

PAAS Newsletter

Palo Alto Adult School Newsletter Centennial Edition 2022





Tom's Page - Tom Keating, Adult School Principal

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year. I am pleased to share with you that the Palo Alto Adult School Centennial Celebration is taking place, two years delayed due to COVID, on **September 11 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM** at Palo Alto High School. It has been worth the wait as we have a wealth of activities planned featuring our three signature programs: Community Education, English as a Second Language, and PreSchool Family. As an added plus, we will also be celebrating the PreSchool Family 75th anniversary.

The theme for the Summer of 2002 has been migration. The main office of the PAAS has moved from the Tower Building to **Portable P11** on the **Paly** campus. The office staff has done a magnificent job taking a challenging environment and making it feel like home. In addition, our ESL office and morning classes have moved from Greendell to the **I Building** and **A Wing** on the **Cubberley** campus. Again, our ESL staff has done a splendid job transforming our new home into a welcoming and vital educational environment. I encourage you to drop by both campuses for a visit.

There is a great deal more to share; however, I want to keep this brief. Check out our nice selection of new Community Education classes (below) beginning September 12. Come celebrate our new century of adult learning on September 11. See you there!



Meet Jennifer Gardiner, our new Adult School Secretary/Registrar

A graduate of Paly's class of 1979, Jenny has deep connections to the district and loves being a part of the community. She spent twelve years as a Library Assistant and Attendance Clerk at Fletcher Middle School and then went on to become Paly's main receptionist from 2014-22. Now, she joins Palo Alto Adult School as the new AS Secretary and Registrar in P11 on the Paly campus. Welcome Jenny!



ESL Updates - Lynn Tanner, ESL Program Manager

We have been busy over the summer, preparing for our back-to-school and fall quarter. The ESL program office and morning classes moved over the summer from the Greendell campus to the I-wing and A-classrooms on the Cubberley campus. We invite you to come by for a tour of our lovely new-to-us building and classrooms.

The ESL department of our adult school offers many state-supported classes to the community: ESL classes, in-person and online, writing classes, Learn-English-At-Home (LEAH) classes, Transitions to Work or College courses, and a Citizenship preparation class.

Our ESL placement test administrations were all full and overflowing in August! ESL students were ready and eager to return to in-person classes, both at our new home on the Cubberley campus and for evening classes at the Palo Alto High School campus. In addition, our three morning online classes are all full.

We are fortunate to have a number of new ESL teachers joining our ESL teaching team; I would like to welcome them, along with our new ESL Testing and Transitions Specialist, Ms. Sripriya Kannan.

We are all ready and eager for a busy and productive English learning year!



PreSchool Family at Greendell - Principal Nikole Manou

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. My name is Nikole Manou and I am excited to officially join Greendell School as Principal. I have a long history with Palo Alto Unified. As a previous classroom teacher, instructional coach, and Administrator TOSA, I feel very prepared for this next adventure. Greendell is a very special school with a rich history of early childhood education along with parent involvement. I am thrilled to be part of this new community!

A little bit about me:

- I have lived in Menlo Park for 25 years.
- I have two sons in college and high school and two furry sons that love to run in the park.
- In my free time, I love to take walks in the beautiful Bay Area weather, travel, and garden.
- One hobby is traveling in our Airstream visiting the amazing sites of the west coast.

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HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY, PRESCHOOL FAMILY!

Read the latest on PSF here:

<https://greendell.pausd.org/about-us/news>

PreSchool Family is a parent education program serving families with children ages birth through five years. The program began in 1946 and is part of the Palo Alto Adult School under the auspices of the Palo Alto Unified School District. The program is designed to offer parents an opportunity to learn about parenting and to actively participate in their child's education. For children, the program offers a developmentally appropriate, play-based, educational experience.

Our Mission is to serve parents and young children in a way that nurtures, respects and educates each individual in a developmentally appropriate environment in order to build strong families and communities.

PreSchool Family serves parents and young children in a way that nurtures, respects and educates each individual in a developmentally appropriate environment. Our program welcomes preschool children from all families, cultures, and religions. Each child and parent is treated with respect for their individuality and unique potential.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR ADULT SCHOOL CLASSES!

NEW CLASSES THIS FALL

Archeology and Art:

September 12 - November 14

Explore a wealth of evidence from multiple sources to learn about the archaeology and art between the Balkan and the Aegean. Both the curious and the connoisseurs will enjoy a fascinating journey discovering prehistoric settlements, ancient Thracian, Greek, and Roman cities, and trading posts identifying where myth and history collided.

Instructor: Petya Hristova

<https://paadultschool.org/instructors/petya-hristova-phd/>

Introduction to Amazon

September 21 - October 12

Hobbyists and professionals alike have found affordable and powerful ways to create new online products and services. Find out what all the fuss is about in this course. Learn some of what AWS is

used for, the tools and services available to anyone, and gain hands on experience building some simple applications.

Optional (if there is time): delve into how front-end frameworks like React and Vue.js enhance building online services.

Instructor: Rick Shaul

rshaul@pausd.org

Adult bicycling:

September 28 - October 2

Learn essential bike safety skills and build your confidence riding on local streets in this classroom and on-bike class. You will learn the rules of the road and safety skills at the Wednesday class. The Sunday class is the on-bike component with skill drills and a teaching ride. **Functional bike and helmet required for bike ride. Must attend Safety class to participate in bike ride.**

Instructors: Anjani Sarma asarma@pausd.org, & Maria Abilock mabilock@pausd.org

<https://paadultschool.org/classes/adult-bicycling/>

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Editor's Corner - Natalie Skelton / Editor

Speaking of the past 100 years, 2021 was a definitive milestone for many reasons. We collectively endured a world pandemic, then gradually moved out of lockdown and back into tentative social gatherings, and Palo Alto Adult School entered its Centennial year. In the midst of everything else that's going in the world, it might not be immediately evident what a striking achievement this is. But keeping any school going for an entire century is quite the challenge and definitely a fantastic accomplishment. We are very much back and ready for Fall 2022 and are finally celebrating properly!

Through the years, PAAS students, teachers, staff, principals and leaders have come and gone. Each one brought a unique perspective to our world, and each one left an indelible mark. We would not be who we are today without the invaluable contributions of every person who has walked down our hallways. Our entire community owes a debt of gratitude to you all and we send you a huge thank you, with the fervent wish that things keep getting even better.

We have always striven to build each other up, and as our mission states, we continue to be *committed to excellence in providing a broad range of accessible and flexible educational programs that enable our diverse community of adult learners to achieve their academic, career, and personal goals*

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, PAAS!!!

Natalie Skelton has worked at the district since 2019 as the Adult School and Summer School Secretary, and is now the ESL Secretary. She enjoys getting to know all the staff, teachers, and

students of the different departments. Although she spent her childhood in Kentucky, she went to high school and college here in the Bay Area, and after 20 years in Los Angeles, she moved back up north and is now here to stay. She loves baseball, jazz, and dogs, has an extensive background in writing and reviewing online, and has a mixed terrier named Rufus.

PAAS Announcements

REMINDER: All Adult School students are required to provide proof of complete vaccination against COVID-19 while attending in-person classes at all district sites. Please bring your vaccination card with you to your first day of school.

2021 was the 100th year of Palo Alto Adult School and the 75th year of PreSchool Families.

Join us in celebrating 100 years of the Palo Alto Adult School!

*Sunday, September 11, 2022
Palo Alto High School Centennial Plaza
@3-5pm*

Enjoy delicious food from local food trucks, meet with our teachers and see their class projects, check out the latest innovations in electric cars, and listen to our student musicians perform. Kid activities provided, as well as more than \$500 in prizes from sponsors!



About PAAS

Palo Alto Adult School was established by the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) in 1921. The adult school offers a robust program and annually serves a student population of approximately 5400 students. Our school is committed to excellence by providing a broad range of affordable, high quality education programs. Our goal is to meet the diverse lifelong learning needs of our community.

We provide classes for English learners, parents, job seekers, travelers, hobbyists, and others who want to expand their skills. Whether you want to learn to cook, try your hand at something new or enhance your skills, let us meet your lifelong learning needs.

Most of our instructors are credentialed. Credentialing involves having studied or worked with the subject matter being taught and obtaining education related to adult learning theory. Students are thus assured that their instructors have the skills to guide students appropriately.

English as a second language and citizenship classes are free and other classes have affordable prices, offering you excellent value for your time.

The majority of funding for state-mandated classes is provided by state tax money and is based on student attendance hours. As a result, the class fees for students are significantly less for these state-supported classes. All other Adult School classes are supported entirely by enrollment and lab fees.

Questions? Call (650) 329-3752 or send an email to adultschool@pausd.org.



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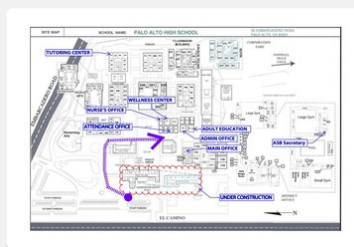
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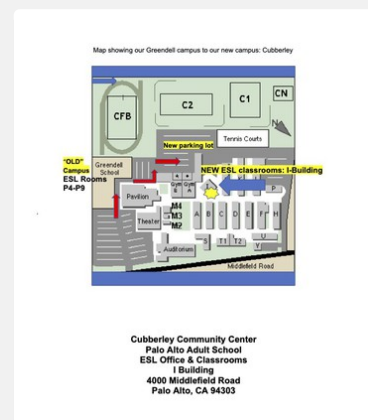
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**Main Adult School
Office at Paly P11**



Paly Map



**ESL Office, I-
Building at
Cubberley**



PAAS Fact Sheet

<https://paadultschool.org/school-fact-sheets-2018-2021/>

