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Morrill Middle School



HOME OF THE TIGERS

Welcome Back to School!

I hope you have enjoyed the summer vacation, taking time to make memories with family and friends. While we have valued the time away from school, our faculty and staff have been busy preparing for an engaging 2019-20 school year. We are very proud of the summer effort that several of our teachers have put into building curriculum and lessons, attending professional development, and building overall capacity to meet the needs of all our students.

This year we are excited to announce that we have expanded our elective offerings, providing an additional section of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) – now available for all grade levels, Life Skills, and Mathematics Support. These electives will allow our students to have the support and exposure to assist them in becoming well-prepared for high school and beyond.

We have a few new staff members around campus, and we would appreciate your support in welcoming them to Morrill. The personnel changes are as follows:

- Ms. Monica Rodriguez – School Secretary
- Ms. Elizabeth DeBartolo – Attendance Clerk

- Ms. Jessica Nguyen – Choir Teacher
- Ms. Vanessa Perry-Mar – Science Teacher
- Ms. Mary Morales – School Social Worker

We are happy to have these new staff members join the amazing team at Morrill Middle School this year!

One of our goals for this year is to increase our parent engagement. Please be sure your contact information is updated with the front office to ensure you receive important communication about how you can remain involved in your child's education while they are with us at Morrill.

We look forward to working with you and your student this year and we are excited for the many positive memories this year will bring.

With Gratitude,

Mr. Thomas Carroll, Principal

Calendar

Please check the Morrill Middle School website regularly to stay up-to-date with school events and functions: [Click Here](#)

08/15 – WEB Day for all incoming 6th graders from 8:00am – 12:00pm (details below)

8/15 - 8:00am – 11:00am is 6th grade schedule distribution;
12:30pm – 3:30pm is 7th grade schedule distribution

08/16 – 8:00am – 11:00am is 8th grade schedule distribution

08/19 – First day of school – school starts at 8:00am

08/23 – 7:40am – 8:15am – Parent Welcome Day (see below for details).

08/28 – School Site Council/Coffee w/ Principal @ 7:30am in the library

09/05 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm - Back to School Night

Upcoming Minimum Days:

08/22, 08/29, 09/04, 09/05

No School Days:

09/02 – Labor Day

Morrill Middle PTSA

We are looking for parents, students, and community members to stay involved in our school by joining the PTSA! Please stop by the front office today to sign up to be a member. For only \$20, you will be supporting our students and staff with providing resources for the classroom, and building a positive culture around campus. We will be sending information home soon with ways you can participate or donate to support our organization!

Please read the email that was sent out regarding our upcoming Reflections Competition!



Above: A look inside our new Flexible Instructional Space & Library, just one of the areas on our campus that has been updated and upgraded with Measure L Bond funds.

School Site Council & Coffee with the Principal

The School Site Council is an oversight committee that consists of parents, teachers, school personnel and the principal. The oversight committee is responsible for providing input about how to improve Morrill Middle School. This committee will review and provide input about our school budget, learn about our school progress, and discuss ways to make Morrill Middle School the best for our students. We are always looking to have parents attend our School Site Council meetings to increase transparency and keep parents informed about our school. Please consider attending our first School Site Council meeting on Wednesday, August 28, at 7:30am in our library. This will be an opportunity to learn about our school, hear about ways to get involved, and meet with the principal to ask questions. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided!

Parents Welcome Day

On Friday, August 23rd from 7:40am – 8:15am, we invite all parents, guardians, grandparents, and siblings to cheer for our students as they enter campus on the last day of their first week of school! Please meet at the main entrance to cheer on our students as they enter the campus.

Last year we had about 75 family members attend this event. It would be great to have even more participation this year!

Coffee and light snacks will be provided!

After School Clubs & Sports

We encourage all of our students to participate in at least one extra-curricular activity each year. We offer a variety of clubs, sports, and events in which your student will be able to participate. If your student is interested in participating in a sport, they should speak with our Athletic Director, Mr. Kondo, about the dates for each season, and the requirements for joining a sport.

If there is a club that we do not currently offer that your child would like to start, they just need to speak with Mr. Alberts or Mr. Carroll about the process for starting a new club at Morrill.

For more information, please call the School Office (include your school number)
 ** Información en español al 923-1902 **
 Thông tin tiếng Việt gọi số 923-1903 **
 如果您需要講中文的服務, 請致電 (408) 923-1901

WEB Day 2019

Date: August 15, 2019

Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Berryessa Youth Center (BYC)

This 6th grade/new student orientation event, titled “Where Everybody Belongs (WEB),” is an internationally recognized program where seventh and eighth graders serve as leaders and mentors to our incoming 6th graders and any new students. On WEB Day, incoming 6th graders and any new students to Morrill will participate in a variety of fun and exciting group activities designed to facilitate the transition to middle school. WEB leaders (7th and 8th grade students) will also escort students around the school to familiarize them with the campus.

After the orientation ends at 12:00pm, students will be able to pick up class schedules (if parents have not already done so), purchase PE clothes (shorts \$10, shirts \$15, sweatshirts \$20), purchase Morrill wear/gear (baseball style hats and beanies for \$20 each), and enjoy the FREE BBQ lunch provided by the Morrill Staff.

Our WEB Advisors this year are Ms. Gardea and Mrs. Moreali. Please contact a WEB advisor or our front office if you have any questions.

Cisco Donation List

Good News!! MORRILL MIDDLE School has been added to Cisco's list of approved organizations. Cisco Systems employee (Parents) can now request a match whenever they donate cash/volunteer for Morrill Middle School. Cisco donates \$10.00/Hr for time volunteered by their employees at School. Our sincerest thanks to Nithya Nagarajan for helping us get this up and running.