



Miraloma *DRAGON DIGEST* 106

May 16, 2012



by Kevin Candland

Calendar

Wed - May 16
Science Fair Day
lower level hallways

Fri - May 18
Twin Day
Students dress up as twins

Fri - May 25
End of Spring Semester
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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Hi Parents and Guardians,

As summer quickly approaches, I want to make sure that you are aware of the "summer slide". The summer slide is unfortunately not referring to the long slide at the new Dolores Park playground. It is, however, a reference to the knowledge loss that research states happens with children over the course of the summer. Did you know that:

- all students experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer?
- students can lose anywhere from 1-3 months of knowledge over the summer break?
- low-income children and youth experience greater summer learning losses than their higher income peers?
- research shows that teachers typically spend between 4 to 6 weeks re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer?

There is plenty of data out there that proves the "summer slide" to be a real issue that happens to many students. There are also many things you

can do to help prevent your child's loss of knowledge, and actually increase their knowledge over the summer without having to create a strict regiment that turns students away from learning.

One of the things we are doing as a school is working with the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) and promoting the "Summer Reading" city-wide program they offer each summer. **The West Portal Branch librarian will be coming to each sing along this week to give a quick presentation on the program that SFPL has to offer over the summer to promote summer reading.**

Please [find more info here](#) and help to stir up excitement for reading with your child(ren) over the summer. If you have any questions on how to further promote summer learning, thus negating the "Summer Slide", feel free to contact your teacher and or myself.

Sincerely,
Ron Machado

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Staff Appreciation Gift

We are collecting money **until May 18** to show our appreciation for the staff members who interact and support our children every day. They are the librarian, the custodial staff, the lunchroom staff, the counselors, the adviser, the secretary, the coach etc. In all we have over 20 **staff members** to thank!

If you would like to make a donation, please use the **safe and secure online donation option**. When donating by check, please label it "Staff Gift" and drop it in the locked PTA box in the office

Respectfully,
Ellen Schatz

School Spirit Day

Kids get to dress up the same as their 'twin' friend(s) on **Friday May 18!**

Girl Scout Troop Completed Project for Bronze Award

Miraloma's own Girl Scout troop #31678, comprised of one 4th grader and seven 5th graders completed their project for the Girl Scout Bronze award, the highest award given to Junior Girl Scouts. Earning the Girls Scout Bronze award involved completing a journey program (approximately 6 sessions), and then a suggested minimum of 20 hours building a team, exploring their community, choosing a project, planning it, putting a plan in motion, and spreading the word about the project. The goal is to make a difference in the world, while building courage, confidence, and character.

You can see [a video made by the troop](#) about the hazards of smoking and would like to share it with the school community. Congratulations to Alyssa, Ananda, Angelina, Danielle, Emma, Iris, Kalani, and Kayla!

Help Wanted with Mural

Our wonderful ceramics teacher, Aileen Barr, is planning to complete some work on the mural this Thursday May 17 at 9am. She would like two parent helpers to join her for about an hour. If you are available please contact [Aileen](#) or [Allison Rothman Hall](#).

Summer Chicken Care

Thank you to all who helped us care for the chickens throughout the school year! We couldn't have done it without you. Now we need chicken care for the summer months. **Please sign up for one or more weeks in summer** (you could share a week with another family). Or if you have time before then, please [sign up for the upcoming weekends](#). Please contact me if you would like me to show you around the coop.
Deb Burdulis - Miraloma Garden Team

De Young Art Show

The annual art show opens on Friday, May 12 and runs through May 20 at the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. In addition to viewing hundreds of unique pieces created by school children across the city, you can see art by our very own Miraloma artists! Congratulations to Eliza Kriney (1st), Dylan Orr & Dean Kellum (4th), Evelyn Anderson (4th), Emma Candland (5th), and Aedra Li (5th) for having their pieces selected for the Young At Art Show.

MEEP Summer Camp

There are still plenty of spaces available for all our sessions. To find out more [visit our website](#) and click on the Summer Camp banner on the homepage or visit the [Miraloma School website](#).

Take Action!
Send Your Letter

Please [read "This Budget Blows"](#) and [send a letter](#) to support public education and sustained funding of our children's education. Then share with your friends and family so that they can do the same.

For more information, contact [Ellen Schatz](#) (Althea - 5th, Eliza -1st)

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Thank you!
Otilie Cools

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