

## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 19: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
**Jan. 22 – 26: Spirit Week**  
**Jan. 26: Dental Screening**  
**Feb. 3: Education Sabbath at East Palo Alto Church**  
**Feb. 7-9: No School – Teacher In-services**  
**Feb. 19: No School – Presidents Day**  
**Feb. 26-27: Ski Trip- Gr. 7&8**  
**Mar. 23: Minimum Day & Third Quarter Ends**  
**Mar. 26 – Apr. 2: Spring Break**  
**Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> – School resumes & Fourth Quarter Begins**  
**Apr. 22: Curriculum Fair & Spring Fling (the rescheduled Fall Festival)**  
**May 24: Kindergarten Graduation**  
**May 25: Minimum Day**  
**May 28: No School – Memorial Day**  
**May 31: Eighth Grade Graduation**  
**Jun. 1: Fourth Quarter Ends (Last day of School)**

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## Thank you, Parents, for being there!

Support is often shown by presence. You have been very supportive in many ways. Thanks to all of you who were present for the Olweus Meeting for Parents about Digital Safety for our students. This is incredibly important. (*You may not think your child can reach the Internet, but there are so many ways, such as one parent discovered that her little son was on the Internet watching movies late at night on his Wii !*) A Big Thank you to the families who supported our upper grades students for the Winter Classic last night. Thanks also goes to Olweus Leader Noreen Chan, her partner Wendy Weber for providing key information on the Internet, and Doug Knecht for leading our children in music.

## Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Start of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

## School Spirit Week is January 22 – 26<sup>th</sup>

The Miramonte Student Council has planned some great ideas for Spirit Week next week. (See the attachment.) The schedule is as follows:

- ✚ Mon., Jan. 22 – Pajama/Stuffed Animal Day (appropriate clothing please)
- ✚ Tues., Jan. 23 – Clan Day (Group dress up days/twins, trios, quadruplets, quintuplets, etc.)
- ✚ Wed., Jan. 24 – TV/Movies/Netflix/Meme Day (Dress like your favorite tv or movie character)
- ✚ Thurs, Jan. 25 – Sports Day (Represent you favorite team)
- ✚ Fri., Jan. 26 - Class Day (Classes choose their own theme for the day.)

## January 26<sup>th</sup> – Dental Screening Day

Next Friday, Patti Chan and her team from Foothill College will provide a free service for interested parents of children in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This service is non-invasive and is fairly brief; it will happen in the After School Care Room. They will only screen those children whose parents have filled in the permission slip.

## Olweus in the Classroom

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we try to have weekly class meetings, which follow the Olweus recommendations. At the beginning of the year our meetings review our Olweus school rules. As the year continues, we use class meetings to make decisions eighth grade classes have to make such as who our commencement speaker will be and what our class gift will be. During our discussions and decision-making, we use the rules developed at the beginning of the year to guide us in making sure everyone's opinion is heard and respected. Recently we discussed guidelines to consider when posting photos on social media sites and we also debriefed on what class members learned from Officer Ryan Langone's presentation about Internet Safety. Future topics include mental health issues such as anxiety and depression; civic engagement and how an individual can have an impact on society; and the themes of perseverance, mindfulness, empathy, tolerance, and gratitude. ~ by Ronna Sato, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher

## Hot Lunch is back!

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> grade fundraiser)** – Taco Bell Bean & Cheese Burrito, Salad, Fruit, Teddy Grahams, and a Juice Box. \$5.00 Additional burritos are \$2 each.

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> (Kindergarten fundraiser)** – Pizza, salad, fruit, Teddy Grahams, and a juice box. \$5.00

## Sports notes:

- Thu., Jan. 18 @ 3:30 – 5:00 pm – A Boys Basketball Practice
- Thu., Jan. 18 – SCU Basketball Field Trip
- Fri., Jan. 19 @ 2:00 – 3:30 pm – C Boys Basketball Practice
- Mon., Jan. 22 @ 3:30 – 5:00 pm – Girls Basketball Practice
- Tue., Jan. 23 @ 3:30 pm – A Boys game vs. Merryhill at Miramonte
- Wed., Jan. 24 @ 3:30 pm – C Boys game vs. Hillbrook 1 at Miramonte
- Thu., Jan. 25 @ 3:30 pm – Girls vs. Delphi at Miramonte
- Thu., Jan. 25 @ 4:30 pm – A Boys vs. Foothill at Miramonte
- Fri., Jan. 26 @ 2:30 – 3:30 pm – All Boys Basketball practice

## New After School Clubs for this Semester for the younger grades

For parents of children in grades 1 – 5, we are providing you once again with some great options for your children to participate in. Starting in mid-February, on Tuesday afternoons there will be an engineering club, Wednesday afternoons - a chess club, and Thursday afternoons – a coding club. If you are interested, please sign up right away – and encourage others to join as well. These clubs need a certain minimum number of participants or else they will be canceled. The first two will be in the library, and the coding will either be in the library or computer lab. Please read the attachments for the details. It's a great opportunity for our children.

## February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Education Sabbath at East Palo Alto Church

Many but not all of our classes are participating in the East Palo Alto Church service on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Watch your students' class newsletters to see if your son or daughter is involved.

## Calendar Revision: **No School** – April 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Half-day of School

When the school decided to reschedule the fall festival due to potential air quality issues that day, we started thinking when, if at all, we could have this favorite of our school activities. The administration, faculty, and board decided to host the fall festival on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and also to tie in the Curriculum Faire on that day as well. Since all students are required to be at the Curriculum Fair, we will count the day as a half-day of school. To compensate for the extra day of school, the school then voted to take off April 2<sup>nd</sup>, thereby giving all families and staff an extra day of Spring Break.

## January 26<sup>th</sup> – Free Dental Screening for children in MELC through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

This is a free service that will be provided with your permission. A permission slip is attached to this newsletter. See the attachment for details.

## Calendar Reminder: **No School** – February 7 – 9 – Teacher in-services

*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.

# Celebrating Spirit Week

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