

Upcoming Events

Sept. 26 – 30: Grade 7 – Hume Lake Trip

Oct. 3 – Blue Shirt Day

Oct. 3 – 7: Fall Week of Prayer with Pastor Mark Ishikawa

Oct. 5: Technology Club meets in computer lab, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Oct. 7 : Walk-A-Thon

Oct. 10- 16: Book Fair Week

Oct. 12: Technology Club

Oct. 16: Fall Festival

Oct. 18: Picture Retake Day

Oct. 19: Technology Club

Oct. 24 – 28: Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 28: 1st Quarter Ends

Oct. 31: 2nd Quarter Begins

Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 Student Council Campaign

Nov. 3 Visitors Day

Nov. 8 Election Day

Nov. 9-10 Parent – Teacher Conferences for 1st Quarter

Nov. 18: Minimum Day

Nov. 21 – 25: Thanksgiving Vacation

Dec. 4: CCC Volleyball Tournament

Dec. 8: Christmas Musical @ 7pm

Dec. 16: Minimum Day

Dec. 19 – Jan. 6: Christmas Vacation

Jan. 9: School Resumes

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6th Annual Walk-a-Thon – Friday, October 7th. Time to get Sponsored!

Students and staff are getting ready to stretch their legs to bless the school and be healthy during Miramonte's Let's Move Walk-a-thon. Now is the season to get Sponsors. There are some amazing prizes for those who get a lot of sponsors, run-jog-walk a lot of laps, or raise a lot of money. Mrs. Shimizu and friends challenged our students to raise \$210 per person so that we can reach our goal of \$25,000! The funds raised will help with school technology.

Volunteers Needed for Annual Walk-a-Thon

Each year tremendous effort goes into our walk-a-thon – not just by our students but also our Home and School. It is truly a wonderful day of physical activity and fun. To make this special event turn out so well, the Home & School needs many volunteers to take care of the various activities that day. There are so many ways you can help. Please plan on being with us on October 7th for this year.

A Permission Slip is attached to this newsletter. Sign it and turn it in to the classroom teacher. Also, please let Rose Shimizu or Karen Mock know that you are ready, willing, and able to help.

Who Can You Refer to our Visitors Day?

Miramonte's Visitor's Day is Thursday, November 3rd. It will be from 8:00 am to noon. This day is for students entering Kindergarten to Grade 5 in the upcoming school year 2016-2017. Students entering Grades 6-8 may visit the class any Wednesday or Thursday with prior notice.

Please send us the names and contact information of friends, relatives, and neighbors who have school-age children (from 3 year olds to 8th grade). We will invite them to discover our dynamic Christian educational program. Please let us know as soon as possible.

Jamba Juice Orders

The 8th grade is taking orders for Jamba Juice Smoothies on each of the next three Fridays. Choose between Mega Mango and Strawberry Whirl. Smoothies can be picked up at 1:30 pm. See the attached flyer.

Technology Club starts on Wednesday, October 5th:

In one week, Miramonte's Technology Club will have its first meeting. Each Wednesday, from 3:30 – 4:30 PM, the club will meet in the computer lab to enjoy learning more about technology and using it in different ways. Club members will be involved in the Adventist Robotics League and will participate in the spring regional challenge in Sacramento. Besides that, the club will explore other technologies and go on a few field trips through the year. It is limited to twelve students in grades 5 through 8, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application forms will be available in the office this Tuesday afternoon; the sign-up deadline is September 28, 2016. The cost is \$90 for the year. The last meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th. All interested may speak with Mr. Koubong, our club sponsor.

Hot Lunch this week

Tuesday, Sept. 27: Pizza Hot Lunch – upper grade fundraiser

Friday, September 30: Hot Lunch (5th grade fundraiser) – Corndog, Fruit, Dessert, and Water - \$5.00

Sports Notes:

- ✓ **Girls Volleyball:** Practice – Fridays (7-8th) 2:00 – 3:30 PM.
- ✓ **Girls Volleyball Games** – Wednesday, Sept. 21st 7th grade at 3:30 pm; Thursday, Sept. 22nd in the gym – 7th grade at 3:30 pm and 8th grade at 4:30 pm; Thursday, Sept. 29th – 8th grade at 3:30 pm at the Campbell Community Center Main Gym;

Fall Festival – Sunday, October 16th

On Sunday, October 16 from noon to 3pm, Miramonte's campus is transformed to a community family event. You are invited to bring your whole family, friends and neighbours. There will be food, games, an antique car show, and an annual baking contest. Make plans to be there! If you can help, please contact your student's classroom teacher.

Ready, Set, Read!

We are not too far away from the start of our great Miramonte Reading Challenge, which precedes our Book Fair (October 10 – 16). Start your child now to get in the habit of reading every day. It is one of the best habits you could ever teach them! We are looking for parents, grandparents, and other adults who would be willing to read to the students during the day during Book Fair Week.

Melody Makers Back to their Familiar Time on Fridays

Mrs. Lian and the Melody Makers will meet each Friday from 1:30 to 2:15 pm in the music room.

Student Disaster Kits

Every child attending Miramonte Christian School must have a student disaster kit, in case of an emergency. There are two ways to provide this for your child: first way is to make your own kit and give it to your child's teacher. The kit needs to include: 5 non-perishable food items (no sweets or liquids), a reassuring note from someone in your family, and a family photo. There is limited room so keep it to this list. No food that needs warming. If your child has food allergies, then you will need to make the kit. The second way is to purchase a kit from the 8th grade for \$6 per kit. If you neglect to provide or purchase one by September 23rd, then the school will provide one for \$8 at your expense. Please refer to the flyers sent to you last week and are in the office.

Picture ReTake Day

We will let you know as soon as we are informed when your pictures will arrive. We will have Picture ReTake Day on October 18th for those of you who want to redo your photos.

Wednesday is Library Day

Now that Mrs. Park is set up as librarian, Miramonte students will be able to access the lab regularly on Wednesdays. Encourage your young person to read and read some more.

Don't Wait for the Last Minute – Make Sure you have taken Shield the Vulnerable

All volunteers at Miramonte Christian School are required to complete a "Shield the Vulnerable" background check and training. If you are not current or need to take it for the first time, the school will cover the \$30 cost until September 30. After that, it's your own cost.

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.

Home & School

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SHORT NOTES

I can visualize it

Whether your child is reading or doing math, being able to “see” the material can help her understand it. For example, have her sketch a scene from a story or draw a map of the setting. Or she might use objects to solve a math problem. For $15 \div 3$, she could arrange 15 barrettes into 3 equal groups to find the answer (5).

Update your information

Has your contact information changed since spring? Check that your youngster’s school has your correct home address, phone numbers, and email addresses on file. That way, teachers and staff will know the best way to reach you about school events, concerns with your child, or emergency closings.

Trait of the week

Encourage good character all year long! Each week, vote on a trait to celebrate, such as respect, honesty, or tolerance. Ask your youngster to create a poster illustrating the trait, and hang it up. Then, family members can look for examples and jot them on the poster. At the end of the week, read the examples aloud—and vote on a new trait.

Worth quoting

“If you can dream it, you can do it.”
Walt Disney

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Where can you find hippos?

A: It depends on where you hide them!



Launch into learning

Three...two...one...blast off! It’s a brand-new school year, and your child’s mission is to learn. With these tips, he’ll land in class ready to succeed.

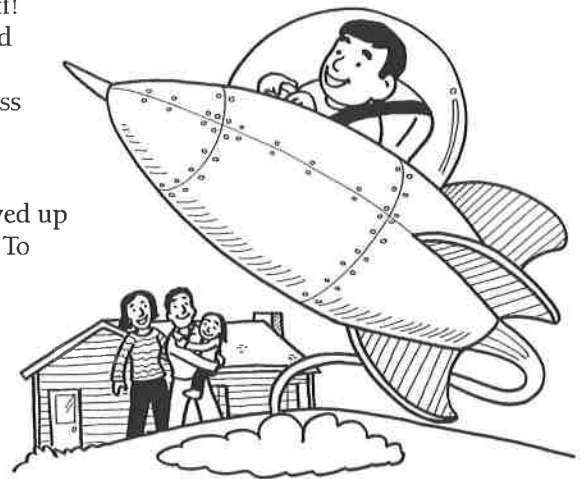
3...Build excitement

Help your youngster get revved up about what he’ll learn this year. To find out what’s ahead, attend back-to-school night, talk to his teacher, and check the school website. Find topics you think will interest him, and read about them together in library books or online.

Look for hands-on opportunities to get him excited, such as visiting a public garden or planting seeds at home if he’s going to study plant life cycles.

2...Set goals

Specific, doable goals are critical to any successful mission. Let your child write goals and “due dates” on strips of construction paper (“I will finish long-term projects one day early so I have time to review them”). He can loop the strips together into a paper chain, then



cut off each link as he achieves the goal. With hard work, he’ll be able to say, “Mission accomplished!”

1...Develop routines

Your youngster will blast off ready to learn if he is well rested, well fed, and active. Set a bedtime that gives him the recommended 9–11 hours of sleep. Make sure he wakes up early enough to enjoy a healthy breakfast. Also, try to see that he gets at least an hour of physical activity a day.♥

In school every day

Did you know that attending school regularly will affect how well your youngster does this year *and* in later grades? Use these suggestions to help her get an A+ in attendance.

● **Stay healthy.** Remind your child to wash her hands with soap and water before eating and after using the restroom or playing outside. Also, work with your pediatrician if your youngster has a chronic condition, such as allergies or asthma, that could cause her to miss school.

● **Address problems.** If your child wants to stay home when she’s not sick, ask why. Talk to her teacher if this happens frequently or if you suspect a bigger issue. For example, struggling with schoolwork and being bullied are two common reasons for wanting to avoid school.♥



Building friendships

Children with friends enjoy school more, develop important social skills, and even do better academically. Here are ways to help your child build and strengthen friendships.

Find shared interests. Suggest that your youngster ask classmates what they do in their spare time and ask follow-up questions to show she cares. (“What’s your favorite skateboard trick?”) Then, she could talk about her own interests, whether she likes solving her Rubik’s Cube or crocheting hats. She and a classmate may discover new activities to



share—which can naturally lead to friendships.

Be a good friend. Talk to your child about what you value in your friendships, and ask about hers. You might say, “I can always count on Debbie at work to help me think of ideas when I’m stuck.”

Perhaps your youngster will say, “Maddie invites me to play at recess even when she’s with the older girls from her class.” She’ll realize which traits she values in a friend, such as dependability and loyalty. Discuss ways she could show those traits, too (helping friends study, making them feel included).

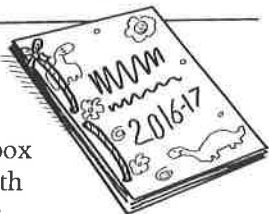
Note: Does your child struggle to make friends or complain she has no friends? Have her teacher recommend a classmate who may be a good match. Then, contact the other parent to arrange a get-together.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

My school-year memory book

Encourage your youngster to create a personalized memory book this school year. It will give him a place to save schoolwork he’s proud of and provide a nice keepsake for both of you.

1. To make the front and back covers, have him cut off the large panels of a cereal box and cover them with construction paper.



2. Let him write his name, the year, his school, and his teacher’s name on the front. He can decorate both panels with stickers or drawings.

3. Hole-punch the covers, thread yarn through, and tie loosely so it’s easy to untie and add pages.

4. As the school year goes on, he might add graded assignments, artwork, programs from plays or concerts, and notes from teachers.

Keep his memory book in a special spot so you can both enjoy looking through it this school year—and beyond.♥

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Q & A

A reading habit

Q: This year, my son has a daily homework assignment to read for 20 minutes. What should we do to make sure this happens?

A: Reading every day is one of the best ways for a child to become a strong reader, and it’s great that you’re eager to help.

Some evenings, you could invite him to read to you. He’ll practice reading, and you’ll get to hear how he’s doing. On other nights, hold family reading time where everyone quietly reads their own books, newspapers, or magazines. Your son might also enjoy reading aloud to younger siblings.

Here’s another suggestion: If you normally read him a bedtime story, try ending your nightly routine by reading one chapter aloud. Does he want to know what will happen next? He can continue reading on his own for 20 minutes to find out!♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Stay safe online

My daughter Sierra brought home an “online safety contract” that listed classroom rules for using the Internet. After we read it together and Sierra signed it, we decided to create our own version at home. We borrowed some ideas from the school form like:

- Keep usernames and passwords private.
- Do not post personal information online.
- Only respond to messages from people you know.

Then, we added a few rules of our own:

- Turn on “safe mode” when using a search engine.
- Do not create social media accounts.

Sierra helped me write out the contract, and everyone in our family signed it. We posted it by our computer as a reminder. While I still supervise my kids online, I feel better having a written agreement as an extra layer of protection.♥





“Let’s Move Day!”
Friday, October 7, 2016
9 am - Noon (Grades 1-8) • 9 - 11 am (JK & K)
6th Annual Walk-a-Thon

My child, _____, has permission to participate in the “Let’s Move Day!” Walk-a-Thon on Friday, October 7 during the times listed above for his/her grade.

Parent Signature: _____

Please return by Friday, September 30.

**Jamba Juice
All-Fruit Smoothies
10 oz. • \$4 each**

**Friday, Sept. 23 at 1:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 30 at 1:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 7 at 1:30 pm**

**2 Flavors Available
Mega Mango
Strawberry Whirl
Supplies are limited!
First come, first served.**

Mega Mango
contains mangos,
strawberries, orange
juice, pineapple juice.
Strawberry Whirl
contains bananas,
strawberries, apple
juice, strawberry juice.

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toward the
8th grade
class gift.**

