

You're Invited . . .



Talent Show & Auction
Sabbath, March 18th
7:30pm



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So Many Ways to Succeed...

Miramonte has many ways for students to be involved and stretch their numerous talents. On Sunday, March 5th, Miramonte hosted the annual CCC Basketball



Tournament with 7 other SDA schools attending. Both our boys' and girls' teams won quite handily, all while displaying a gracious spirit of sportsmanship. Now our boys and girls teams are in the local league playoffs; and the girls play in the championship game this coming Tuesday.

On the same day, two Miramonte Robotics teams – again a boys' and a girls' team – competed in the Regional Adventist Robotics League (ARL) Semifinals, part of the First

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... Lego League in Sacramento. The boys, called the Miramatrix Paladins, showed strengths in the core values segment and robotics competition, and the girls, called the Tech Girls, came in first place in both the core values and research project to improve human – animal interaction. The Tech Girls were one of the top three teams and



qualified to compete in the NAD ARL Championship Tournament on May 7th where they will match wits, abilities, and gracious professionalism in technology.



The same week our students were involved in another activity – the CCC Spelling Bee. – and again our children soared. In the team competition, our students scored in the top three: 3rd place for grades 5-6; 2nd place for grades 7-8; and 1st place for grades 3-4. In the finals, our 3rd grader came in 3rd and 5th grader won 1st place.

In serving our community, Miramonte is active as well. Our after-school Bible Club with Pastor Filipe Ferreira (of the MV Japanese Church) created cards of appreciation for our local police. Last Thursday, they invited a few of Los Altos finest to visit. It was very touching for our men in blue, as our students surrounded them with their loving Christian spirit; the officers left knowing Miramonte supports them. In similar fashion, Mrs. Sato and the 8th grade held their annual Senior Citizens Banquet – this time on St. Patrick's Day. Our teens served a multi-course meal, performed for them, and enjoyed their

company. Our local seniors went home with smiles, knowing they are important to our students. While these students did not receive awards, they won the best thing of all – the hearts of friends (new and old) in our community.



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3 year olds – 8th grade

Upcoming Events

- 3/18 Education Sabbath – E Palo Alto SDA
- 3/18 Talent Show Fundraiser, 7:30pm
- 3/27-31 Spring Break
- 4/5 Open House – Early Learning Center, 6:15pm
- 4/22 Education Sabbath – MV Hispanic SDA

More information at
www.miramonteschool.org
and daily posts on our
Facebook page "Miramonte
Christian School"



Parent-to-Parent

This new feature will share our best spokespeople – our parents – helping you see Miramonte through a parent's eyes. Heidi Nelson is a parent of two children at Miramonte, has experience in fundraising in the business world, and has lived in the Sunnyvale community for more than a decade.

“My daughter started Miramonte Kindergarten 3 years ago. Right from the start, even as a parent, I felt very welcomed. The first day of school, Home and School had a parent's breakfast that gave me an opportunity to meet other parents. I have been very happy with teachers at the school, who spend one on one time with my daughter and my son who started 2 years ago in the Miramonte Early Learning Center.

“One of Miramonte's strengths is the sense of belonging and personalized service the staff create. My kids are known by all the teachers; older kids know who my kindergarten and second grader are. The school has a buddy program where older students go to the younger classes and do worship, sing or read books. My kids love this and makes them feel so special.

Miramonte is an extended family for us. I feel good about leaving my kids every morning, knowing they are in good hands. The kids finish each day saying it was a great day, even if they do not share all the details. Teachers spend extra time to help the students and spend long hours preparing. My husband and I are so happy with our experience at Miramonte and glad our kids attend this school.”



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Each school year is filled with possibilities. Children and parents start the school year with hope and expectations. The teachers at Miramonte go above and beyond to bring them the educational experiences that will draw out the talents the students already have and to challenge them to stretch themselves, to accomplish something new, to gain new skills, and to reach out and serve others.

In order to do this, Miramonte creates a safe environment - not just physically safe, but emotionally, socially, and spiritually safe, because to learn you take risks. And our students know their teachers care and “have their backs.” That’s why our children succeed in so many ways.

The Principal's
Window

with Rick Maloon



Science Grant Awarded to Miramonte Teacher

The EXSEED Program, a STEM initiative from Loma Linda University in Southern California, recently awarded Mrs. Maloon a \$2,000 grant to lead her 3rd grade students in planning and creating a garden on campus. The garden will be a native habitat to encourage birds and small wildlife to visit there. This project-based study has the students researching the flora and fauna ecosystems in the Bay Area and evaluating the best plants to grow. This is not the first EXSEED grant to be awarded to a Miramonte teacher; a few years ago Mrs. Corson was awarded the grant for her science class.