

School to Church

News and Information

April 2010

Miramonte School: Eighty-nine years of working together to educate students for this life and for eternity.



April

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| 13 | T | 2 nd grade fieldtrip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium |
| 14 | W | Kindergarten Teddy Bear Day |
| 15 | Th | 8 th grade excursion to the USS Potamac |
| 18-23 | | 8 th grade Catalina trip |
| 19-23 | | 7 th grade Hume Lake outdoor experience and leadership camp |
| 19-23 | | 6 th grade Mission Springs Outdoor School |
| 19-21 | | 4 th grade Gold Camp |
| 21 | W | 3 rd grade to Coyote Hills Park |
| 26-30 | | Student Activities Week |

May

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| 3-7 | | Community Service Food Drive Week |
| 4 | T | 3 rd grade field trip to Moss Beach Marine Station |
| 5 | W | K-3 Spring Music Program in the gym; 7 PM |
| 6 | Th | 2 nd grade to Hiller Aviation Museum |
| 9 | Sun. | Mother's Day |

articles and on some of our video presentations. But how can this really be applied to Miramonte School?

“Educating students for this life”

We want our students to be successful in school and lead a productive life. Our curriculum is designed to prepare students for their future educational needs. We believe that it is through education that a student will be able to fulfill the plans that God has for them. As part of our program, we include a community service component. We want our students to realize that assisting people in a variety of ways is something that they can do throughout their lives. We have been given a call to action based on



God's words to us. We also work with students to move them to a higher level of maturity in dealing with people around them. While there are many facets to an education, we believe that high educational standards, service to those around us, and the ability to work with others are key to a successful life.

“Educating students for eternity”

However, the great news about life here is that God has provided a way

Education at Miramonte

“Educating students for this life and for eternity.” We have used this phrase on a number of written

for us to live with Him for all eternity! So, in all we do we strive to guide our students into developing a relationship with God. It is not always easy, and sometimes students will make what we can see are obvious errors. Yet we still strive to guide them.

In order for us to be successful in “educating students for this life and for eternity,” we as a community need to work together. The school, church, and home pulling toward the same goal will give us a platform from which our students can succeed. With all of us striving together, there is also the greater probability that the shortcomings from any area will be made up by another supporting leg.

Thank you for your support.

Spring Week of Prayer

This past week, all of our students participated in our Week of Prayer activities.



We began each day with a group chapel where one of the classrooms would lead

out in singing and another classroom led out in presenting the message for the day. One of the days included

simple community service activities such as designing placemats for “Meals-on-Wheels” and making cookie mixes for the office staff here at



Miramonte and across the street at Blach school. The Student Council selected the theme for this Week of Prayer as “Revealing God to Others.” The week concluded with a Friday evening vespers at the school where the students could learn more about committing their lives to God along with the meaning of the Communion Service.

California Missions

As part of their 4th grade social studies program, the students in Mr. Koubong’s classroom recently

traveled to San Francisco de Asis, Mission Dolores and Mission San Rafael Arcangel.



This was the concluding activity for their study of the missions and the impact the missions had on the development of California. The students were able to tour the mission buildings, museums, and cemetery areas. The study also included how the missions and their structure impacted the native Americans who lived in the area.

Student Life—8th Grade

by Amanda Deem (8th grade student)

Although there are many enjoyable things about being in the eighth grade, my favorite things would be our overnight field trips, the variety of sports available to us, and most of all, the fun things we get to do everyday.

The overnight field trips are great! One of our many overnight field trips is the ski trip. During the ski trip, we

ski for two days and inner tube for one. The trip is amazingly fun, and I wish that we could go back again. Another field trip which we have yet to go on is the trip to Catalina Island in Southern California. It is a whole week away from school and homework, and I am very excited to go on it. The great field trips are just one of the many great things offered to us as Miramonte eighth graders.



Another thing that is offered not only to the Miramonte eighth graders, but to all the students in fifth grade and up, is our great sports program. There are so many great sports available to us like volleyball, basketball, soccer, and many more. I was on the volleyball team, and it



was very challenging but extremely fun! Our P.E. sports are awesome, too! In P.E. we play with

the sports' seasons, so whether students join a sport or not, they are still able to play the game. I feel that even though the Miramonte eighth grade experience is already great, it wouldn't be the same without the privilege of all the sports we can try out for.

Being in the eighth grade classroom is often chaotic, but it's a lot of fun, and I wouldn't have it any other way. One thing that sets us apart from other classes is that we have snack

time. It wouldn't be expected that a bunch of 14-year olds are having a snack time, but our teacher, Mrs. Sato, is cool enough to give us awesomely healthy snacks! Another thing that is unique for eighth graders to have is recess. We must be the luckiest eighth graders on the planet, because I know I wasn't ready to give up recess when I came to middle school, and at Miramonte, I didn't have to!



I know that I am very blessed to be able to go to an awesome school like Miramonte and you'd be crazy not to want to go here!

Science Chapel

On a recent Friday for Chapel, the 7th grade science students used experiments to illustrate our relationship with God. In the first experiment, the slight change in a chemical formula by the addition of oxygen, H_2O to H_2O_2 , allows a chemical



reaction to expand to many times its volume. In the same way, accepting God's gift to us allows us to have a great influence on those around us.



In a second experiment, adding God's "living water" to the balloon of our life allows us to withstand the heat of a flame,

trials, without destroying us. The final illustration showed how God can shelter the “cloth of our lives” even when we are exposed to flames and our life appears to be burning. In the end, the cloth is sheltered and our eternal lives are protected by Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

Chinatown Excursion

In mid-March, the sixth grade class journeyed to San Francisco's Chinatown. They are currently reading Laurence Yep's *Dragonwings*, a book about a boy growing up in Chinatown in the early 1900's, so this trip was the perfect complement to the setting of that book. While there, they took a walking tour of the city that included the marketplace, an herbalist shop, a fortune cookie factory, and a Taoist temple. They spent the afternoon at the Chinese Historical Society of America where they experienced what life was like for people living in Chinatown during the 1906 earthquake. It was a great experience!



Registration

We are currently registering students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know of families that should have their children enrolled at Miramonte School, please encourage them to visit us. We believe that our school provides a quality Christian education. We also feel that the students who are enrolled today will be the leaders and members of our

Adventist churches in the future. As you consider Miramonte School for your child's education, keep in mind that some scholarship funds are available for qualifying families.

- Central California Conference Endowment fund for financial need. (June 30)
- The Minority Scholarship is administered by the local church for students who attend a minority church.
- New Member Evangelism Fund helps newly baptized members enroll their students in a Adventist school for the first time. (September 30)
- The BASIC Fund is a need-based scholarship set up to encourage families to attend private schools in the Bay area. (April 15)

Please note that most of these scholarships have deadlines for all application materials to be submitted.

Foreign Students

This school year, Miramonte School received certification to issue the I-20 for foreign students. We currently have four students enrolled as foreign students. If you have friends or relatives who would be interested in sending their child, please have them contact the school for additional information.

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