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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR MENLO GRANDCHILD

**Friday, May 7, 2021 • 10 am - 12 pm PST**

Join us for an exciting and fun-filled morning of events and get to know Menlo through the eyes of your grandchild(ren). You will certainly feel the joy and spirit of Menlo! Virtual events will include performances, class visits, a student panel, and more!

If you would like to join this special event, please send your name and email to Vidya Kagan, Menlo's Grandparents Program Liaison, at [vkagan@menloschool.org](mailto:vkagan@menloschool.org). Several days before the event, Vidya will send the event information and Zoom links to grandparents who have RSVPed. We look forward to seeing you online in May!

### SPRING 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Visit [www.menloschool.org/calendar](http://www.menloschool.org/calendar) for Zoom links or contact Vidya Kagan at [vkagan@menloschool.org](mailto:vkagan@menloschool.org) for information*

April 17-18: Dance Concert

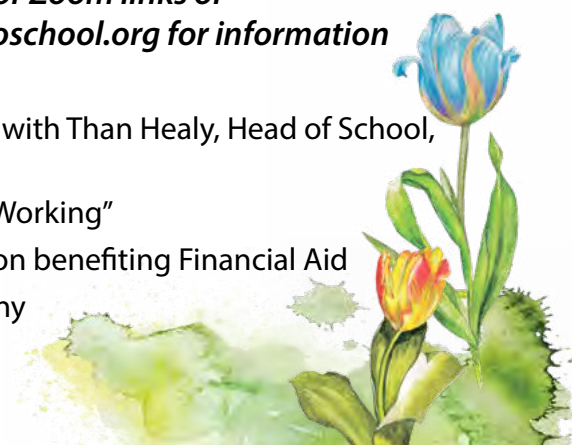
April 29: "State of the School" Zoom event with Than Healy, Head of School, and Jake Reynolds, Board Chair

April 30, May 1-2: Upper School Musical: "Working"

May 15: Menlo Fest! Menlo's Annual Auction benefiting Financial Aid

June 8: Middle School Promotion Ceremony

June 10: Upper School Commencement



# ATHLETES AND ARTISTS SHINE AT MENLO

Menlo School is not all about classes, labs, homework, and exams. It's also about athletics and arts! Menlo prides itself on providing transformative experiences for students through exceptional arts, athletics, and academic programs. Thanks to our dedicated faculty and coaches and our enthusiastic and talented students, we have been able to have several one-of-a-kind athletics and arts events this school year.

In November, more than 150 student-athletes participated in events from basketball shooting to sprint relays to volleyball serving to hitting baseballs for **Knight Games**, a welcome friendly competition among Menlo's Upper School sports teams. Each team paired with their coach and made their way through stations led by that sport's varsity head or assistant coach.

*"It was really fun getting everyone out here, playing sports which we've been missing the past few months,"*  
—junior Tyler Flynn

With teams cheering wildly, Knight Games was a unifying afternoon of team-building.

*"All of the events were super fun and this was so good for our team to spend time together,"*  
—senior Danielle McNair

Given the constraints of COVID-19, Menlo Drama was spurred on to creatively reimagine their season this year. Following the old adage, "the show must go on," Menlo Drama chose to perform ***Dracula, A Comedy of Terrors***, on October 30-31, 2020. This lightning-fast, laugh-out-loud comedy by Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen reimagines Bram Stoker's epic horror story with a dash of Mel Brooks and a pinch of Monty Python. The radio play was performed on Menlo's campus while simultaneously being streamed to listeners and viewers in their homes—allowing Menlo to keep the arts alive and thriving during these challenging times.

*Steven Minning, Director of Creative Arts and Upper School Drama, said that the show's "versatility and humor" and the ability to combine mediums were the main elements that attracted him to the show.*







## NEW! SPIEKER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Menlo School long planned to complete its physical campus with the addition of a performing arts center in the heart of campus, and with the completion of the Spieker Center for the Arts in November 2020, that dream is now a reality! The Spieker Center will host a variety of Menlo performance arts programs—including drama, dance, and music—as well as lectures, film festivals, and other special events. It will be a dynamic place where our entire

community can gather, connect, learn, and be immersed in the arts.

The School is truly grateful for the leadership gift of **Carol and Ned Spieker '62** and everyone in our community who came together to generously support this project and bring it to life.

Visit [www.menloschool.org](http://www.menloschool.org) to see more photos and a special video showcasing this beautiful new building!

## SUPPORT MENLO SCHOOL

The Menlo School Annual Fund supports the educational experience of every student in the current year. This year, more than ever, we are counting on gifts to the Annual Fund to support our students, families, and faculty. Please consider a generous gift today. Thank you!



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