

Mainspring Digest is a newsletter for the churches who support Miramonte Christian School. It is a monthly extension of the school's weekly newsletter, The Mainspring.

#### Summer Hours

Tues - Thurs  
9 am - 3 pm

#### Upcoming Events

**July 20 -**  
Registration fees due

**August 15 -**  
Teacher Inservice at Fresno Academy

**August 20 -**  
Teacher Dedication Service at Mtn. View Japanese Church

**August 23 -** First Day of School

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## A Tale of Two Graduations

It was the best of times as another Miramonte school year concluded with the celebration of two graduations. Fifteen kindergartners completed their first year of elementary school, showcasing their many talents during a special ceremony in the school's music room on Thursday, May 26. We look forward to watching these precious young people as they continue at Miramonte during the next eight years. A few days later 17 students marched down the aisle at the Sunnyvale SDA Church during our annual eighth grade graduation commencement ceremony. Ten of the graduates began their journey in kindergarten at Miramonte, and eleven plan on continuing at Mountain View Academy in August. The Class of 2016 asked their seventh grade teacher, Mr. Mekey Lepulu who is now the teaching-principal at Hilltop Christian school in Antioch, to be their commencement speaker. Fortunately, the Miramonte school board approved moving up our graduation date to accommodate Mr. Lepulu's schedule as his eighth graders' graduation was on the same evening. Our graduates were also privileged to have vocal recording artist Shelea Frazier, cousin of eighth grader Alyssa Simon, perform one of her own songs as part of the celebration. The evening concluded with the traditional 7th-grade hosted reception in the church fellowship hall. As these graduates make the transition to the next destination on their educational journey, we pray for God's blessings upon them as they follow their dreams, treasure their Miramonte memories, and strive to continue listening for God's guidance in their lives.



## School Year Closes with Programs & Celebrations

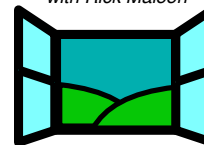
As with most schools, the month of May brings with it many year-end programs and celebrations in addition to graduations. The top two photos to the right show the Junior Kindergarten through Third Graders in an original musical titled *Spiritual Connections*. The program was written and directed by third grade teacher, Apryl Maloon, whose students starred in the main speaking roles. The middle school choir under the direction of music teacher, Douglas Knecht, is shown in the third photo. Also performing in the same concert with the choir were the fourth grade recorders, the fifth grade



beginners' band, and the middle school advanced band. The students in all three photos are shown using the newly-purchased risers, made possible by offerings collected at concerts during the past few years as well as a generous donation from the Palo Alto SDA Church to complete the fund. The final photo above gives a glimpse of our annual May vespers communion service. We are particularly grateful to Pastor Austin Roberts of the Sunnyvale SDA Church who assisted the Student Council leaders who organized and led the event.

## The Principal's Window

with Rick Maloon



The origin of the word *goodbye* is actually a contraction of *God be with ye*. The salutation was meant as blessing on someone's new path, not a final parting. A few weeks ago we said goodbye to two very special teachers and friends - Susie Schuetz and Valerie

Minder, our 1st and 5th grade teachers. These faithful witnesses for Christ gave 200% each day to their students; they provided a high quality education, a strong foundation for the children to continue to grow. Ms. Schuetz will be moving to the Sacramento area, as she pursues a new adventure. Mrs. Minder is working for the North American Division for two years to author a revision of the current Adventist reading curriculum, and then she will return to Miramonte to continue her fourteen years of ministry. We will dearly miss them and pray for their success.

Miramonte School Mission: Committed to providing opportunities for students to achieve their personal best, become responsible and productive citizens, embrace lifelong learning in a safe and positive environment, while developing a deeper relationship with God.

