



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Commitments for Student Success

As educators, we are continually striving to always do what we believe is best for our students. One of the ways we do this is by ensuring that the School's community of adults—parents and educators—is working together to create an environment that fully supports our students and provide a community culture for our children to model.

When you choose Menlo as a family, you do so with a set of hopes for what the Menlo experience will provide. We hope that your expectations include embracing the School's values of engaging students in their learning, supporting them as they stretch to realize their potential, and preparing them to live lives of meaning after Menlo. Our partnership with you is essential in helping the School realize this vision. When the School and parents have a strong collaborative partnership, the students reap the rewards.

MENLO

PROVIDE A TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ▶ Provide a relevant and challenging education designed to prepare students to lead meaningful lives beyond Menlo
- ▶ Instill a lifelong love of learning
- ▶ Offer a wide breadth of opportunities for students to pursue their interests and passions
- ▶ Accommodate different learning abilities and styles



CREATE A JOYFUL AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ Foster caring connections between adults and students
- ▶ Promote ideals core to our values, such as character, inclusivity, empathy, ethical behavior, and purposes beyond themselves
- ▶ Nurture student confidence through self-advocacy and belief in their own abilities



CULTIVATE A STRONG SCHOOL-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

- ▶ Respect parent perspectives
- ▶ Communicate with consistency and transparency
- ▶ Provide opportunities for parent education and engagement
- ▶ Offer clear processes for giving the School feedback
- ▶ Guide families through the college admissions process



PARENTS

FOSTER COLLEGIALITY

- ▶ Respect the School and the expertise of our teachers, coaches, and staff as they have your child's best interests at heart
- ▶ Be mindful of Menlo's rules and student behavior policies
- ▶ Build positive interactions by starting from a place of trust and gratitude



EMPOWER YOUR STUDENT

- ▶ Encourage your child to self-advocate and take ownership for their education
- ▶ Convey your belief in your child and let them know they are enough
- ▶ Promote a healthy school-life balance
- ▶ Remind your child of the resources the School provides
- ▶ Recognize perceived failures as growth opportunities and be a calming force through adolescent ups and downs



ENGAGE PRODUCTIVELY

- ▶ Be an ambassador for Menlo
- ▶ Engage in the life of the School and partner in parent education events
- ▶ Champion School values and community norms
- ▶ Help hold each other to these expectations

