

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 15: Fall Festival – canceled due to air quality concerns**
- Oct. 20: 1st Quarter Ends**
- Oct. 21: Education Sabbath at Mt. View Central SDA Church**
- Oct. 23: 2nd Quarter Begins**
- Oct. 23 – 27: Red Ribbon Week**
- Oct. 24, 8:20 am – Walk-a-Thon Awards Assembly**
- Oct. 30 – Nov. 7: Student Council Campaign**
- Nov. 2: Open House (parents)**
- Nov. 7: Election Chapel;**
- Nov. 7: Picture Retake Day**
- Nov. 8-9: Parent – Teacher Conferences for 1st Quarter**
- Nov. 10: Veterans Day Chapel**
- Nov. 16: Leadership Day**
- Nov. 20 – 24: No School – Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov. 27: School resumes**
- Dec. 3: Volleyball Tournament at Miramonte, all day**
- Dec. 7, 7 pm: Christmas Program**
- Dec. 15: Minimum day, noon dismissal**
- Dec. 18 – Jan. 2: No School – Christmas Break**
- Jan. 3: School resumes**

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Fall Festival is Canceled

Due to the ongoing problems with poor air quality and considering that the fires in Northern California are not even close to being contained, Miramonte has cancelled this Sunday's fall festival since we would have families and children outside for 3 hours or more. We are considering a Sunday in the spring as the new fall festival date but have not determined which day that will be. It was not an easy decision to make, but the health and welfare of all takes precedence.

Air Quality and School

Miramonte is monitoring the air quality reports. As of the printing of this newsletter, the EPA places us on the border of the *Moderate* and *Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups* Zones. Starting yesterday, Miramonte has had all students stay inside for all activities, except moving between classrooms or buildings. If you keep your child out of school for health reasons related to the poor air quality, please contact the office and we will mark your child as an excused absence.

Grant Road and Traffic Delays

We have been trying to get an update from the city of Los Altos as to when we can expect the intersection of Grant and Altamead to be open for traffic with no delays, and they replied that construction in this part of Grant Road was finished as of last night. Since yesterday afternoon was especially tied up, we have decided to extend the after school grace period (no charge) from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm for yesterday only for everyone. You may want to consider coming around the back way (*Carmel Terrace off of Portland Avenue or go from Fremont take Oakhurst to Portland to Carmel, if you coming from the south; or take Miramonte to Portland to Carmel if you are coming from the north*) – just please be careful to observe the posted speed limits due to high student walker volume in that area.

Deadline for Walk-a-Thon collections – October 16th

The Walk-a-Thon due date for pledges has been extended until the close of day on Monday, October 16th. . . Keep those pledges coming in!!! If for some reason your child never turned in their pledge sheet, it is not too late for it to go towards the classroom total (although it will not count towards an individual prize). To qualify for prizes, the students need to have their pledges paid in full. Thank all of you in advance for helping your children to collect these needed pledges for their school. Happy collecting!! Home and School will have a special Walk-a-Thon Awards Assembly on Tuesday, October 24th at 8:20 am in the gym.

Education Day at Mt. View Central Church – October 21st

Some of our groups are participating at MVC Church on the 21st. Check with your student's teacher to see if they are part of it this time. There are 2 more Education Sabbaths this year. **Hot Lunch this Friday (October 13th - 8th gr. fundraiser):** Corn dogs, fruit, veggie sticks, cookie, and a juice - \$5.00 Extra corn dog - \$1.00 each.

Hot Lunch next week (October 10th and 13th)

Tuesday, October 17th: Pizza, Salad, Fruit & Drink. \$5.00

Friday, October 20th (Kindergarten grade fundraiser): Udon noodle soup, Inari sushi, grapes, Gogurt, and water.

Sports notes:

- Mon, October 16th Girls Volleyball Games: 3:30 – gr. 5-6 at home;
- Tues, October 17th Girls Volleyball Games: 4:45 – gr. 7-8 at Hillbrook; CoEd & 5-6th Girls Practice: 3:30 – 5:00
- Wed, October 18th CoEd Volleyball Tryouts: 3:30 – 5:00 pm in gym
- Thurs, October 19th – No Practice Today

Miramonte gives to help local families

Miramonte is celebrating the Fall Season by becoming a drop off center for nutritious, non-perishable food items for our community. The two barrels in our hallway are from the Second Harvest Food Bank. These barrels will be here until the end of October. We welcome you to join us by giving food:

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| ● Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili) | * Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon | * Olive or Canola oil |
| ● Canned fruit in its own juice or water | * Low-sodium canned vegetables | * Peanut butter |
| ● Health snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit) | * Canned foods with pop-top lids | * Low-sugar whole grain cereals |
| ● Spices (cinnamon, chili powder, cumin, salt-free spice blends) | | |

Our goal is to provide 100 meals to our community. That's 120 pounds of food by October 31. Thank you for your support!"

The Book Fair's Hours

Since there is no Fall Festival this weekend. We have requested a second week for the book fair. We have not received approval as yet, but we are keeping it open for sales today and Friday during lunch and recess, and after school until 4 pm today and 3 pm tomorrow.

Parent – Teacher Conferences – November 8th & 9th

"Parent-Teacher Conference ONLINE Sign up:

1st quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9th from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Each conference will be 15 minutes in length. You can now schedule your conference **online via Google Form**. A link to this form will be emailed to you with the electronic version of the Mainspring by this Thursday, October 12th. Sign up as slots will fill out quickly. If you are not able to sign up online, simply contact our office or any one of our teachers and they can sign you up for any available slots. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you soon!"

Our 1st quarter Parent – Teacher Conferences will be on both afternoons. School gets out at noon so that their parents; there will be afterschool care both afternoons until 6 :00 PM as usual.

Red Ribbon Week is October 23 – 27th – Miramonte students stand for drug-free living

Each year, Miramonte spends a special week of drug-free emphasis to encourage all our children to take a stand against drugs and substance abuse. Thank you for your support at home and reinforce healthy living and thinking. The student council leads this great event and make it fun for everyone.

Veterans Day Chapel – November 10th – Please share names of local Vets

Each year Miramonte spends time honoring those who serve to protect our homeland, our country, our freedom. We invite veterans to join us that day for a tribute. Please share the names and contact information of veterans that you know that live in the area.

Miramonte School Mission: Miramonte Christian School provides a Christ-centered, whole child education by building upon the strengths of our diverse cultures, learning styles, and spiritual backgrounds to create compassionate citizens, discerning leaders, and purpose-empowered individuals.

