

Joint MSPA Meeting
November 7, 2018
Martin Hall
8:45 a.m.

Welcome by Liz Weingart, MSPA Co-President

Violin Duo: Steven Minning, Will Buxton and Leo Kitajima

Steve Minning: *Disaster* play was a true success. US *Noises Off* play starts next weekend. Tickets are on sale now through the campus store.

Will Buxton and Leo Kitajima then performed a Scottish inspired piece on their violins.

Fall Update: Than Healy, Head of School

Spirit Weeks in both the US and MS were a big success. Both the students and faculty participated. The Creative Arts and Middle School Week were successes too!

There have been nice moments from the start of school which have provided a nice rhythm for the school. For example, last Friday the 10th grade parent representatives did Random Acts of Fun with an animal theme. They had a petting zoo, animal crackers, and other fun things for the 10th graders.

Mr. Healy announced that the Director of Diversity and Inclusion has been found! Keith Wheeler will start on Monday. He comes from Palo Alto Unified where he was the Director of Strategic Initiatives. He comes to us with a wealth of experience. Ms. La Vina Lowery, MS Director, will be mentoring him.

Next Wednesday 11/14 is the Menlo Gives Day. Right now 58% of the parent community has given to the annual fund. The goal is to get to 100% by the end of the month.

Challenge Success Survey

LaVina Lowery and John Shafer, MS and US Directors

Challenge Success is a group at Stanford who surveyed our middle and upper school students. The first survey was in 2016. The most recent was in spring 2018. Also surveyed were parents and alumni (sophomores in college).

Ms. LaVina Lowery (MS director) and Mr. John Shafer (US director) then went on to discuss the survey results. Questions regarding the survey and survey results can be directed to their respective offices.

Global Expo: Sunday, March 3, 2019, 1-3pm in the Athletic Center

Rita Parasnis & Sylvia Tan

Global Expo is an opportunity to celebrate diverse cultures at Menlo and showcase cultural performances, arts, food and travel experiences. Students who participate will get service hours.

Volunteers are needed! To get involved, perform, or participate in running a country booth, please contact the Global Expo Team. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 13 at 2pm in the CADC.

Gap Year Speaker

Erin Lewellen, COO of Global Citizen Year

According to Mr. Healy, approximately 6-12 seniors every year take a "Gap Year". They defer their enrollment for one year and do various things such as travel, take a job, do an internship, volunteer, etc.

Global Citizen Year is a company that runs a gap year program. They have a mission to see more students do this across the United States whether it's with their program or not.

Mr. Healy then introduced Erin Lewellen, COO of Global Citizen Year. According to Ms. Lewellen, deep global immersion is key to a great gap year. Benefits of a gap year include but are not limited to: meaningful apprenticeships and responsible impact, language immersion, finding lifelong friends and connecting with an influential network.

For more information, visit: www.globalcitizenyear.org

Auction Theme Reveal

Jennifer Bressie, Petra Silton, Emm Shaw, Katherine Kelly, Auction Co-Chairs

The theme for this year's auction is: Nautical Knights

SAVE THE DATE: March 23, 2019

Announcements

Admissions needs volunteers to help with the US Open House on 11/18

Upcoming Events

Menlo Gives Day-Wednesday 11/14, 7:45-8:30 am, on the Loop. We will be handing out donuts, spirit beads and buttons to say thank you! If you haven't already given to the Annual Fund, this is the day to do it!

US Play: *Noises Off*, 11/16 at 7:30pm, 11/17 at 2:00 pm and 7:30pm, 11/18 at 5:00pm

Book Drive: The "Knight Vision" Service Club is launching a winter book drive with books that have Latino/a Protagonists and strong Female Characters for the St. Francis Center. Collection details are in eNotes/ZipNotes.

Winter MSPA Meetings:

Upper School MSPA Meeting- Thursday, January 10, 8:15 am Latte Cart, Martin Family Hall

Middle School MSPA Meeting- Wednesday, January 30, 8:15 am Latte Cart, Martin Family Hall