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New Teachers are Familiar Faces

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Ms. Richmond, our new 5th grade teacher, also is another one of Miramonte's success stories. She just graduated at the top of her class in education from Pacific Union College, where she earned many accolades from her professors and the State of California, that gave her all perfect scores on her teaching - the first from PUC to earn that honor.

With these two high quality educators joining the outstanding faculty, Miramonte just keeps getting better each year!

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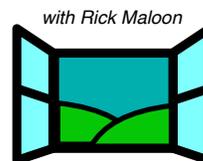
Donations Make a Difference in Summer Upgrades

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2016 Grads build the Gaga Ball Court.

The Principal's Window



Our secret strength. Every institution has one - something that gives a team that extra edge, that makes them stand out from the rest. What does Miramonte have that makes the educational experience so much better? Our volunteers - people who give their time and talents, who give themselves in so many ways: chaperones, hot lunch cooks, the Olweus program, the Book Fair, our library, woodworking class, teacher aids, read to the children, the Fall Festival, technology support, coaches, people who bring goodies for the teachers, Walk-a-Thon helpers, Home & School participants. The list literally goes on and on. We invite you to come make a difference; by blessing the children, you bless yourself.

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