

Miramonte School: Eighty-eight years of educating students for this life and for eternity.



May

10	Sun.	Mother's Day
10-14	Su-Th	5 th grade Albion Marine Science Trip
12	T	JK to Discovery Museum
13	W	4 th grade visit Guide Dogs for the Blind 2 nd grade to Hiller Air Museum
14	Th	1 st grade field trip to the Aquarium of the Bay Constituency Meeting begins at 7 PM
15	F	MVA Royalties perform for chapel
20	W	After School softball event 8 th grade fundraiser at Chevy's, 4-9 PM
21	Th	Spring Music Program Grades 4-8 at 7PM
22	F	Grade 6-8 band students performs at MVA
25	M	NO SCHOOL —Memorial Day
26	T	School Board at 7 PM
28	Th	Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 PM

June

1	M	Grade 2 Patriotic Program
2	T	Grades 5-8 Activity Day
3	W	Grades 1-4 Activity Day
4	Th	Last Day of School 8th Grade Graduation: 7 PM at the Mountain View Central Church

Spring Week of Prayer

The Sunnyvale Adventist Church pastoral staff provided this year's Spring Week of Prayer. During the last week of April, the students met in the music room each morning. The pastoral staff provided two sessions each day, one for the JK through grade 3 students and a second for the students in grades four through eight. This separation allowed for each message to be better tailored to the needs of the students. The Week of Prayer began with youth pastor Jonathan Mueller on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday, Pastor Joe Strock spoke as well as sung for the students. Sandi Colon continued the series "Jesus Is..." on



Thursday. The week concluded with Pastor Rob Colon presenting

his message and story that "Jesus is bigger than our sins." In addition to the messages presented each day, each classroom provided a daily song service and opened each program with prayer. We appreciate the presence of the Sunnyvale pastors here at Miramonte School. Their coordinated messages throughout the week have certainly blessed the students and staff.

Constituency Meeting

The Miramonte School annual Constituency Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 7 PM. The delegates to this meeting will hear reports about the school operation as well as consider the budget for the 2009-2010 school year. The delegates to the Constituency Meeting are chosen by each church. Each church has at least one delegate plus additional delegates based on the amount of committed financial support to the school. The meeting is an open meeting, and visitors are welcome to attend.

Sixth Grade Outdoor School

The sixth grade students recently returned from the annual Outdoor School adventure to Mission Springs. Mission Springs is a Christian camp located in the Santa Cruz mountains that provides a structured outdoor education with the application of Christian tenets



and principles. The students thoroughly enjoyed their experiences and were able to share some of their experiences about the night walk and climbing tower with their fellow students during chapel. We also appreciate the support of the parents who attended as sponsors for this experience.

Teacher Profile:

Ronna Sato—Eight Grade

Ronna was born in San Jose, CA where her father was the principal and grade 7/8 teacher at West Valley School in Campbell. She attended elementary school at



Hawaiian Mission Elementary School and high school at Hawaiian Mission Academy. Ronna then attended and graduated from Pacific Union College. Ronna has been teaching 23.5 years, of which 18 have been here at Miramonte. Some of her favorite leisure time activities include volleyball, gardening, and sewing. As an 8th grade student, Ronna was a diehard Hawaii Islander fan. The Islanders were the AAA farm club for the San Diego Padres. She kept scrapbooks of all the news stories about them, collected autographs, and even saved grass and dirt from the old Honolulu Stadium. Her

family sat in sections 9 & 10. When the stadium closed, people were allowed to take anything they could carry. Ronna still has those section number signs. As a child, the books that were of most interest included books that had numerous illustrations. This included the *Golden Book of Zoo Animal Stories* and other animal story books. As a teenager she enjoyed books about WWII including spy or escape stories such as *Flee the Captor*, *The Great Escape*, and *Return to Manzanar*. Ronna's favorite Bible text is Isaiah 40:31. "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." Ronna says that "it is a simple promise that doesn't have a lot of conditions attached to it. Being able to soar above your problems is sometimes very attractive."

Canned Food Drive

Each spring the students participate in a neighborhood food drive. The adjacent blocks around the school are divided into smaller zones that are assigned to the various classrooms. With the assistance of parent volunteers, the



the end of the week, upper grade

students go back to the homes and collect the sacks of food that have been left by the front door. This year, the students collected 80 bags of groceries with a weight of about 860 pounds. City Team Ministries later arrived with their truck to pick up the food for distribution in the local area.

Soccer Tournament

Spring is a great time to play soccer. It is also the time when Miramonte School participates in soccer.

This year, they did not compete in the Conference tournament due to a scheduling conflict. Instead, we sponsored six-man soccer on our own campus. In this type of soccer, the field does not need to be as large, the goals are smaller, and all members of the team must participate fully in the game. Several other Adventist schools from the local area were invited to join us on a Sunday for a day of soccer. While not all of the invited teams were able to make the trip, those that did had a very enjoyable day.



Oskar and the Big Bully Battle

Students learn in a variety of ways, and the more ways that are utilized to teach a lesson, the better the students do. During a recent assembly, the students were able to experience a lesson on the consequences of bullying as they

watched a play performed by Palo Alto-based TheatreWorks. During the performance, the students were able to watch as a bullying situation developed and grew. They were able to experience the emotions involved, and see how the situation



develops into something that is harmful to everyone. The actors were also

able to use humor, musical transitions, interesting set movements, and unique costumes to capture the attention of the students. We hope that our students better understand how to handle these types of situations by calling it to the attention of adults, letting students know that this behavior is not appropriate, and stepping forward to help others.

Talent Show

The Miramonte School Spring Talent Show took place on the last day of April.



Students from all of the grade levels, junior kindergarten through eighth grade, performed for their parents and the other

students. Performances ranged from vocal and instrumental selections, to lip synch songs and cultural presentations. As part of the show, a



number of students also chose to display some of their artwork. We appreciate everyone who came to support our children.

Maluti Mission

Each year the North American Division Education Department encourages all of the schools to raise funds toward a Division-wide mission project. This year's project is to build a 140 student school at the Maluti Mission in South Africa. To help meet the goal, the students have been bringing in money from home and placing it in a large water bottle. While we did not fill the bottle, we were able to raise over \$600 for this project.



PE Opening

Miramonte School is currently looking for an individual to teach PE for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a 25-30 hour per week part-time local hire position. Employment will begin in mid-August. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school.

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