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## Dates to Remember

Aug. 26 - Back-to-School Night

Aug. 27 - Eighth Grade Hot Lunch

Aug. 31 - Parent Seminars

Sept. 2-3 - Parent Seminars

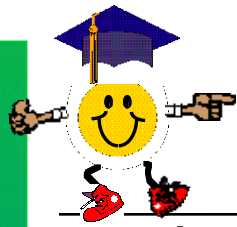
Sept. 6 - Labor Day - No school

Sept. 8 - Picture Day

Sept. 9-16 - Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

This week's birthday person is:

No One Yet!



# The EGG

Eighth Grade Gazette

A weekly newsletter for Miramonte's eighth graders & their parents

## Welcome to Eighth Grade at Miramonte

I'm thrilled to be teaching the eighth grade at Miramonte and I'm looking forward to having a great year working with the your eighth grader and your family. For those who don't know much about me, here are a few brief facts. I grew up in Hawaii where I graduated from Hawaiian Mission Academy. I attended Pacific Union College in the Napa Valley where I obtained a graduate degree in Elementary Education. Most of my teaching experience has been at Miramonte in various grade levels from first grade to eighth grade. I live in Santa Clara with my husband, Randy (pictured to the right), and a cat named Smokey.

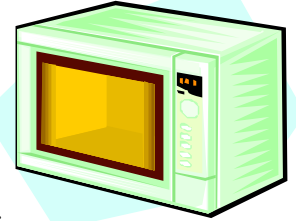


## Back-to-School Night Scheduled for August 26

Please reserve the evening of Thursday, August 26 for our *Back-to-School Night* at Miramonte. I am looking forward to meeting all of you that evening. You will receive information about all of the classes your student is taking, including details about the classes Mr. Lepulu teaches to the eighth grade. *Back-to-School Night* is also an important time for us to discuss plans for the school year, our overnight trip, our fundraising efforts, and eighth grade graduation.

## Please Limit Items That Need Microwaving

We have just 20 minutes to eat lunch and our classroom electrical system can only handle **one** microwave working at a time. Students who need 30-60 second warming get first priority in using the microwave in order to keep the process moving. I also have a pot which can make boiling water for noodle and pasta cups. If your student really wants a "hot" lunch, it would be best to purchase an "official" hot lunch.



## First Fund-Raiser This Friday!

Our first eighth grade fund-raiser is this coming Friday, August 27. We will be serving the first hot lunch of the school year. Please see the *Mainspring* for more details.



## Easing Students Back into the Swing of Things

This week will be a "light" homework week. We will be spending a lot of time in class on procedures, explanations of requirements for schoolwork and behavior, and in discussing plans and expectations. Next week homework will pick up a bit. I'm sure Mr. Lepulu will be giving the students details in his language arts classes about reading projects for the quarter, and algebra assignments will start today. We will start official 8th grade math on Wednesday, once all the placement tests have been given in the lower grades.

## Parent Seminars Offered

Very frequently teachers run out of time on *Back-to-School Night* so we will be offering several parent seminars on August 31 - September 2. These seminars cover various topics of interest to parents of any age students. Topics that might be of particular interest to teenagers are the sports orientation and cyber safety for teens seminars. I would also encourage eighth grade parents to come to the seminar about the high school application process. Please see the *Mainspring* and posters around campus for more details.