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Dear Miramonte Parents:

We are a little past the halfway mark of the summer break, and we hope it is a memorable time for you and your families. Meanwhile, things are busy at school as we prepare for this upcoming year.

As you all are aware, this past year we unfortunately said good-bye to two great teachers – Mrs. Minder and Ms. Schuetz, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers respectively. We wish them both well in their new endeavors.

We have already told you that we hired Ms. Kaitlyn Richmond to be our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Ms. Richmond comes with great reviews as the top education graduate from Pacific Union College (PUC). Her abilities were not only recognized by the professors but also by the state of California whose education department reviews the work of PUC education majors. She has brought her excitement to our campus and is already working to set up an ideal working classroom. We can't wait to see what she will do for our students. Many of you recognize Ms. Richmond as an alumna from Miramonte; from hereon, you will know her as the top flight teacher from Miramonte.

Last week, it became official – Miramonte has hired our new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher – who is also an alumna of Miramonte. Nel Nomi Rittenbach is a master teacher, who has spent 29 of her 32 years in teaching at HMA Ka Lama Iki Elementary School in Hawaii. For twenty-eight years she has taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is well known for her passion, creativity, organization, and outstanding dedication to her students. Her colleagues remark how well-taught Mrs. Rittenbach's students are. Families in Hawaii love her and make sure that their children are in her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.

As I said, Mrs. Rittenbach is also an alumna. When she graduated from Miramonte, her mother, Helen Nomi, was a teacher at Miramonte, and her father was the pastor at the Mountain View Japanese SDA Church. So now these two professionals return to pay forward to new generations the blessing that they received when they were Miramonte students.

Jesus has answered our prayers and blessed us all once again. Thank God!

Enjoy your summer!

Yours in Christ,

Rick Maloon  
Principal