
Welcome to Back to School Night

Jerry Corson
Principal



Tonight's Program:

- 6:30-6:55 General Session in gym
- 7:00-7:25 1st Session in the classrooms
- 7:30-7:55 2nd Session in the classrooms
- As a courtesy to the teacher, please be prompt to your classroom visits. We want you to hear everything the teacher has to tell you.

What is the achievement level of our students?

If we look at the last five 8th grade classes, the results show---

- Reading: Top 10% of schools nationwide in 3 of the last 5 year.
- Language Usage: Top 10 % of schools nationwide in 4 of the last 5 years.
- Math: Top 10% of schools nationwide in 4 of the last 5 years.

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If we look at the last five 8th grade classes, the results show---

- Core Total: Top 10% of schools nationwide in 4 of the last 5 years.
- Overall average percentile over the last 5 years on the core total was 93.

These results are based on the nationally normed ITBS test using the National School Norms. The students are tested each September.

Cognitive Genesis

- How well do Adventist Schools really do?
- Part of a four-year study
- Student and Parent Surveys
- ITBS Achievement Test Results
- CogAT Abilities Test Results

Overall Results of the Study to Date

- Students in Adventist Schools do better than predicted by the abilities test. (This is true for all abilities levels.)
- Students at all levels and abilities, on average, are above the national norms by at least one-half of a standard deviation.
- This translates into students being from 1/4 to 3/4 of a year ahead of their predicted level.

Miramonte Mission

We are committed to provide opportunities for students to achieve their personal best, become responsible and productive citizens, embrace lifelong learning in a safe and positive environment, and become competent, compassionate Christians.

Introduction of Staff

- Jerry Corson – Principal
- Robin Aaron – JK
- Gayle McCulloch – K
- Liz Caraballo – 1
- Lori Tharp – 2
- Tamra Clemons – 3
- Roymond Koubong – 4
- Valerie Minder – 5
- Brooke Lemmon – 6
- Amanda Corson – 7
- Ronna Sato – 8
- John Kaplan – PE
- Doug Knecht – Band/Choir
- Marianne Lian – JK-3 Music
- Sara Zapana – TA/BSC
- May Pedro – After School Care
- Lisa Teichman – TA
- Mindy Turner – TA/Powerline
- Rachel Aguilar – JK After School
- Jael Tinajero – ASC Playground
- Sandee Grave – Secretary
- Eva Elliott – Registrar
- Kathryn Lampson – Treasurer
- Rick Minder – Facilities Mgr.

Parent Seminars

- Cyber Safety: Attend to obtain a cell phone variance.
- Sports Orientation: Allows students to participate in the school sports program at a discount.
- Chaperoning: Parent sponsors on overnight field trips must attend.

Three Evenings of Seminars September 1-3:

Attend what you need on any of the nights.

Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
5:00 PM	Cyber Safety	6:00 PM	Sports	6:30 PM	Cyber Safety
5:30 PM	Sports	6:30 PM	Chaperoning	7:00 PM	Sports
6:00 PM	Chaperoning	7:00 PM	Cyber Safety	7:30 PM	Chaperoning

After School Sports Program and Disaster Kit Information

- Ronna Sato – Friendship Games Commissioner
 - Flag Football – boys & girls
 - Volleyball – coed
 - Basketball – boys & girls
 - Soccer – boys & girls
 - Softball – coed

- Forms for ordering the disaster kits available

Music Program

- Doug Knecht – 4th grade recorder, 5th grade beginning band, 6-8 advanced band, and choir
- Music JK-3 - Marianne Lian
- Private Lessons available on campus: Barbara Goodman (voice) Claudio Silva, Patrice Babienko, Marianne Lian, Simona Botea (piano lessons) and Christine Concepcion (violin and viola).

Volunteers

- Essential to the success of our school.
- Library, 8th grade shop, classrooms, field trips, school programs, after school sports, Home & School
- School Board Members
- Chapel Speakers
- Financial Supporters

Fingerprint Policy – Adults

Voted policy by the School Board and CCC

Any activity on or off campus that puts you in contact with our students requires you to be fingerprinted. This includes helping anywhere on campus, field trips, overnight trips, etc. Parents who want to drive only their child on a field trip must also be fingerprinted, because you will be with the entire group of children.

Home & School

- Marianne Lian, Patti Chan & May Wilson
- Introductory meeting: Tuesday, September 1 in the library at 8:15 AM.
- From the Cognitive Genesis survey it was found that the more involved the parents were in the school, the higher the student achievement.

Mountain View Academy

- Information from Dan Meidinger, Principal of MVA

College Savings

- Preparing for college expenses while assisting the school.

Fundraising at the School

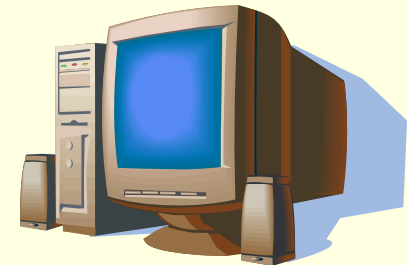
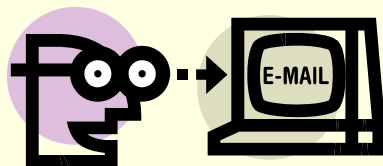
- September Sales program about to begin.
- Escrip program (Wendy Weber)
- Spring Gala
- Classroom items throughout the year
- Shares Card from Lucky.
- Friday Lunch Fundraisers
- Office Depot School ID 70009836



Internet Safety

- School uses Internet content filter
- Home Internet supervision is a must!
- Most kids will not report inappropriate Internet contact to their parents because they are afraid of losing Internet privileges. Nine out of ten parents will never know that any inappropriate contact has occurred.

Please let us know of any concerns.



Student Attire

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The goal of the dress policy is modesty, simplicity, and functionality.

- *All clothing is to project a positive and respectful message.*
- *Students should leave their jewelry at home.*
- *Hats/caps, etc. are for outside wear only.*
- *Non marking athletic shoes need to be used for PE in the gym.*

Resolving Problems

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Steps for solving problems

Based on Matthew 18

When there is a problem or something you do not understand happening in your child's classroom, use the following steps.

1. If the child is old enough, they should, with your assistance if needed, talk to the teacher.
2. If there is still a problem, or your child cannot talk to the teacher, then you should talk to the teacher directly.

Further details are in the handbook.

But please, before you talk to anyone including parents, teachers, School Board members, or the principal, talk to the teacher!

If You Need to Talk to a Teacher

Please make an appointment!

After School Pick-up

- K-2: Please sign your student out when you pick them up.
- All students enter the After School Care at 3:30
- When you pick up your child, you need to sign them out. (Children not signed out will be charged for the entire time.)
- Please see the school handbook and policy sheet for additional information.

Cell Phones

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- Cell Phones will be permitted for special circumstances only, if a written request form has been completed, approved by the principal, and approved by the classroom teacher. The parent also needs to have attended the parent Cyber Safety seminar.
- During the school day cell phones are to be turned off and kept in the students' backpack.
- If parents need to contact the student during the day, they are to call the school office.
- The school is not responsible for charges, loss, damage or misuse.
- Cell phones on campus without permission or used inappropriately will be held in the office for the parents to pick up.
- Repeated violations of the policy will result in fines.

RenWeb

- Parents must have a valid email address to access student grades
- Teachers can email detailed progress reports to parents in the system
- Students with email accounts can access their grades and assignments.
- Go to Renweb.com
- Go to [Parent login page](#)

RenWeb Login

- Parents can now login directly to RenWeb from [Miramonte School](#) and click on RenWeb icon to view your child's grades.
- Our school code is CCC-SDA
- An info sheet is available at the back table.

Hot Lunch Program

- Nob Hill Catering
- Hot and Cold Boxed Lunches
- Online ordering with Discounts Available.
- Will begin on Tuesday, September 8.
- More information on the back table.

ITBS Testing Window

September 8-18

- Please do not schedule any appointments on these days. The students need to be there.
- Make sure that your children are well rested for these weeks
- From the Cognitive Genesis survey, students that reported getting 8 or more hours of sleep had higher achievement than those who were under 8 hours.

Leaving Campus

- Sign out in the office.
- Written notification to the school assists in keeping records up to date.
- Walking home after school requires written permission on a release form so that we may allow your student to leave on their own.
- Students are not to leave with other families if we do not have proper notification.

Personal Property

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Personal property that has not been specifically requested by a classroom teacher for use in class or for class assignments should not be brought to school. Items that a teacher deems inappropriate for our school environment will be removed by a staff member and returned to the parents of the student involved.

After School Enrichment Programs

Powerline Reading Program:

- Average Growth for students in the program was 1.9 years with a 4-month enrollment.
- There will be an info meeting on September 1
- The program includes pre-testing and post-testing to monitor student gain.

After School Enrichment Programs

- Academic Chess
- Basketball Program
- Knitting
- We are looking at beginning a foreign language program.

H1N1-The Swine Flu

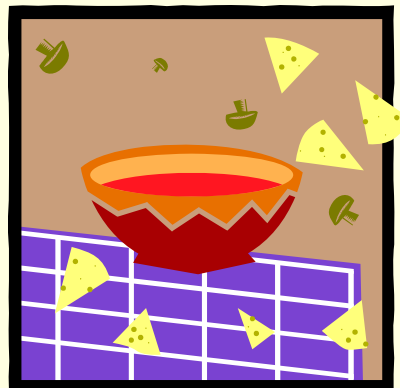
- We will receive regular updates from the Santa Clara County Health Department.
- This information will be passed on to you by email or notes home.
- There is no way to know how much this strain of flu will add to the standard flu experienced each year, so Health Departments are preparing for what is expected to be the worst case scenario.

Available Forms and Info

- Volunteer Information
- Fingerprint/Live Scan Forms
- Piano/Music lessons
- Cell Phone Permission and Policy
- Walking Home After School
- Yearly Calendar
- Student Handbook
- September-October Calendar
- Student Disaster Kit Info
- Luckys' SHARE Card
- eScript
- Powerline
- Pediatric Weight Control
- Hot Lunch Program
- After School Care Pick-up
- H1N1 Flu Information
- Hoops Basketball Program
- School Insurance Information
- Parent Seminars

Fall Festival

- Sunday, October 18
- Volunteers Needed



Have a great evening!

- 1st Session: 7:00 – 7:25 p.m.
- 2nd Session: 7:30 – 7:55 p.m.