



Menlo School

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# GRANDPARENTS NEWSLETTER

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## GRANDPARENTS TEA



*"Tea and  
Wisdom with  
Menlo Students  
and Ralph Waldo  
Emerson"*

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 10:30 - 11:45 am**

You are invited by English teacher Margaret Ramsey and the students in her Senior English class to share tea and your wisdom. Ms. Ramsey's students are currently studying the essays of Ralph Waldo Emerson and discussing various philosophies that address how to live. Students get the chance to speak to their peers, parents, and teachers on a regular basis, but they'd like to ask you for the wisdom of your experience. Please join us and share your life's stories and lessons learned with our students. (Note: no experience with Emerson's writing is required!)

RSVP to Vidya Kagan in the Menlo School Development Office  
at 650.330.2001 or [vkagan@menloschool.org](mailto:vkagan@menloschool.org).

### FALL 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*All events are held at Menlo School unless otherwise indicated.*

**We hope you'll join us!**

***Send your email address to [development@menloschool.org](mailto:development@menloschool.org) to be added to our email list.***

- October 11: Homecoming & Campaign Launch event
- October 12: Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony & Alumni Reunions
- October 31 - November 3: Upper School Fall Musical: "Cabaret"
- November 13: MENLO GIVES Annual Giving Day
- November 15-17: Middle School Fall Musical: "Elf, The Musical"
- November 29: Alumni Basketball and Alumni Soccer games



## NEW FACULTY JOIN THE COMMUNITY

More than a dozen new faculty and staff came to Menlo this year, from a variety of backgrounds. Just to pick two, one of the new Upper School English teachers previously taught at a medical school, and a new Middle School art teacher has shown his work in New York, Tokyo, San Francisco, and Portland. We're getting to know these amazing educators, and are delighted to see how passionate they are about education and Menlo students.



## CREATIVE ARTS UNDER ONE ROOF

In August, Menlo celebrated the opening of a new dance studio in the Creative Arts and Design Center. This bases all of Menlo's Creative Arts programs in the same building, along with visual art and music. We hope you'll join us soon for an arts performance or exhibit!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

This year, the Middle School is continuing the implementation of Standards-Based Learning, which highlights the following:

- Focus on mastery of course standards that include skills and concepts
- Targeted feedback to help students improve and build self-awareness around growth
- Separate feedback on Habits of Learning (behavior) and academic achievement
- Collaborative conversations between students, teachers, and parents

Along with the continued emphasis on the Habits of Heart and Mind, this work helps to create a transformational, healthy, and joyful experience for Menlo's Middle School students.

## UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Upper School students have chosen to theme their assemblies around the mantra of:

Presence, Purpose, Perspective. Already, there



have been guest speakers and other programming aiming to help students stay consciously present, seek a meaningful purpose in their lives, and gain proper perspective on everything happening around them.



# Celebrate Menlo!

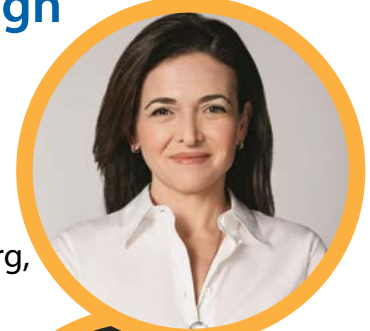
Join us to celebrate Homecoming and the public launch  
of Menlo's Centennial Campaign

**Friday, October 11**



4:30 pm: Food and Entertainment

5:15 pm: Keynote address by Sheryl Sandberg,  
Facebook COO and founder of  
LeanIn.Org and OptionB.Org



5:15 pm: Boys Varsity Water Polo Game

5:30 pm: New Artwork by David Garibaldi,  
performance painter

6:30 pm: Varsity Football Game



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If you'd like to support the Menlo Centennial Campaign or learn more about it, visit [menloschool.org/campaign](http://menloschool.org/campaign) or contact Menlo's Director of Major Gifts and Campaigns, Lara Sellers, at [lsellers@menloschool.org](mailto:lsellers@menloschool.org) and 650.330.2001. Thank you!

## SUPPORT MENLO SCHOOL

The Menlo School Annual Fund supports the education and experience of every student in the current year. Thank you for your gift!



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## NEW THIS YEAR:

Give via your IRA to benefit Menlo!  
Consult your financial advisor or tax preparer for details.

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