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## MENLO RIGHT NOW

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**  
**10:30 - 11:30 am PT • VIA ZOOM**



Join us on November 9 for a comprehensive look at **Menlo Right Now**. You'll have a chance to hear from the School's leadership as well as students, faculty, and coaches as they share their observations about the 2021-2022 school year. We'll sprinkle in some joy and fun along the way to keep everyone entertained and engaged!

If you want to attend this Menlo Grandparents Zoom event, kindly RSVP to Vidya Kagan, Menlo's Grandparents Program Liaison, at [vkagan@menloschool.org](mailto:vkagan@menloschool.org) or 650.330.2001. Several days before the event, Vidya will send the Zoom link to all grandparents who have RSVPed. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

 **Menlo School**

# GP GRANDPARENTS NEWSLETTER

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## CONNECTION AND JOY AT MENLO



This year is all about creating connection and finding joy in everything we do. Our first day of school was full of school spirit as our regal senior class welcomed the underclassmen and our Middle School faculty cheered on new Middle School students. The fun continued in September with class retreats, games, arts, and a student vs. faculty volleyball game. Everywhere you look, there's joy at Menlo. Jump right in and join us!





## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Menlo's 6th graders started their Menlo journey on August 26 with a full-day retreat in the Santa Cruz mountains. Students spent the day with their advocacy groups getting to know each other, stepping outside their comfort zones, and connecting with teachers. This shared adventure was a great bonding activity for our newest Menlo students and set a positive tone for the school year.



## UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

In mid-September, Menlo's Upper School students participated in the annual Club Fair, which featured more than 50 student-run clubs and affinity groups. Students represented their clubs in creative ways and showed their enthusiasm for subjects as diverse as beekeeping, fashion, community service, engineering, science, and chess.



## NEW FACULTY JOIN THE COMMUNITY

Menlo welcomed lots of new faculty and staff members this school year. We're having fun meeting them and we're excited for you to get to know them. They've come from far and near and bring loads of experience and enthusiasm to our community!

### UPPER SCHOOL:

- Sabahat Adil**, History
- Patti Frias**, World Languages (Spanish)
- Reeve Garrett**, Math
- Amanda Kyed**, Photography and Animation
- Nandhini Namasivayam**, Computer Science
- Ivonne Rodriguez Rondon**, World Languages (Spanish)
- Christine Walters**, Math
- Andrew Warren**, English
- Elizabeth Young**, Math and Science

### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Denise Dowsett**, Science
- Brian Buttacavoli**, English
- Lexi Viernes**, Dance

### ADMINISTRATION:

- Dorelia Arias**, Receptionist
- Miriam Magana**, Director of Family Support
- Laurel Marks**, Staff Nurse
- Ava Petrash**, Director of Community and Civic Engagement
- Courtney Tyler**, Upper School Administrative Assistant

## SUPPORT MENLO SCHOOL

The Menlo School Annual Fund supports the educational experience of every student in the current year. Annual Fund gifts benefit our students, families, and faculty in numerous ways. Please consider a generous gift today. Thank you!



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