

Upcoming Events

Jan. 11, 6:30 pm: Olweus Parent Meeting Night
 Jan. 15: No School MLK Day
 Jan. 17, 7 pm: Winter Concert, grades 4 – 8.
 Jan. 18: Visitors Day
 Jan. 19: End of 2nd Quarter
 Jan. 22: Spirit Week
 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. 23rd Minimum Day & Third Quarter Ends
 Mar. 26 – Apr. 2: Spring Break
 Apr. 3rd – 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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No School Monday, January 15th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Fundraiser at Pizza My Heart – tonight, from 4 to 8 pm

The Pizza My Heart in the plaza on the corner of El Monte and El Camino Real in Mt. View will donate money towards our fantastic Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. When you order, mention the Miramonte Christian School fundraiser and they will donate a percentage of your purchase to us! Thank you!

Olweus Meeting for School Families – Tonight at 6:30 pm

Tonight 6:30 pm, Officer Ryan Langone, Miramonte's school resource officer from the Los Altos Police Department will have lead another informative meeting to share with parents about how to keep our children digitally safe. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Leaders Noreen Chan and Wendy Weber have organized this night to continue the collaboration of home and school to keep our children safe on campus and on the Internet. While it is expected for parents to attend – and **there is child care for children from kindergarten through 6th grade** (7th graders and older should be in the meeting), Officer Langone has indicated that this is geared for parents of children from 4th grade up. So for parents of 3rd grade and younger, attendance is not expected but recommended if you can make it.

Mark your Calendars Now for January 17th

Miramonte's choir, bands, and recorder band will be blessing us with their music they have been practicing first semester. Please come to our gym on Thursday, January 17th, at 7:00 pm for a great musical and family event. Mr. Knecht and his young prodigies have a special night planned for us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Visitors Day is almost here – January 18th!

Please help us to share the good news of Miramonte with new families. On January 18th, Miramonte will host its Visitors Day for new students and families. Children entering grades K through 5th grade are invited to spend the morning in the classrooms to experience what a day at Miramonte is like. While the students attend classes, the parents and families will meet with the principal and administration to discuss the benefits of an Adventist Christian education at Miramonte.

For students entering grades 6 through 8, they are welcome to shadow a middle school student on any Wednesday or Thursday; please call the office ahead of time to schedule your child's appointment.

If you know of potential families, please share this information with them and share the family and their contact information with the office. (*Remember that there is a tuition discount for the referral of a new family that comes to Miramonte. See details of this program in the office.*) While interested people can just show up that day, we would prefer to know who is coming ahead of time. We will have materials and a special lunch for our guests that day. Thank you!

Hot Lunch is back!

Tuesday, January 16th (3rd grade fundraiser) – Taco Bell Bean & Cheese Burrito, Salad, Fruit, Teddy Grahams, and a Juice Box. \$5.00

Friday, January 19th (1st grade fundraiser) – Pizza, salad, fruit, Teddy Grahams, and a juice box. \$5.00

Sports notes:

- Thu., Jan. 11 @ 3:30 – 5:00 pm – A Boys basketball practice
- Fri., Jan.12 @ 2:00 – 3:30 pm – C Boys basketball practice
- Tue., Jan. 16 @ 3:30 pm – C Boys vs. Foothill at Miramonte
- Tue., Jan. 16 @ 4:30 pm – A Boys vs. West Valley at Miramonte
- Wed., Jan. 17 @ 3:30 – 5:00 pm – Girls Basketball Practice
- 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

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.

Calendar Revision: **No School – April 2nd & April 22nd - 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 22nd 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 2nd, thereby giving all families and staff an extra day of Spring Break.

January 26th – Free Dental Screening for children in MELC through 5th 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.

only Grades K - 5



ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PERMISSION SLIP

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want your child to have a healthy smile! In recognition of the importance of good oral health, the Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program is offering a comprehensive dental disease prevention program aimed at reducing the high rate of tooth decay and gum disease among school aged children.

A licensed dental professional will be available on **Friday, January 26, 2018** to screen (visually check) your child's teeth. A notice of the screening results will be sent home with your child. *Please return this permission slip to your child's teacher by **Monday, January 22, 2018**. Your child cannot participate in the dental screening without your consent.*

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade: _____ Child's Age: _____

Yes, I want my child to have a dental screening.

No, I do not want my child to have a dental screening.

Date: _____

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

For Parent/Guardian: I understand that by signing this form I am consenting for the child named above to receive a basic oral health screening. I understand that this does not take the place of a thorough dental examination. I would need to find a dentist in order for my child to receive a complete dental examination and any necessary dental treatment to establish and maintain oral health.

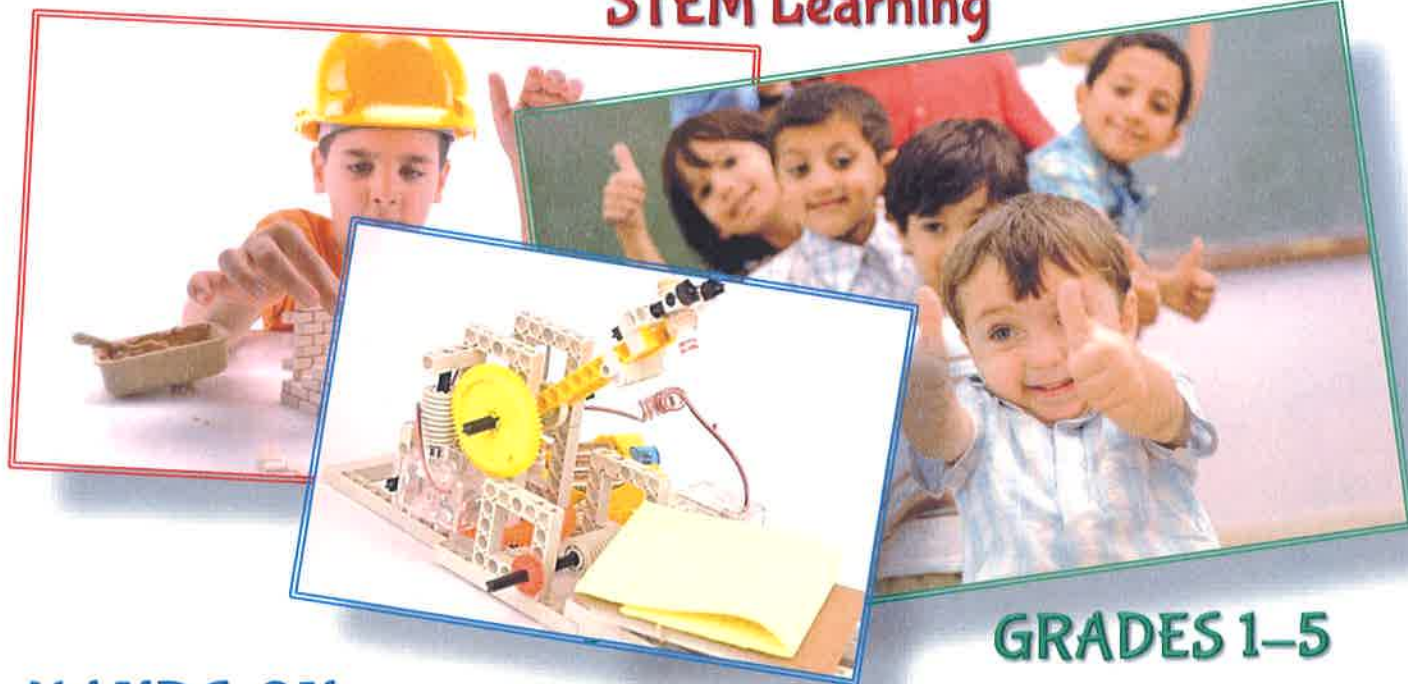
NOTE: Part II of the comprehensive dental disease prevention program will be scheduled during the spring. As part of the prevention program, your child will learn the causes of dental disease, be taught correct brushing and flossing methods, be encouraged to make healthy food choices and have fluoride varnish applied. A separate permission slip will be sent home to participate in these activities.

Let's Build It Engineering!

Winter 2018

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STEM Learning



HANDS ON

GRADES 1-5

Let's Build It Robotics – Gears and Gizmos! Design and build your own robots! Your child will explore the field of robotics through a series of exciting and dynamic lessons. Students will learn about mechanical engineering as they construct and use robots to complete tasks and engage in competitions. A variety of topics will be covered including gear ratios, electricity, rotation, friction, force, transmitters and LEDs. This course gives students the opportunity to experience the captivating world of robotics in an inviting and fun environment. No previous experience is necessary; both new and returning participants are welcome! Each participant will receive an award on the last day of the session, and will have the opportunity to earn Energy Belts by demonstrating their learned skills.

Course Time: Tuesdays, February 13th - April 10th, 3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

No class: 3/27 (8 Classes)

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the class code **MIA2.13.18** in order to register. Please register by 1/30 for the early bird price of \$128.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or info@learningmeansfun.com

No refunds will be made, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.



Chess Scholars

Winter 2018

Miramonte Christian School

No Experience Needed



Trophy
Medals
Chess Belts!

GRADES 1-5

Develop your child's intellect through the fun game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Also, chess has been proven to enhance motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both new and returning participants are welcome and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes towards the end of the session! Each child will receive a participation medal and a chess keychain.

Course Time: Wednesdays, February 14th - April 11th, 3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

No class: 3/28 (8 Classes)

To sign up for Chess Scholars, please visit <https://www.chessscholars.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the class code **MIA2.14.18** in order to register. Please register by 1/31 for the early bird price of \$112.00.

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