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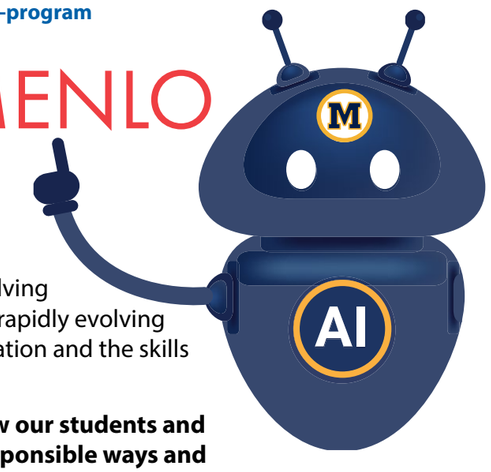
EXPLORING AI AT MENLO



Thursday, November 2, 2023
11:30 am - 12:30pm PT • VIA ZOOM

AI tools have taken the world by storm. With capabilities such as solving math problems, writing computer code, and drafting essays, these rapidly evolving technologies have raised many questions about the future of education and the skills our students will need to thrive in the years to come.

Join us on Thursday, November 2 for an informative look at how our students and teachers engage with these technologies in intentional and responsible ways and leverage AI to open minds and expand horizons.

If you would like to attend this Zoom event, kindly RSVP to Vidya Kagan, Menlo's Grandparents Program Liaison, at grandparents-program@menloschool.org or 650.330.2000 extension 2555. 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!

FALL 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are held at Menlo School unless otherwise indicated. We hope you'll join us!

October 9-13: Spirit Week & Homecoming
October 14: Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony & Alumni Reunions
October 27-29: Upper School Fall Play: "Something Rotten"
November 3: Valpo Bowl football games vs. Sacred Heart Prep
November 9-11: Middle School Fall Play: "The Alibis"
November 15: MENLO GIVES Annual Giving Day

See the entire calendar of events at www.menloschool.org/calendar.

NEW FACULTY
JOIN THE MENLO COMMUNITY

Menlo welcomed many new faculty and staff members this school year. They've come from far and near to join the Menlo community. We're thrilled to have this dynamic group of educators here at Menlo and look forward to introducing them to you!

UPPER SCHOOL:

- **Mark Aquino**, History
- **Miles Bennett-Smith**, History, Government, Journalism, Cross Country
- **Jilynnette Centeno-Millan**, Spanish
- **Joshua Charney**, Music
- **Marie Finch**, Vocal
- **Tom Garvey**, Latin, English
- **Joseph Mitchell**, History
- **Christina Ri**, Moviemaking, Yearbook
- **Marie-Andree Roy-Sajja**, French
- **Tatum Wozniak**, Dance

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- **Jen Ortiz**, Assistant to the Middle School Director

ADMINISTRATION:

- **Liza Bennigson**, Communications
- **Hannah Grant**, Human Resources
- **Grace Hartman**, College Counseling
- **Mike Kulbieda**, Technology
- **Gabi Trujillo**, Family Support
- **Jeff Zahos**, Performing Arts

ATHLETICS:

- **Cole Marmor**, Sports Performance

Read all about them on our website: www.menloschool.org

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY, RIGHT FROM THE START

All Menlo School students kicked off the new school year with a chance to bond and build connections with teachers and classmates.

For the first time ever, all Menlo students in grades 6-12 started the new school year with a spirited overnight retreat or engaging outdoor ed day trip, all within the first week of school! "The intent was to start the school year off with the opportunity to build community and reconnect—or connect for the first time—with advocates and classmates," said Upper School Assistant Director Adam Gelb.

Middle School students had a variety of retreat experiences in Northern California. The sixth graders headed to Redwood Glen Camp and Conference Center in the Santa Cruz Mountains, the seventh graders visited Camp Arroyo, and the eighth graders paddled their way through Elkhorn Slough.

Students in grades 9-12 had their own adventures! The freshman class participated in team-building and community service activities on campus. The sophomores traveled to Santa Cruz and the juniors overnighted at YMCA Camp Jones Gulch in La Honda. Our seniors ventured to NatureBridge Golden Gate Retreat Center in Sausalito.

"We know that when students feel a sense of belonging and have a positive relationship with their teachers and peers, it leads to better academic outcomes," says Middle School Assistant Director Mima Takemoto. We hope that this fall's retreat experiences were valuable for our students and faculty alike, and that we can continue this new tradition in future years.

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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