

School to Church

News and Information

March 2010

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



March

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| 14 | Sun | Daylight Savings Time begins, spring forward! |
| 17 | W | 5 th grade trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium |
| | | 6 th grade trip to San Francisco China Town |
| 18 | Th | Spring Picture Day |
| 19 | F | 12 noon release for Spring Break |
| | | Third Quarter Ends |
| 22-26 | | Spring Break: No School |
| 29 | M | Fourth Quarter Begins |
| 30 | T | School Board Meeting at 7:00 PM |
| 31 | W | 3 rd Grade trip to Baylands Nature Preserve |

April

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| 1 | Th | Panoramic Picture Day |
| 5-8 | | Spring Week of Prayer |
| 6 | T | 1 st Grade trip to Barnes and Noble Bookstore |
| 8 | Th | 8 th grade excursion to the USS Potamac |
| 9 | F | Communion Vespers |

Through the Year

It is hard to believe that in just a few more days, the school year will be three-fourths completed. There are many activities that the students are

looking forward to, but it will not be long and the summer break will have arrived. While we anticipate that all of our plans will come together for a great 4th quarter, we are also planning for the next school year. Now is the time to:



- Encourage families that have children to find out what Miramonte School has to offer.
- Schedule a visit to the school if you have a new student you are considering enrolling in Miramonte School.
- Talk to a school board member about some of the activities at the school.
- Consider a donation to Miramonte that would assist families send their children.
- Pray for us. All of us associated with the school—teachers, parents, students, volunteers, and board members—need and seek God's guidance. Your support through prayer is very encouraging to us.

Therefore, while the school year seems to be rapidly drawing to its end, now is the time to look ahead and plan for the next year and beyond.

Spring Gala

Thank you to everyone who supported Miramonte School by attending the annual Spring Gala Fundraiser, "A Night in Paris."

Through a great deal of hard work and planning, the school gym was transformed into Paris, complete with the Eiffel Tower. This Saturday evening event began with a plethora



of elegantly presented desserts and a selection of beverages. Tables were set up with

silent action items ranging from vacations in Mexico and France to an iPod to cooking lessons. Something was available for everyone. Special thanks go to Marianne Lian for her work in coordinating the event and searching for auction items and to Rosie Conception for conceptualizing and transforming the gym. Many parents helped pull this event together through their work. The major funds raised through the auction are dedicated toward the installation of a stage in the gym so that the students can be better



observed during their performances. Even if you missed this event, we could still use additional donations to help this project become a reality.

Green Eggs?

One of the authors whom most students recognize is Dr. Seuss. The second grade class recently commemorated the birthday of Dr. Seuss with a breakfast where green eggs were served. The students read some of the Dr. Seuss books and studied some of the history and reasons for the books. The students were enthused by activities that encouraged them to regularly participate in and enjoy reading.



Student Life—6th Grade

by Casey Goldring & Rafaela Santos

Sixth grade is the greatest year of a Miramonte student's life. In school, we study fascinating topics. In math class, we learn about fractions, decimals, percents, and geometry, and each week we get to be "guest professors" as we teach our classmates how to do different problems. In Language Arts, we write fantastic stories and essays.

Currently, we are writing stories that focus on action verbs. We have learned about the human body this year in science class by forming "doctor's offices" where we have each become practicing "specialists". We learn how to care



for our bodies and how to say no to drugs each week when we have DARE class with Officer Mark from the Los Altos Police Department. History class is all about ancient civilizations, which we celebrate at



the Egyptian Banquet. Bible class is about the study of Jesus' life and teachings and how to be a better witness for him. We have especially enjoyed presenting chapel

programs for the rest of the school this year!

Not only do we do a lot of fun activities in school, but we have many exciting activities away from school as well. Our most recent field trip was a luncheon at the Old



Spaghetti Factory to display our wonderful manners that we learned in Manners 101 (a class that we

take for a couple of weeks to learn proper manners when using the phone, meeting new people, and how to behave at the table). We have visited the King Tut exhibit and the Exploratorium in San Francisco, and we will take a tour of Chinatown later this month. The highlight of our year is the week we spend at Mission Springs Outdoor Education. There, we can experience God's creation at its fullest.

Sixth grade is a great year because not only do we learn a lot about responsibility and organization, but we have fun activities, and we get to share them with great friends!

Curriculum Fair

How do you know when a student has actually learned something? Well, in most cases, if they can tell you about it, show you how it works, or you can look at their finished product, then you can assess part of what the student has learned. Recently, Miramonte School held a curriculum fair to highlight some of the learning that has been taking place in the classrooms. The theme of this year's fair was the development of the "Lifeskills." Classroom teachers in grades JK through eighth chose



skills such as perseverance, caring, friendship, patience, responsibility, curiosity, courage, sense of humor,

resourcefulness, and flexibility. Instruction took place to emphasize the skill chosen by each classroom. The students displayed work that related to the classroom skill for the year. The evening began with a veggie burger meal and then progressed to the actual displays. The fifth grade class also performed three presentations of a play on Rosa Parks during the evening.



Bible Challenge

The Central California Conference (CCC) Bible Challenge was held at the Fresno Westside Church on Sabbath afternoon, February 20.



Students from Miramonte School joined 7th and 8th grade students from throughout the conference to display their knowledge and understanding of the book of Judges. Dan Kittle, principal of Fresno Adventist Academy emceed the program. Each of the four students who comprised the Miramonte School team gave up lunch times and other free time in order to prepare under the direction of their coach, Brooke Lemmon, the grades 6-8 Bible teacher. While our students did not "win" the Challenge, we appreciate their hard work and their display of Bible knowledge.

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.

The BASIC Fund

Tuition charges at Miramonte can be a challenge for many families. The tuition discount that members of our constituent churches receive helps, but it can still be a struggle to pay the tuition. One option available in the local area is to apply for the BASIC

fund. This is a scholarship to encourage families to send their children to a private school. While there are income level cutoffs, if you are considering sending your child to Miramonte for the first time, you may qualify. For information, visit www.basicfund.org, or give us a call.

The School Board

Our local school board manages operation of Miramonte School. This board is composed of pastoral representatives and members of the local churches. Each constituent church has one representative plus additional representatives based on the number of students attending from a church and the amount of subsidy that a church contributes.

The current board members are:

- East Palo Alto Sharon Ogbor
- MV Korean Pastor Alex Kim Estelle Kim
- MV Central Pastor Ken Fraser
Pati Chan & Barb McDow
- MV Hispanic Andreas Garcia
Moises Guerrero
- MV Japanese James Togami
Earl Miller
- Palo Alto Laurin Pestes
- Redwood City Pastor Tom Dodge
- South Bay Chinese Nathan Chan
- Sunnyvale Pastor Rob Colton
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