



Issue 17
December 14, 2009

Dates to Remember:
December

- 14-17: Twelve Days of Christmas Giving Continues.
- 15—Tuesday: Grades 7 & 8 Christmas Banquet
- 16—Wednesday: 4th Grade to the Monterey Bay Aquarium.
Grade 4-8 Christmas Program. 7 PM in the school gym.
- 17—3rd grade field trip to Redwood Grove.
Eighth Grade Ice Skating.
Intramurals Volleyball Finals in the afternoon.
- **18—12:00 PM Release for Christmas Break.**
- **21-Jan. 1—No School: Christmas Break.**

January

- **4—Monday: Classes Resume.**
- 5—Tuesday: Powerline testing available.
- 6—Wednesday: JK-1 Classroom Snow Event.
- 8—Friday: Lunch Fundraiser by the 3rd Grade.
- 15—Friday: Lunch Fundraiser sponsored by the 2nd grade class.
Second Quarter Ends.
- 18—Monday: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 19—Tuesday: Third quarter begins.
- 21—Thursday: The third grade class tour the Coyote Point Museum.
- 22—Friday: Lunch fundraiser provided by the 1st grade class.
- 24—Sunday: Elementary Basketball Tournament at Miramonte.

Miramonte School Mainspring

Christmas Around the World

This past Friday, the students in grades 6-8 presented an excellent assembly type program. After working on their projects in groups, the students gave short presentations on Christmas and Holiday traditions from around the world. The student presentations included banners, illustrations of activities, and short skits. Each classroom moved from presentation to presentation around the gym. The activity was both informative and fun.



Christmas Music Program

The grades 4-8 Music Program is on Wednesday, December 16. The program will be held in the school gym and begin at 7 PM. The program will consist of music performed by our fourth grade recorder class, the 5th grade beginners' band, grades 6-8 band, and the grades 6-8 choir.

Christmas Musical

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Musical this past week. The students did an excellent job in the performance. We appreciate the parental support in providing cookies, finding and making costumes, helping the students dress appropriately, and in getting your children to the program on a Thursday evening.

During the program, Gary Reese recorded the program utilizing four mounted video cameras and the church sound system. He will be producing a DVD of the program that will be available to purchase. As soon as additional information is available about this DVD, we will provide it for you.



12 Days of Christmas Giving

We are in our final days of contributing to the 12 days of Christmas Giving program. Please remember to send items with your children to deposit into the boxes by main hallway entrance. This week are days 9 through 12. Please see the complete list on the back of the Mainspring. Remember, if you miss a day, items can be sent anytime before the 12 days are completed.

There are additional Mainspring announcements on the back page!

Tough Economic Times

This is a difficult time for many families. A number of our parents are currently unemployed. In order to assist families in this situation, we would be willing to publish on our back page, information about the type of work some people are needing. Then, if you know of something that a parent may be qualified to do, we would pass the information along. No names would be attached to the job listings, only the type of job sought. Please contact the principal for additional details or to submit information.

Caught You Being Good!

Joshua—Grade Two Luke—Grade Three
Nicholas—Grade Three Alejandro—3rd Grade
Daniel—Grade Three

Box Tops Report—445

Send your box tops to the classroom.

What's for Friday Lunch?

This Friday, there is NO lunch fundraiser or snack. With all of the classroom Christmas activities, there should be no need to serve additional food.

NO LUNCH THIS FRIDAY!

Weekly Meetings

- ◇ **Tuesday: Parents' Morning Prayer: 8:15 AM in the Piano Practice Room.**
- ◇ **Wednesday: Yearbook Staff Meeting: We will meet again in January.**

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Miramonte School Mainspring Backpage

12 Days of Christmas Giving

Last year we introduced the 12 days of Christmas Giving. We hope that this year, even more students will participate. For 12 school days in December, we ask students to bring items on each day. These donations will be given to local community service organizations where they will be distributed. To coordinate what to bring, we ask that students bring certain items each day. (Of course, items are acceptable on any of the days.) We will begin this program on Wednesday, December 2. So, plan ahead as you do your shopping and pick up just a few extra items.

Day 1	W	Dec. 2	Canned Vegetables
Day 2	Th	Dec. 3	Canned Fruit
Day 3	F	Dec. 4	Canned or other Milk Products
Day 4	M	Dec. 7	Canned or Dry Soup Mixes
Day 5	T	Dec. 8	Dry Pasta/Rice/Oatmeal
Day 6	W	Dec. 9	Canned Chili/Beans or Dry Beans
Day 7	Th	Dec. 10	Coats/Hats/Gloves
Day 8	F	Dec. 11	Pasta Mixes/Dry Cereals
Day 9	M	Dec. 14	Sauces and Salsa
Day 10	T	Dec. 15	Toys (New and unwrapped)
Day 11	W	Dec. 16	Mixes for Bread/Dessert, Crackers
Day 12	Th	Dec. 17	Can Openers/Kitchen Utensils



Thank you for your support of this activity!



Volleyball Intramurals

For the past several weeks the students in grades 5-8 have been participating in lunchtime volleyball intramurals. This Thursday, the final games will be played to end the season. This will be followed by the school A and B teams playing each other. All of this leads up to the grand finale where the staff play the students. If you would like to join us in the gym for these events, please feel free to do so.



Partnering with Miramonte School

Would you like information about your business placed on the back page of the Mainspring? We are testing this concept over the next few months. If you are willing to return a portion of the proceeds from business that is generated through this posting, we would love to include your information. The suggested donation from you would be 10%, but this depends on the type of business you are in. Please contact us for additional information. Thank you for your support of Miramonte School.

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