<p>Dear Parent/Guardian,</p> <p>Please see attached and discuss with your student. We need your help! And let me know if you have any questions or concerns.</p> <p>Hope the first day of school was a big success for your Paly student. On our end, it was a very smooth opening of school. Thanks for your support.</p> <p>With appreciation,</p> <p>Kim Diorio Principal, Palo Alto High School</p>
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Palo Alto High School	Subject: Monday Special Schedule Reminder
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08/16/2013

Palo Alto
High School

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There will be a break for lunch from 11:55 - 12:30. Students should bring their own lunch.

ALL students will meet with their 4th, 5th, and 6th period teachers in the afternoon. We have important items to cover in each period.

4th period will be 12:35 - 1:20 (Students with 4th period prep report to ERC)

5th period will be 1:25 - 1:50 (Students with 5th prep report to ERC)

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Have a great weekend!

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08/17/2013	District Office	Subject: Superintendent's Back to School Message

08/17/2013	District Office	<p>Dear Parent/Guardian:</p> <p>Like students who cram all their work until the last minute, construction crews were scurrying around school campuses these last few days making sure everything was set for the start of the year. And while there are still finishing touches being done, we are so pleased we were able to open our schools with minimal disruption. This summer is perhaps the busiest construction period our district has experienced - ever. We are enormously proud of the new learning spaces we can enjoy this fall at Gunn, all our middle schools, and Fairmeadow Elementary, and all sites underwent improvements of one form or another. Please join us in celebrating Gunn's new gym this Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to see it for yourself and keep your ears open for other opening celebrations.</p> <p>While buildings are the physical legacy of our time in the school district, the experiences that your students have and the knowledge and skills they gain in our schools are so much more important. Many staff members have been working long hours to make sure that the experience your son or daughter has this year will be memorable. After all, they only have one chance at this school year and they deserve our best collective efforts.</p> <p>The beginning of the school year is such a magical, wonderful time. Over the past few days, I have been visiting hundreds of teachers, staff, and programs all over the district and am filled with a deep sense of gratitude that I have been able to send my children to our schools. I hope that you feel the same way.</p> <p>Here's to a great year.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Kevin Skelly, Ph.D. Superintendent</p> <p>P.S. When you are considering how your student will get to school this year, I encourage you to review the Back to School letter from Palo Alto Police Chief Dennis Burns. It contains key safety reminders for bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers as we all adjust to more folks being on the roads each day.</p>
08/18/2013	Henry M. Gunn High School	Subject: First Semester Schedules are Set

08/18/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Dear Gunn Community,

We had a great first two days in the Gunn Counseling Department as all the counselors met with students to make sure to correct any possible errors on their schedules. We are now at the point where the first semester schedules are all set and have been updated on Infinite Campus and students can earnestly work on their studies.

Thanks again for all of your support and have a great week.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

08/19/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update August 19

Dear Gunn Community,

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

School is Up and Running

We have just completed our first three days of school and we gotten off to a smooth start as we look forward to a great semester. Our new counselors have met many of their students and are planning to getting out and about to meet more.

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Students can pick up a copy of the PSAT Bulletin in the SAC. The PSAT Bulletin is full of helpful information on the PSAT, including practice questions and information on scholarships.

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Tom Jacobowsky
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling
Gunn High School

Subject: Small Learning Community (SLC) Parent Information Night

Dear SLC Families,

Your student's SLC teachers and administrators will be hosting a Parent Information Night this Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm in room N-111.

Please come to:

Meet the teachers

Meet other SLC families

Learn about the SLC mission and curriculum

Learn about SLC field trips and associated donation requests

Sign the iPad use agreement form

Your student is welcome to come with you. We look forward to seeing you Thursday night.

Please confirm that you can attend with Assistant Principal Mrs. Klein at tklein@pausd.org

Thank you!

Your SLC Team

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The attached document contains instructions on how to complete the ADU.

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

8-19-13 Notification

**Jane L
Stanford
Middle School**

Subject: JLS - 7th Grade Team Day, Friday

Dear Parents,

The 7th grade academic team teachers are working hard to plan an orientation day for this year's 7th grade class and we need your help. The event, Team Day 2013, will take place this Friday, August 23rd. The closure to the event will be a half-hour ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the 7th-Grade Student Council. After the student council members give brief speeches to their peers and cut the ribbon to signify the opening of the new building, 7th graders will enjoy popsicles in the new courtyard/amphitheater area.

We would love the support of 20 parents in facilitating the distribution of popsicles (provided by JLS) to our 350 7th graders. We need your assistance between about 2:00 PM and 3:15 PM. We will provide additional details to any parents who are able and willing to participate. Please contact Arvind Arya, the 7th grade guidance counselor, at aarya@pausd.org for more information.

Thanks, parents, for your commitment to helping us make this special day the best that it can be for our 7th graders.

Sincerely,

Steven Shirley, Amy Stock, and Kyle Hart
7th Grade Team Leads

**Jordan Middle
School**

Subject: Jordan Middle School Weekly

Dear Jordan Families,

Welcome to the Jordan Weekly.

This weekly newsletter will help keep you connected to life at Jordan. Review the week that was, and stay in the loop with what's up next.

This Week's Edition:

A Brand New "Journey"

This Week @ Jordan

PIE & the PTA

Spotlight on Ellie Slack

VTP, New Campus, Book Fair and Principal's Coffees

August Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

Please Click, or copy and paste the link below:

http://web-jordan.pausd.org/Weekly2013_14/august%2019_13.pdf

Gregory Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

08/20/2013

**Escondido
Elementary
School**

Subject: Kindergarten Schedule/Horario de Kindergarten

Welcome to Escondido!

I hope that your child had a wonderful start to the school year. Kindergarten is a magical grade. We are introducing our youngest children to one of the most important times in their lives, school. Our kindergarten team worked hard this summer to prepare and have started the year with establishing routines and community building to assist your children in becoming acclimated to their new school.

For our new families, the kindergarten schedule can be confusing. Should you have any questions please ask Bella, Judy or JaLynn in the office, Aleyda or myself and of course, your child's teacher.

Kindergarten Schedule August 15-October 11, 2013

First Bell: 8:05 all student enter the classroom

Second bell: 8:10 all students not in the classroom at this time are marked tardy

Dismissal: 12:00 all kindergarten students are dismissed to go home. Families can play on campus at 2:45 when the school day ends. To ensure student safety, all kindergarten students and families must exit the campus at 12:00 as school is still in session grades 1-5.

Parking:

You may park in any non staff space in the front parking lot or in the lot across the street that says, "Escondido School". You may obtain an Escondido School parking permit in the office. Please do not park in the lot marked "ES" as this is for Escondido Village and you will receive a ticket from Stanford.

Welcome Meeting

Please join our PTA President, Elizabeth Olson and our PiE Chair, Ruth Wu from 8:15-9:15 on Friday, August 23, 2013 in the MP Room at the front of the school. This meeting will include:

A review of your back to school packet

Answers to any questions about Back to School Night

Information about Escondido and ways to get involved on campus

Warm Regards,

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Saludos Familias de Kindergarten,

¡Bienvenidos a Escondido!

Espero que su hijo haya tenido un maravilloso comienzo del año escolar. Kindergarten es un grado mágico. Les estamos presentando a nuestros niños algunos de los momentos más importantes de sus vidas, la escuela. Nuestro equipo de kindergarten trabajó muy duro este verano para prepararse y han comenzado el año estableciendo rutinas y la formación de una comunidad para ayudarles a sus niños a aclimatarse a su nueva escuela.

Para nuestras nuevas familias, el horario de kindergarten puede ser confuso. Si tienen alguna pregunta por favor pregúntenles a Bella, Judy o JaLynn en la oficina, a Aleyda o a María, y por supuesto al maestro(a) de su hijo.

Horario de Kindergarten, 15 de agosto - 11 de octubre, 2013

Primera campana: 8:05 todos los estudiantes entran al salón

Segunda campana: 8:10 a todos los estudiantes que no están en el salón en este momento se les marcará tarde

Hora de salida: 12:00 todos los estudiantes de kindergarten se van a casa. Las familias pueden jugar en la escuela a las 2:45 cuando termine el día escolar. Para asegurar la seguridad de los estudiantes, todos los estudiantes de kindergarten y sus familias deben salir de la escuela a las 12:00, ya que la escuela todavía está en sesión para los grados del 1-5.

Estacionamiento:

Pueden estacionarse en cualquier espacio que no sea para el personal en el estacionamiento de enfrente o en el lote enfrente de la calle que dice "Escondido School". Pueden obtener un permiso para la escuela Escondido en la oficina. Por favor no se estacionen en el lote marcado "ES" ya que es para Escondido Village y

recibir una multa de Stanford.

Reunión de Bienvenida

Por favor acompañen a nuestra Presidenta del PTA, Elizabeth Olson y a la Encargada de la Directiva, Ruth Wu de 8:15-9:15 el viernes 23 de agosto, 2013 en el Salón MP al frente de la escuela. Esta reunión incluirá:

- * Un repaso de su paquete de regreso a la escuela
- * Respuestas a cualquier pregunta sobre la Noche de Regreso a la Escuela
- * Información acerca de Escondido y maneras de involucrarse en la escuela

Afectuosamente,

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Directora, Escuela Primaria Escondido

Subject: Homework at Escondido/Tarea a Escondido

Dear Escondido Families,

The Palo Alto Unified School District spent time reviewing the district homework administrative regulations and policy. During the 2011-12 school year parents at Escondido and across the district gave feedback on what matters most about homework. Escondido teachers spent time during the 2012-13 school year reading the research about homework including "Rethinking Homework-Best Practices That Support Diverse Needs" by Cathy Vatterott and "The Homework Myth: Why Our Kids Get Too Much of a Bad Thing" by Alfie Kohn and discussing the rationale for giving homework. As we work to be in alignment with the district homework policy and responsive to our research, which indicates that at the elementary level, children benefit from reading homework. Homework at Escondido will be given as follows :

All Escondido students grades K-5 are expected to be read to by an adult, read with an adult or read independently for at least 30 minutes per day outside of school.

Teachers will provide students with just right books to read for homework

In grades K-4, meaningful individual skills practice, occasional activities and or family projects to support classroom learning may be assigned.

An example of skills practice: A student that needs to work on his or her multiplication facts may be given a math game to play with his or her family at home.

An example of occasional activities: In kindergarten, students may be asked to count all of the pairs of shoes by two or write a letter to a special friend.

An example of family projects: In second grade, some classrooms have an ancestor project that is completed with the family at home and presented in class.

In grade 5, in addition to reading for 30 minutes per night, Everyday Math homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday and Language Arts projects will be assigned as needed.

Additional academic enrichment activities will be made available on our Escondido Elementary website under homework. Assistant Principal, Aleyda Barrera, is gathering materials and links from each grade level in both English and Spanish. These materials will be uploaded soon. Parents will be able to click on the homework link and select the grade level and find resources including Everyday Math online for children to utilize outside of school. The Escondido Library website also offers many online enrichment activities including Brain Pop for children to engage in at home as well.

Site Council has reviewed this new homework policy and is in agreement that our students will benefit from a focus on reading and practicing specific skills as needed. The reduced homework load will allow for family time and after school enrichment activities, which are also important to child development, mental and physical health. Two teachers have shared that they will receive an hour of additional instructional time through not having to review and correct the daily homework assignment with the students. We are always looking for ways to work smarter, and providing more instructional time is certainly in alignment with this goal.

Please note that we will discuss this shift in homework throughout the year and determine if it needs to be altered for the 2014-15 school year.

Warm Regards,

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Estimadas Familias de Escondido,

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Palo Alto pasó tiempo repasando las regulaciones administrativas y políticas sobre las tareas del distrito. Durante el año escolar 2011-12 los padres de Escondido y a lo largo del distrito dieron su opinión sobre lo que más importa con respecto a la tarea. Los maestros de Escondido pasaron tiempo durante el año escolar 2012-13 leyendo las investigaciones sobre la tarea, incluyendo " Rethinking Homework-Best Practices That Support Diverse Needs" por Cathy Vatterott y "The Homework Myth: Why Our Kids Get Too Much of a Bad Thing" por Alfie Kohn, y hablando sobre las razones para dar tarea. Al trabajar para estar alineados con la política de tareas del distrito y ser receptivos a nuestra investigación, la cual indica que al nivel primaria los niños se benefician de la lectura, la tarea en Escondido será dada de la siguiente manera:

Se espera que a todos los estudiantes de Escondido de K-5 grados les lea un adulto, lean con un adulto o que lean independientemente por lo menos durante 30 minutos por día fuera de la escuela.

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<p>Henry M. Gunn High School</p>	<p>Subject: RE: Information Update 8-20-13</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Families and Students,</p> <p>Good afternoon, if you were on campus today you may have noticed protest signs across from the Gunn Library.</p> <p>The email below was sent to the Gunn staff from Dr. Skelly:</p> <p>Perhaps you noticed that there were some folks in front of the school with signs and messages. I just wanted you to know a little about the situation.</p> <p>District staff believe that the child involved deserves support, and we want to ensure that we provide the services that education professionals deem most appropriate for the student. Without compromising confidentiality, in special education cases when parents do not agree with the services and placement, we have both a legal and moral obligation to ensure that the students receive access to a public education. It is our goal to see this child return to school. We look forward to continuing to work with this family and every family to make sure they receive a quality education in our district.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Katya Villalobos</p> <p>Gunn High School</p>
<p>Jane L Stanford Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: JLS -- 7th Grade Team Day</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>Thank you for all of the immediate and enthusiastic responses! We have plenty of parent volunteers to help make the closing activity for Team Day 2013 a success. We will follow up with a confirmation email to the first 20 parents who have already contacted Arvind Arya.</p> <p>Thanks, again.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Steven Shirley, Amy Stock, and Kyle Hart 7th Grade Team Leads</p>
<p>Jordan Middle School</p>	<p>Subject: Utility Construction around Jordan</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>This is just a heads up that on Monday Aug. 26th there will be some construction around Jordan that may impact dropping off and picking up students for that day.</p>

WHO: City Utilities contractors (Golden State Utility)

WHAT: Installing new fiber optic cable on utility poles around Jordan.

WHEN: Starting Monday August 26th and expected to finish that same day.

WHY: To expand the City's fiber optic network to the PAUSD

IMPACTS: There should be NO impact on electric service to the schools. There will be trucks and equipment at various points on the streets around the school, which may impede traffic somewhat. However, to avoid worsening the congestion that always exists at arrival and departure times, the contractor will NOT conduct work in areas directly adjacent to the schools between 7am-9am and 1pm-3pm.

Elinor Slack

AP Jordan Middle School

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**Juana
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Elementary
School**

Subject: Wednesday Dismissal Reminder/ Back to School Night

Dear Juana Briones Families,

We have finished day 4 of the 2013-2014 school year and students are settling in nicely. A reminder that tomorrow is Wednesday and all 1st-5th grades are dismissed at 1:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you this Thursday (August 22nd) at Back to School Night. The schedule is as follows:

6:00-6:45- Kindergarten-2nd Grade

6:55-7:05- General Session

7:15-8:00- 3rd-5th Grade

Please note that this is an adult-only event and there is no childcare available.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 10th. From 5:30-7 PM, join us for the PTA ice cream social. At 7 PM, Soma McCandless from Project Cornerstone will talk to parents in the MP Room about Project Cornerstone and the 41 developmental assets. Project Cornerstone is committed to helping all children and teens in Silicon Valley feel valued, respected, and known. This program helps individuals and communities build a web of support around young people so that they grow into healthy, caring and responsible adults.

As a reminder, our bell schedule this year is as follows: 1st-3rd graders dismissal time on M, T, TH, & F is 2:30 PM. 4th & 5th graders end at 2:40 PM. All 1st-5th graders are dismissed at 1:30 PM on Wednesdays. We ask that you keep the upper grade wing clear from 2:30 PM-2:40 PM since the 4th & 5th graders still have ten minutes of instructional time.

I look forward to seeing you Thursday night at Back to School Night.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

08/21/2013

El Carmelo Elementary

Subject: Kinder Back to School Night is TOMORROW 8/22!

Dear El Carmelo Kinder parents,

I'd like to remind you that the Kindergarten Back to School Night is TOMORROW, Thursday, August 22. [Grades 1 through 5 have their Back to School Night the following week on Aug. 27]. Back to School Night is an important El Carmelo event where parents have a chance to meet and get to know their child's teacher. Your child's teacher will explain their class procedures and expectations, the kindergarten curriculum, ways to volunteer and other information which will foster a successful environment for learning.

There is a general session for all the kinder parents from 6:00 to 6:30pm in the MP room. This will be followed by visits to your child's classroom from 6:30 to 7:30pm. There is no child care provided at this event so please make arrangements for your kids to stay with someone.

The teachers will be presenting in general to all parents, so if you want to speak to your child's teacher specifically about your child, please set up an separate appointment. This is a popular event so please plan, if at all possible, to walk or carpool to school that night.

I look forward to seeing you!

Chuck Merritt

Escondido Elementary School

Subject: Escondido Food Guidelines/Reglas para la Comida en Escondido

Dear Escondido Families,

Many parents have shared with me concerns for the amount of unhealthy treats and snacks our students are given at school through rewards, parties, events, celebrations etc … Teachers have tried to limit the amount of candy, cupcakes, soda, chips and other items with some success. However, as a staff, we agree that we need to be unified in providing a safe and inclusive environment in which each and every one of our students can learn and grow. This includes food. We know that the food our students eat has an impact on their ability to focus and learn. As an inclusive community, we need to be responsive to our students with severe food allergies and diabetes and provide a variety of healthy alternatives. As an institution focused on teaching and learning, the food in classrooms should promote the academic, social and emotional health of our students. Escondido promotes a healthy lifestyle through our organized lunchtime activities: Noon Sports Program, YMCA, Zumba, jogging club, track and field day and throughout the year with our walk and roll to school campaign, the Escondido Sprouts garden and the A-Z tasting week. We are teaching our students to protect our earth by recycling, composting and reusing. As we work in partnership with you, providing healthy food choices in the classroom will support your efforts to provide your children with balanced meals at home.

During the spring of 2013, our Site Council met with a group of parents and teachers and created food guidelines for Escondido. We will begin implementing these guidelines this school year. For those of you used to bringing cookies, cupcakes and the like to celebrate a birthday or candy to a field trip, these practices will need to be replaced with fresh fruit or vegetables or perhaps sharing a favorite book or game to celebrate a birthday. We love birthdays and celebrations. We also love our students and want them to be healthy. Escondido will still be fun. We will continue to have parties, celebrations and events as they are an important part of the school experience. The food provided by staff and parents will need to reflect our desire to offer children healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables rather than sugary treats. As we saw last year with our fruit and vegetable boxes, once students tried the new food (pear, tomato or peas) they often liked them and would eat the new food when given the opportunity.

Escondido Food Guidelines:

1) No candy, soda or juice in class. This means no candy, soda or juice offered in class by teachers (including travelling and substitute teachers), by other students, or by parents.

2) Limiting sweet treats to once a month. We encourage educationally-appropriate celebrations of all kinds (Thanksgiving, Cinco de Mayo, completion of a project, etc.). If they include food, we would like these events to feature healthy food choices. Therefore, a maximum of only one item at one celebration a month may be in a desert/sugary category (fresh fruit is a great alternative!).

3) If a child has a serious allergy to a food, that food should not be served in that student's class that year. Children with potentially life-threatening allergies cannot be endangered by, or excluded from, shared classroom activities.

A copy of our food guidelines is attached and will be added to the Escondido Elementary website. Below are links to resources used by the food committee to create the guidelines.

Resources:

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity:
<http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

Model School Wellness Policies: <http://www.schoolwellnesspolicies.org>

Ideas for healthy classroom celebrations:

http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/policy_options_healthycelebrations.html

Blog: The Lunch Tray's Food-in-the-Classroom Manifesto:

<http://www.thelunchtray.com/the-lunch-trays-food-in-the-classroom-manifesto/>

Blog: Teachers speak about food in the classroom:

www.thelunchtray.com/food-in-the-classroom-teachers-speak-out/

Thank you in advance for supporting our teachers and students by adhering to our food guidelines.

Warm Regards,

Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.

Principal, Escondido Elementary School

Estimadas Familias de Escondido,

Muchos padres han compartido conmigo sus preocupaciones sobre la cantidad de golosinas y snacks poco saludables que se les da a nuestros estudiantes mediante recompensas, fiestas, eventos, celebraciones, etc. Los maestros han tratado de limitar la cantidad de dulces, cupcakes, soda, chips y otras cosas con algo de éxito. Sin embargo, como personal, estamos de acuerdo en que debemos estar unificados en proporcionar un ambiente seguro e inclusivo en el que todos y cada uno de nuestros estudiantes puedan aprender y crecer. Esto incluye la comida. Sabemos que la comida que comen nuestros estudiantes tiene un impacto en su habilidad para enfocarse y aprender. Como una comunidad inclusiva, debemos ser receptivos a nuestros estudiantes con alergias de comida severas y diabetes y proporcionar una variedad de alternativas saludables. Como una institución enfocada en enseñar y aprender, la comida en los salones debe promover la salud académica, social y emocional de nuestros estudiantes. Escondido promueve un estilo de vida saludable mediante nuestras actividades organizadas del almuerzo: el Programa de Deportes del Mediodía, YMCA, Zumba, club de trotar, club de atletismo y a lo largo del día con nuestra campaña de caminar e ir sobre ruedas a la escuela, el Jardín Reto de Escondido y la semana de degustación de la A-Z. Les estamos enseñando a nuestros estudiantes a proteger nuestro planeta al reciclar, abonar y reusar. Al trabajar en colaboración con ustedes, el proporcionar

		<p>opciones de comida saludable en el salón apoyar y sus esfuerzos para proporcionarles comidas balanceadas a sus hijos en clase.</p> <p>Durante la primavera del 2013, nuestro Consejo Escolar se reunió con un grupo de padres y maestros y crearon reglas para la comida en Escondido. Comenzaremos a implementar estas reglas en este año escolar. Para aquellos de ustedes acostumbrados a traer galletas, cupcakes y cosas similares para celebrar un cumpleaños o dulces para un paseo, estas prácticas deberán ser reemplazadas con fruta o vegetales frescos o quizás compartir un libro o juego favorito.</p>
	Ohlone Elementary School	<p>Subject: Student Photo dates changed</p> <p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>The dates for classroom group and individual photos have been changed to September 23, 24 and 26 (group photo). Thank you for being so understanding of the situation with our photographers.</p> <p>Barbara</p> <p>Ohlone secretary</p>
08/22/2013	Jane L Stanford Middle School	<p>Subject: JLS -- Noche Informativa para Padres de Familia</p> <p>Estimados Padres de Familia:</p> <p>El evento que se llama en inglés "Back to School Night" será el miércoles 28 de agosto de 7 a 8:50 PM en la escuela JLS.</p> <p>Este evento es muy importante para usted porque tendrá la oportunidad de conocer a los maestros de su hijo y obtener una breve explicación de cada una de sus clases. Su hijo(a) llevará a casa una hoja con su horario de clases, el número de salón de cada una de sus clases y un mapa de la escuela.</p> <p>No falte y si tienen cualquier pregunta esa día puede llamar al (650) 856-5188, o venga a la oficina principal de la escuela. ¡Los esperamos a todos!</p> <p>Subject: JLS -- Convivio Familiar</p> <p>Estimados Padres de Familia:</p> <p>El Convivio Familiar se llevará a cabo el miércoles 11 de septiembre de 5:30 a 7 PM en la cafetería de la escuela, y es una oportunidad muy bonita para que todas las familias se conozcan. La comida consistirá de pizza, ensalada y helado, y los boletos cuestan \$10 por persona. Si usted tienen cualquier pregunta llame a la oficina de la escuela: (650) 856-5188.</p> <p>También el PTA (Asociación de Padres y Maestros) necesitan voluntarios para ayudar ese día antes, durante y después del Convivio. ¡Los esperamos a todos ustedes!</p>
08/23/2013	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: El Carmelo - BTSN, Tue. August 27</p>

08/23/2013	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Back to School Night for Grades 1-5 is Tuesday, August 27!</p> <p>Grades 1-3</p> <p>5:30pm - Parent Welcome in the MP Room</p> <p>6-7pm - Parents go to their student's classroom</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5</p> <p>6:40pm - Parent Welcome in the Library</p> <p>7-8pm - 4th grade parents go to their student's classroom and 5th grade parents go to the MP Room for a grade level presentation.</p> <p>There will be NO childcare provided at this event, so please plan accordingly.</p>
	Juana Briones Elementary School	Subject: Palo Alto Children's Theatre Outreach Program

08/23/2013

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

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This afternoon, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents attended a short presentation from the Palo Alto's Children's Theatre. The purpose of this presentation was to get students excited about the Outreach Program. The Outreach program works with all twelve elementary schools to have an after-school program where students put on a performance. Juana Briones is the first school in the cycle this year. The show this year will be Alice in Wonderland.

This program is free of charge, but parents of students who participate in this program will be required to volunteer, either covering a few days at rehearsal, selling tickets, etc. Auditions will take place next Wednesday and Thursday, August 28-29th. The performances will be the last week of October.

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**Nixon
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Subject: Contact Information

08/23/2013	Nixon Elementary School	Hello Nixon Families - This is a request to update your contact information if anything changed since you did your online registration. Often families have new cell phones or email addresses and forget to update them in the database. This information is extremely important in case we need to reach you in an emergency. Could you please go online and enter the information or send me an email and I can update it? Thank you, Becky Brewer (bbrewer@pausd.org) - Nixon Secretary
	Ohlone Elementary School	Subject: New lunchtime schedule

08/23/2013

**Ohlone
Elementary
School**

Lunchtime at Ohlone

Dear Ohlone parents,

You might have noticed that there has been a scheduling change in the way we do lunch and morning recess here at Ohlone. Let me tell you a little about the thinking behind this.

A few years ago, a couple of teachers became aware of some research supporting kids eating after playing. We try as professionals to stay current to the latest research. As a result, they piloted a program that had kids come to their classroom benches after an active period. Their experience was extremely positive. In addition to that, in recent years we've found additional support from our trips to the Learning and the Brain conferences and articles that have also strengthened the support. We felt that making a change in procedures might be in our students' best interest.

Last year, some parents and staff suggested that we institute this new system. Since that time, staff has had several discussions regarding this change and decided to pilot it school-wide this year.

As with any new innovation, there admittedly are glitches. We are aware of these and are making progress in addressing them. There already have been some remarkably positive results though:

Classes are now spending more time together sharing a quieter lunch experience. This has helped in the creation of greater class community.

There has been an increase in teaching/learning time since the transition from recess and lunch is calmer and shorter in duration.

There has been a noticeable improvement in the amount of garbage that is left out on the playground. In addition to this being a safety issue in the past, it is also helping our children to be more environmentally responsible.

As with any system, it doesn't always fit every student. There are students that need to eat their snack or lunch immediately or need more time to do so. (The amount of time for students to eat has historically been a concern.) Teachers have been instructed to allow for this. It would be best, though, if this is the case with your child, that you discuss this need with your classroom teacher. Students will be expected to come in at the same time as the others though.

I so greatly appreciate those of you who are looking at this as a possible improvement for your students, and/or are at least willing to try it. Your growth and open mindsets are wonderful. Since it is a school decision, we will continue to monitor this system, gathering data along the way. To adequately evaluate it though, we need to give it adequate time. In the meantime, you can best help your child by modeling trust, patience, and an open mindset. Help them by giving them the tools to solve problems that might arise. We are all trying to accomplish the same thing: to give our kids the best educational experience possible and provide the tools to be responsible, caring adults in the future.

Thanks.

Bill

08/25/2013

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: RE: Back to School Night and Reminders

Dear Gunn Families,

Good evening and remarkably we are in the second week of the school year and Back to School Night is Thursday, August 29. First thank you to all the parent and community volunteers for the smooth opening of school and donating so much of your time--very much appreciated! Second I have enjoyed meeting our new Titans and

they have remembered the homework I assigned to them--to say hello and introduce themselves.

Reminders:

a) Back to School Night--Thursday, August 29 begins at 6:30PM with a welcome in the amphitheater behind Spangenberg. Please print out your student's schedule from Infinite Campus and do not forget to bring a flashlight. Students who have period "O" or "H" can meet their teacher at 6:30PM. Below is the link to the new campus map:

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/campus-map>

b) Bikes Rule--the official count is in and 878 Gunn students biked to school last week. That is up 100 students from a year ago. Way to go green and keep it up, do not forget your helmet and lock!

c) Minimum Day--Friday, August 30 school dismissal is at 1:05PM.

d) Principal's Coffee--Thursday, September 5 begins at 9:00AM in the Staff Lounge. The Gunn Admin team will be available for questions.

This week marks the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington where Dr. Martin Luther King made history and changed history. The link below is to the US National Archives and the "I have a dream..." speech. I hope you enjoy re-reading these incredible words:

<http://www.archives.gov/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf>

Here is the link to the video of speech:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRIF4_WzU1w

As always thank you for your continued support of Gunn and see you all at our athletic events, Go Titans!

Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Gunn High School

Jordan Middle School

Subject: Jordan Middle School Weekly

Dear Jordan Families,

Welcome back to the Weekly.

This Week's Edition:

6th Grade Team-building

This Week @ Jordan

PIE & the PTA

Spotlight on "Our New Bench"

In the Know: Book Fair, Back To School Night, Minimum Day August 30th, Principals Coffee

August Calendar & Important Dates

The Jordan Cup

Please Click, or copy and paste the link below:

<https://app.box.com/s/1spdmwi5k06djpi4lh6f>

Gregory Barnes,

Principal, Jordan Middle School

08/26/2013

**Henry M.
Gunn High
School**

Subject: Titan 101 weblink and information

Dear Freshmen Families,

We hope the first couple weeks have been phenomenal for your freshman.

Titan 101 is our freshman transition program with a mission to welcome freshman to Gunn, while informing them about Gunn's unique resources and culture and building meaningful connections with peers and staff.

Please visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/gunntitan101/home> to learn more about the program, download the student meeting calendar and review each session's lesson materials. We encourage families to use these resources to further the topic conversation with their freshmen at home.

Students in groups #1-7, with Ms. Cory, Mr. Deggeller, Ms. Garger, Mr. Habib, Mr. Halter, Mr. Hernandez, and Ms. Hikida, met on Thursday, August 22 with their counselors.

Students in groups #1-7 who missed the August 22nd session are welcome to join the group that is matched to their counselor at either of the two upcoming counselor sessions (see parentheses below).

On Thursday August 29th, groups #8-14 will meet with their counselors from 2:37-3:35.

Group #8- Ms. Matchett (Compton)

Group #9- Ms. McCraley (Christensen)

Group #10- Ms. Medina (Mistele)

Group #11- Omainsky (Michaelis)

Group #13- Plough (Michael)

Group #14- Renazco (Kaye)

On Wednesday September 4th during E period, all freshmen will meet with their group and coach for "Homecoming Bootcamp".

On Thursday September 5th, groups #15-21 will meet with their counselors.

Group #15- Ms. Sabbag (Compton)

Group #16- Mr. Shelby (Christensen)

Group #17- Ms. Stauffer (Mistele)

Group #18- Mr. Summers (Michaelis)

Group #19- Ms. Weinmenn (Michael)

Group #20- Ms. Wilson (Johanson)

Group #21- Ms. Zizmor (Johanson)

Since Titan 101 does not actually meet during H period, please do not visit the Titan 101 coaches during H period on Back To School Night, even though Titan 101 is listed in H period on freshmen schedules.

For further information, please visit the website.

Thank you.

Go Titans!

**Juana
Briones
Elementary
School**

Subject: Briones School Site Council

Dear Juana Briones Parents,

I hope everyone had a great weekend.

We are looking for one parent representative and one alternate to serve on the School Site Council. The School Site Council is a group of parents, teachers, classified employees, and the principal who work together to develop and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets.

Meetings will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 PM-4:45 PM in the library on the following days:

September 10, 2013

October 8, 2013

November 12, 2013

January 14, 2014

February 11, 2014

March 11, 2014

April 15, 2014

May 13, 2014

If you are interested in being a parent representative, please email lhickey@pausd.org by 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 31st. Another message will go out on Friday with the link to the online election.

Thank you,

Lisa Hickey

Principal

**Nixon
Elementary
School**

Subject: Back to School Night - Tues. 8/27

Hello Nixon Parents -

We are hoping that all Nixon parents are planning to attend our Back to School Night tomorrow evening, Tuesday, August 27th.

Third, fourth, and fifth grade parents will meet in their child's classroom from 6:00-6:45. Kinder, first, and second grade parents will meet in their child's classroom from 7:15-8:00. Between these sessions, there will be a meeting for all parents in the Nixon theater from 6:45-7:15.

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about how to help your child be successful in school this year. We look forward to seeing you here at school. This event is for parents only, childcare will not be provided.

Thank you.

08/27/2013

Henry M.
Gunn High
School

Subject: Gunn Counseling Update August 26

Dear Gunn Community,

Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department. Apologies for the delay in the counseling update as Infinite Campus was down yesterday making it impossible to send out messages.

Back to School Night This Thursday at 6:30 PM

On Thursday (August 29) Gunn High School will host its annual Back to School Night. The event will begin at 6:30 PM at the Gunn Ampitheatre. The night will be a great opportunity to visit each of your student's classes and also to see our beautiful new facilities.

Meet the Counselors on BTSN This Thursday at 6:00 PM

This week is Back to School Night and while the event officially starts at 6:30 PM in the Gunn Ampitheatre, you can come up to the counseling area at 6:00 PM and meet the counseling department. Come on by and say hi to all the counselors including our newest members, Derek Johanson, Challis Michael, Molly Michaelis and Deanna Mistele.

Titan 101 This Thursday for Groups 8-14

This Thursday (August 22) Gunn Freshmen in Titan 101 groups 8-14 (Ms. Matchett-Ms. Compton, Ms. McCraley-Mr. Christensen, Ms. Barba-Medina-Ms. Mistele, Ms. Omainsky-Ms. Michaelis, Mr. Plough-Ms. Michael, Ms. Pomilia-Mr. Johanson and Ms. Renazco-Ms. Kaye) will be meeting their counselors. The counselors will talk about the services the counseling office offers and will have some get acquainted activities with their students as they are looking forward to getting to know their members of the Class of 2017.

September 4 Assemblies

Next Monday will be Labor Day and anytime we have a Monday holiday our school week is imbalanced as E period meets four times that week while all other classes meet three times. To take an advantage of the extra E period, we're planning on scheduling assemblies throughout the year for our students.

On September 4 we will have different activities for all of our students. Students will go to their E period class first where attendance will be taken and then they will go to their event. Freshmen will have Titan 101 sessions, sophomores will meet in Titan Gym to go over Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS), juniors will have tutorial time to meet with teachers and seniors will be in Spangenberg to hear about college planning.

Senior Conferences Begin on September 9

The Gunn Counselors will begin their individual meetings with seniors beginning the week of September 9. In the sessions, the counselors will check in with the students, go over the college application process and also let them know about the services that are available in our expanded College and Career Center.

First Annual Student Services Fair September 12

On September 12, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Palo Alto Unified School District office, the first annual Student Services Fair will be held.

The event is free to public and will be put on Project Cornerstone, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Youth Community Services, the YMCA, City of Palo Alto and many other organizations.

Those attending will learn about resiliency, academic supports, parents resources, health education, mental health services, recreation opportunities and volunteer opportunities to help support our youth.

College and Career Center is Now Open

Come in and visit our expanded College and Career Center (C&CC). It's easy to find with the large Partners in Education (PiE) sign on portable M-3 by the bike cages. Thanks to your donations to PiE, we have been able to expand the services we have to offer. For the past two weeks, Linda Kirch, Monica Espinoza and Leighton Lang have been busy getting everything ready to better serve our students.

Upcoming Events in C&CC

We're fortunate to have to have great speakers coming in beginning next week. Please note that the dates are flipped from last week's counseling update.

Choosing College with Money in Mind-September 3 7:00 PM

On Tuesday, September 10, Gunn will be hosting Vicki O'Day at 7:00 PM in the Gunn Library. Ms. O'Day will discuss looking at your college choices with financial considerations in mind. She will discuss how college finances work and how to find colleges that will be an excellent financial fit for your family. This evening will also be open to parents and students.

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All Juniors will take the PSAT on October 16

On Wednesday, October 16, all Gunn Juniors will be taking the PSAT. The tests have been provided free of charge. The tests will be administered during a day where all Gunn students will be involved in testing or senior activities and no class instructional time will be missed.

Students can pick up a copy of the PSAT Bulletin in the SAC. The PSAT Bulletin is full of helpful information on the PSAT, including practice questions and information on scholarships.

Giving to PIE

Partners in Education (PiE) plays a major role in all the improvements to our counseling services. Your donations do make a difference.

Right now we're in a challenge matching grant that ends on August 31, 2013.

Every donation before August 31 will be matched-dollar for dollar up to \$300,000 -from a challenge grant made possible by generous PiE supporters.

Inspire tomorrow by giving today at www.papie.org/donate

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

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

Subject: Jones Gulch Ropes Course- bus loads @ 7:30am!

Dear SLC Students and Families,

Our bus will arrive at 7:30am for loading and will depart for Jones Gulch YMCA Ropes Course at 8am promptly, tomorrow, Wednesday August 28th.

Please remember to eat a good breakfast, pack some snacks, and bring a lunch if you don't like cold cut sandwiches.

Expect cold weather in the morning and warmer temperatures later in the day. Wear closed toe shoes, such as sneakers, layers and perhaps a hat. Bring sun screen, bug spray and a water bottle as well.

We will meet at the front of the bat cave, between the administrative offices and the attendance office.

If you have any last minute questions or concerns, please email Assistant Principal Trinity Klein at tklein@pausd.org

Thank you!

Subject: Correction: Titan 101 weblink and information

Dear Freshmen Families,

We noticed an error in our previous message.

Please note the correction to Group #'s and names in the list below:

On Thursday August 29th, groups #8-14 will meet with their counselors from 2:37-3:35.

- Group #8- Ms. Matchett (Compton)
- Group #9- Ms. McCraley (Christensen)
- Group #10- Ms. Medina (Mistele)
- Group #11- Omainsky (Michaelis)
- Group #12- Plough (Michael)
- Group #13- Pomilia (Johanson)
- Group #14- Renazco (Kaye)

Our apologies for the error.

Go Titans!

08/28/2013

El Carmelo Elementary

Subject: El Carmelo - A couple of things...

Dear El Carmelo parents,

Thank you for coming out to our two Back to School Nights (Kinder and Grades i-5 last night). The teaching staff really appreciate the chance to explain their programs to you. As always, you can direct follow-up questions via email, phone, etc. - the staff understand that communication with you is essential to their work with your kids.

There is a process under way to revise the current Progress Report (trust me, everyone is happy about this!) and the district is seeking parent volunteers to serve on a Parent Advisory Committee to the Elementary Report Card Committee. If you are interested in representing El Carmelo in this way, use this link to find more information:

<http://pausd.org/community/Committees/ElementaryReportCard/ParentAdvisoryGroup.shtml>

Finally, there is a really generous offer from a local business to raise funds for El Carmelo Elementary. The restaurant Tacolicious (on Emerson between Hamilton and Forest) is donating 15% of all their proceeds (not just school families) for each Monday in September. Very cool, huh? It starts this Monday Sept. 2 (Labor Day) and goes on every Monday of through the month.

Have a great Labor Day weekend!

Chuck Merritt, principal

cmerritt@pausd.org; <http://elcarmelo.pausd.org>; @ElCarmeloSchool (Twitter)

Henry M. Gunn High School

Subject: Special Mid Week Counseling Update August 28

Back to School Night on Thursday

A reminder that Thursday night (August 29), will be Back to School Night. The event officially starts at 6:30 PM in the Gunn Ampitheatre with classroom visits beginning at 7:00 PM. The counseling office will be open at 6:00 PM and you can come in and visit our new counselors, Mr. Derek Johanson, Ms. Challis Michael, Ms. Molly Michaelis and Ms. Deanna Mistele.

Minimum Day on Friday

This Friday (August 30), will be a minimum day as F period will end at 12:19 PM and G period will end at 1:05 PM.

Correction on Upcoming College and Career Event Dates.

In the last two updates, there have been mistakes on the dates of two upcoming events from the College and Career Center. Here are the correct dates.

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See you at Back to School Night and have a great Labor Day Weekend.

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	<p>Juana Briones Elementary School</p>	<p>Subject: UPDATE on Children's Theatre Auditions</p> <p>Dear parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders,</p> <p>Thank you to all the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who came out to audition today after school. Please note that if your child came out to audition today (Wednesday), they do not need to come to auditions tomorrow (Thursday).</p> <p>There are still auditions tomorrow for those students who were not able to make it today. Since there will be fewer students auditioning, we recommend that you either stay with your child, or come pick them up by 3:30 PM tomorrow.</p> <p>All students who auditioned should plan on coming to the MP Room on Tuesday, September 3rd, from 2:45 PM-4:45 PM. For most of the cast, Tuesday will likely be the only day next week you will be required to come. There might be a few students called back later next week.</p> <p>We hope to get a Master calendar out to the entire cast by the end of the next week. We will then send a link to an online sign-up where parents can sign-up to volunteer at rehearsals on days that your child is required to be there.</p> <p>Thank you! We look forward to a great show at the end of October.</p>
<p>08/29/2013</p>	<p>Henry M. Gunn High School</p>	<p>Subject: Gunn's Junior Parent Network (Class of 2015)</p>

08/29/2013

Henry M.
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Dear Gunn Families,

As new members of the Gunn community, the Junior Parent Network asked us to reach out and pass along the following information. We hope you find it helpful.

Junior Parent Network (Class of 2015)

Looking to meet other Junior class parents, add scintillating conversation to your day, AND get a sneak peak at what's in store for your 11th grade teen? Email gunn2015-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and watch your inbox for news about the parties and programs that the Junior Parent Network has planned for you this school year.

First is Sunday afternoon September 8th (2-4). Our topic: " Had I Only Known." Come hear Robin Oyung (Gunn '12) and Eric Cramer (Gunn '13) share what they wished they had known before they started their junior year. [REDACTED]

Please bring a snack and beverage to share if you can.

--Rekha Belur, Lauren Janov and Mallika Srinivasan, Class of 2015 Parent Network Co-Chairs

Subject: RE: Incident Information

Dear Gunn Community,

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This will affect some our students and we are here to support them. The Gunn counselors, school psychologists, and Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS) are available on campus if you or your student need additional support.

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The parking lot fills up quickly please bike, walk, and park at Terman or on the side streets. If you park on the side streets please adhere to the traffic signs and do not block cars or driveways.

If your student is enrolled in a PE class, the instructors will be presenting in Spangenberg.

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b) Textbooks--we still have many textbooks that have not been returned from the 12-13 school year. The textbooks are a valuable resource for all students. Please remind your student to check everywhere in their home to find any Gunn High School textbook and return them to the Main Office. Our textbook tracker system details any outstanding book. PLEASE RETURN.

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**Palo Alto
High School**

Subject: Paly's BTSN is tonight!

Dear Paly Parents,

On behalf of the entire Paly staff, we are so excited to welcome you this evening to Palo Alto High School's Back-to-School Night. Our teachers are ready to impress you, excite you, and share their love of learning with you this evening. Your children are in great hands!

In case you missed the emails or misplaced the info, here's a link with all the information you need:

<http://www.paly.net/event/back-school-night-thursday-august-29th>

Please remember to arrive early (parking will be challenging) and wear comfortable walking shoes!

When you are on campus, feel free to use wifi to view your student's schedule through Infinite Campus. Our wifi login is: studentwireless and the password is: studentwireless

Or to make the most of your time, please fill out the attached schedule and route the classrooms you need to visit with your student before you arrive.

Don't worry, there will be plenty of Link Crew/ASB students and staff available to help guide you and answer questions if needed. Our goal is to make sure this evening is informative and fun, so please don't be afraid to ask for help.

I look forward to meeting you this evening and officially welcoming you to the school I love with all my heart. So proud to be a Viking!

Warmly,

Kim Diorio

Principal

08/30/2013	Jane L Stanford Middle School	<p>Subject: JLS -</p> <p>Good Afternoon JLS Families:</p> <p>Thank you for coming to Back to School Night this past Wednesday. The teachers and I were excited to share a bit about the coming year with you and have you &#39;check out&#39; our new and improved campus. We are slowly settling in and hope you will join us on Wednesday, September 11th for a Back to School Dinner and Opening Celebration. Additional information on how to sign up will be in this week&#39;s edition of the e-news.</p> <p>I would also like to bring to your attention an opportunity to participate in "Take it Personally", a fantastic course sponsored by Project Cornerstone and facilitated by Linda Silvius. We have offered this course at JLS for a number of years and all who have participated have raved about how helpful it has been. Please download the attached file for more information.</p> <p>We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!</p> <p>Sharon Ofek Principal</p>
	Jordan Middle School	Subject: Jordan Middle School Principal's Coffee

08/30/2013

Jordan Middle
School

Dear Jordan Families,

Happy Labor Day weekend. Here is a quick look at a few important events coming up next week.

Principal's Coffee: Thursday, September 5th.

As a reminder, this month's Principal's Coffee will be held on Thursday, September 5th from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the MPR. On the agenda for the evening will be a review of the school goals, as well as a special PTA "Family Buddies Mixer."

"What if I can't make it?"

School goals will also be shared at the PTA General Meeting September 11th at 5:00pm for anyone who cannot attend the Principal's Coffee. In addition, If you would like to learn more about the PTA Family Buddies program, please contact the school at 650-494-8120, and we will be happy to put you in contact with the Jordan PTA.

Clubs are Coming!

Lunchtime club sign-ups begin Thursday, September 5th during lunch. The clubs themselves begin the week of September 9th. Please find a link to the attached registration form below.

<https://app.box.com/s/qsvq46xfdkn20t6s4w4n>

Site Council

I would like to congratulate Andrea Fleming, and Erik Thomsen, for being elected to join the Jordan Site Council. We look forward to getting the year started at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 10th.

We hope you enjoy the holiday weekend, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday.

Greg Barnes

Principal, Jordan Middle School

