



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Meredith Jones

Dear Parents,

Some of you have shared with me how anxious you feel about the impending leadership changes in the District—Marilyn Franklin's departure, David Ackerman moving from Encinal to Oak Knoll, a new principal for Encinal, and a new superintendent. I can assure you that your children's education will continue uninterrupted and that the District will thrive. Menlo Park has always attracted first rate teachers, administrators and school board members. There is no doubt that it will continue to do so. Following is some information about the upcoming changes.

DAVID ACKERMAN TRANSERS TO OAK KNOLL

As you know, Marilyn Franklin is retiring as Principal of Oak Knoll School, effective July 31, 2002. Her departure is a sad event for us all, especially the Oak Knoll community.

Beginning August 1, 2002, David Ackerman, currently Principal of Encinal School, will become Principal of Oak Knoll. After learning of Marilyn's retirement, David requested a transfer. He misses the full K-5 spectrum of grades and the dynamism that comes with it.

David will be an outstanding principal of Oak Knoll, as he has been for Encinal. Like Marilyn, he cares deeply about children and loves working with teachers and parents. Since David made his announcement there has been considerable expression of sadness. My only regret in granting David's request is the loss of his fine leadership at Encinal. I know staff and parents share in that regret.

ENCINAL PRINCIPAL SEARCH

We have already begun the process for hiring a new Encinal principal. We have placed ad-

vertisements in the appropriate publications and will be establishing an interview panel consisting of parents, staff, and administrators. I will be asking the Encinal PTA president to select the parent representatives. In addition, on the evening of April 3rd I will host a meeting for parents at 7pm in the Encinal Library to discuss your hopes for the school's incoming leadership, including what David and his staff have begun that parents hope will continue. I will be having a similar meeting with Encinal staff within the next several weeks. We hope to have a new principal selected by June.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The superintendent search process is well underway. The position has been posted in national publications catering to school administrators. Our consultant, Ray Tolleson, spoke last month with parents, teachers, staff and administrators about the qualities we want in our new superintendent. These qualities will be used to evaluate the final candidates following interviews with the District Liaison Committee and School Board. Applications will be accepted until May 3, 2002. Interviews are scheduled to take place May 28, 29, 2002. For more information, check the District's website, www.mpcsd.org and select "Superintendent Search"

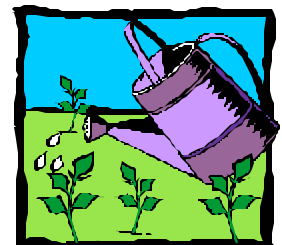
The School Board appointed members to the District Liaison Council on March 18th (see highlights of School Board meeting). The School Board is very grateful for their willingness to serve on this very important committee.

Menlo Park City School District

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Special points of interest:

- © Spring Break - April 15-19
- © District Office closed April 18, 19
- © School Board Meeting April 25
- © Superintendent Search - School Board meetings April 8
- © District Liaison Council Mtg. April 8 @ 7pm
- © Prospective School Board Candidates Night - April 10
- © 2002/03 School Calendar



Highlights of School Board Meeting...

The meeting was held on Thursday, March 14, 2002.

ACTION ITEMS: Closed Session: The Board took action to non-reelect Teacher A. **Consent Agenda** approved vendor warrants – February 2002. Certificated Personnel Assignment Order; Resignation Arbuckle, Cureton, Gavin, Gee, Gutierrez, Holmes, Louderback, Veneman; Retirement Marilyn Franklin, Millie Niemeyer; Leave of Absence Dehne, Devoto (.20), Owyang(.40), Phillips (.50), Russell, Thompson (.33) Walters (.50, Warrington, Whetstone. Classified Personnel Assignment Order – Employment Vincente Ochoa, Chris Silva(.2) Resignation Stephany Frede, Valerie Russell. Renewal of Waiver Request to be Relieved of Serving Free and Reduced-Cost Meals During Summer School.**Curriculum** Approval of Education Technology Staff Development Program Grades 4-8. Appointment of Parent Members to the Mathematics Instructional Materials Review Committee – Emily Liggett, Thomas Edwards, Pam SongerAnn Banta, Joan Westley. **Personnel** Approved change in Position Title of Director of Curriculum to that of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. **Business & Finance** – Approved the Added Funds Program Listing and Authorized proceeding with projects identified on the “must do” list only. Approved 2001/02 Budget Revisions, Adopted Resolution #529 – Authorizing Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2002/03 and Issuance and Sale of a 2002/03 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note Therefor and Participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County to Issue and Sell Said Note. Approval of Second Interim Financial Report which certifies that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations. Designated Superintendent and Business Manager as the District’s authorized representatives for signing documents for the Federal Renovation Program. Approve Vargas and Company to conduct the 2001/02 audit.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Superintendent’s Report: Announcement that Marilyn Franklin, Principal of Oak Knoll will retire at the end of the school year. Curriculum: Two days of staff development (March 7 & 8) focused on the Six Traits of Writing program. Joan Von Der Linden, the Beginning Teacher Support provider spoke about the program and its goals. **Superintendent Search Update:** The Board meets on March 18 to adopt a brochure to be used in the search and will also appoint a District Liaison Council.**GOB Construction Update** – Hillview completion date moved to September 2002. First reading Fundraising & Gift Policy-revisions will be made to the draft and will be brought back to the Board at the April meeting.

The next School Board meeting is on Thurs., April 25.

There will be an informational meeting for prospective School Board candidates on Wednesday, April 10th @ 7pm.

The School Board held an **open meeting on March 18th** and adopted the brochure language to be used in the superintendent search. **The Board approved the members to the District Liaison Council**—Cindy Folker, Sue Sutherland, Dayna Brand, Kim Carroll (PTA), Laura Foster (FOC), Carol Orton (MPAEF), Petra Schultz (ELL), Margie Lawrence (SELPA), Dianne Fisher (Town of Atherton), Nicholas Jellins (City of Menlo Park), Lois Nissman (CSEA), Sue Peterson, Mark Schack (MPEA), Jeff Wachtel (Community), Jo Mitchell, Nancy Hendry (Administration). The role of the Council is to advise and assist the School Board in the selection of a superintendent.

SUMMER ACADEMY 2002

The District’s summer academy program will again be offered to students entering kindergarten through seventh grade. Classes begin on June 20 – July 19, from 8:15am to 12 noon. Students are recommended to the program by classroom teachers and staff. Reading/language arts and math skills using preteaching and reteaching strategies will be the focus of this session. Director of the Summer Academy 2002 is Maria Clemo. The program will be held on the Oak Knoll School campus.

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY OAK KNOLL SCHOOL!!

Oak Knoll School is celebrating its 50th birthday with a party at school Saturday, June 1, 2002 from 1 to 5pm in the afternoon. The celebration will include games, food, entertainment, 50 years of memorabilia, and even an old-fashioned cakewalk! Birthday cake will be served! Tours of the newly renovated campus will also be available. Admission is free! A commemorative ceremony will take place at 5pm with a special tribute to the principal Marilyn Franklin, who will retire after 39 years with the District. Alumni and former/retired teachers and staff will be warmly welcomed! Look for your grammar school picture from “way back when” in our memorabilia Hall of Fame. See old classmates, your favorite teacher, an old heartthrob, your old stomping grounds. Birthday Party invitations and RSVP on the web at www.oakknollschool.com. If you have any Oak Knoll memorabilia that you would like to donate for the day, please contact the Archive Chairperson @ 326-5178. See you are the party!

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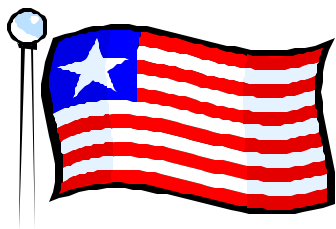
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**MENLO PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOB OPPORTUNITIES...**

**Inclusion Aide – 6hr Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
4hrs. On Thursdays.**

Instructional Aide – Special Education, 6hr/day

Instructional Aide, 1.25hrs/day

Contact Cheryl in the Business Office @8954-6311 for more information or to receive an application

KIDS CORNER...

MUSIC FOR MINORS presents... Sunday, April 7, 2002 enjoy Tom Chapin with Michael Mark, only Bay Area engagement! Performances at 1 and 4pm, Spangenberg Theatre. NOTE: All seats reserved – order early. Front section \$12, back section \$9 and series tickets \$22 and \$16. For info call 941-9130.

DECATHLON SPORTS CLUB: Summer camp still has a few openings available for boys and girls currently in grades K-2. Camp will be held at La Entrada Middle School from 9am – 3:45pm. There will be two, 4-week sessions: June 24-July 19 and July 22-August 16. Campers may enroll for as few as 3 days/week/session and the cost varies accordingly. Extended care is also available from 8am –6pm. Please call 365-8638 for more information.

A Spring Musical Presentation! Sunday, May 5 @ 6pm at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 5:30pm. Admission is free. For more info call Heidi @ 323-8657,

ATHERTON LIBRARY: children ages 5 and up are invited to a celebration for Young People's Poetry Week (April 15-21) with Gary T. and His Poet Tree. The program is on Monday, April 15 @ 4pm. For more info call Marcia @ 328-2422.

TECH CAMP: summer tech camps for boys and girls ages 8-17. Camps are held at Stanford University, Notre Dame de Namur University and Santa Clara University.

SOLO SWIM CLUB: Registration on for spring/summer for swimmer of all levels 4-18 yrs old. Please call 851-9091 for more info. Program held at MA High School. Flyers @ schools

CAMP GALILEO....

Camp Galileo is launching an science, art, and outdoor exploration summer program for students entering fourth through sixth grades. Camp will be held on the Walter Hays School campus in Palo Alto. Four one-week sessions starting July 8th and finishing August 2, from 9am – 3pm Monday – Friday. Tuition \$259 if registering before March 15. For more info visit www.campgalileo.com or call 800-854-3684 or pick up a flyer in your school office.

CALL ALL GIRLS...

Chaos 2002 is a unique summer day camp for girls that integrates math, science, art and fun. Sessions for girls entering 3rd – 9th grade held on the Notre Dame de Namur University July 8 and July 15. For more info and/or a brochure call Do-MoreThanDream @ 1-800-268-5151

GIRL SCOUTS present...

Calling all girls 5-12 years of age. Come join the Girl Scouts Spring Break at Flood Park. This is a recruiting event for all non-registered Girl Scouts. April 16-17 from 9am to 4pm. Cost: \$40 per girl; please bring a bag lunch. Please call Shawun Anderson @ 510-562-8470 ext. 114. Registration forms available at school offices.

PACIFIC ART LEAGUE'S KIDS' CAMP...runs July 1 thru August 23. Sign up for 1 week or all 8 weeks. Programs offer drawing, painting, sculpture and more. Reg begins April 22.

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2002/03 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 26, Monday	First Day of Instruction
September 2, Monday	Labor Day Holiday
October 14-16, Mon.Tues.Wed.	Conference Days
November 11, Monday	Veterans Day Holiday
November 20-22, Wed.Thurs.Fri.	Conference Days
November 28, 29, Thurs.Fri.	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 23-January 3, 2003	Winter Break
January 20, Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday
February 17-21, Mon.-Fri.	February Break
April 14-18, Mon.-Fri.	Spring Break
May 26, Monday	Memorial Day
June 12, Thurs.	Last Day of Instruction