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# Morrill Middle School



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## Calendar

Please check the Morrill Middle School website regularly to stay up-to-date with school events and functions: [Click Here](#)

## Sliding into September

The first two weeks of school have flown by with great success! Our students are settling into their classes and becoming familiar with the expectations of their teachers and school. As I walk throughout classrooms, I am seeing students on-task and engaged in fun and interactive lessons. The energy of the campus is extremely positive and uplifting! As I get to know all of the students, I have been incredibly impressed with how kind, genuine, and welcoming the students have been towards each other and our new staff.

On Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, we opened our "Chill Zone" during lunch, which is a room that welcomes all students and provides an inclusive opportunity for students to interact in a relaxed environment during their lunchtime. Ask your student if they have stopped by the "Chill Zone" recently!

One of our goals for this year is increasing parent involvement here at Morrill. Thank you to all of the parents who came out to support our Parent's Day to celebrate our students

completing their first week of school. We had over 50 parents who came to cheer and support our students! We plan to do this again later in the year and we hope we can get even more parents to attend! If you have not yet signed up to be a member of the PTSA, please visit our website or stop by the front office for the registration forms. We are currently having a competition to see which Advisory class can get the most PTSA enrollments. The class with the highest number of members at the end of September will win a pizza party!

On Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, we held our first Spirit Day, which was designed to build class camaraderie and school pride. The event was very well organized and enjoyed by all students and staff. The students participated in a variety of grade level games and class competitions. We look forward to our next Spirit day in about six weeks. With such a successful start to the year, I am excited to see what the rest of the year will bring!

-Mr. Thomas Carroll, Principal

- Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>;  
**5:30pm-6:00pm** – Fall/Winter Sports Parent Meeting

**6:00pm-7:45pm** – Back To School Night

- Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>;  
**5:00pm-6:00pm** – English Language Learner Advisory Committee

- Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>;  
**4:30pm-5:30pm** – School Site Council Meeting

**6:00pm-7:00pm** – PTSA General Meeting (All are welcome!)

### September Minimum Days

9/5, 9/6, 9/13, 9/19, 9/20, 9/27

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(408) 320-0579

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### PTSA's Reflections Competition

The PTSA is sponsoring the National PTA Reflections Challenge. The theme for this year is "Heroes Around Me." Students are encouraged to participate by submitting a piece of artwork in the following categories: Dance, Choreography, Literature, Photography, Film Production, Music Composition, or Visual Arts. Students who enter this competition will submit their artwork to be judged by a panel at Morrill. The top three winners will receive a prize. The First Place award will also be advanced to the District level competition, with a chance to compete Nationally. Please contact Mr. Carroll or Mr. Alberts for more information about this competition.

### School Social Worker Message

Happy Fall Morrill Families,

I'm grateful to begin my 3rd year at Morrill working with your students. It is my greatest joy to provide social and emotional support to your students throughout their journey in middle school. At our grade level assemblies during the first week of school, I expressed my hope for the Morrill community to reflect the following three characteristics: May we show kindness to others and to ourselves, May we have integrity in our work and in our play, and May we be brave in all that we do. Please feel free to encourage your students in these ways at home. Looking forward to a great year!

Best,

Sarah Rodriguez  
School Social Worker

### Tools for Parents

One area of focus for Morrill Middle School is helping students build a *Growth Mindset*. But what is a *Growth Mindset*, and how can you help your student develop a Growth Mindset at Home? Click the link below to learn more:

[Cultivate A Growth Mindset With These 6 Strategies](#)

## Opportunity X

Hello! My name is Cynthia Chen, and I am part of Opportunity X, a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading interest for science and research among middle school students.

We are starting an after school club at Morrill Middle School, where students will learn about science research, complete their own science project, and hopefully participate in the Synopsys Science Fair in March. Students will meet once every week on Tuesdays from 3:45 – 4:45 pm.

If you are interested in signing your child up for our club, we will have a sign-up booth at **Back to School Night** on September 6. We hope to see you there!

More information about our organization can be found at our website, [opportunityx.org](http://opportunityx.org). If you have any questions, email us at [main.opportunityx@gmail.com](mailto:main.opportunityx@gmail.com).

## ELAC Meeting

Morrill Middle School is holding our first English Language Learner Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Library. We encourage all families to attend this very important meeting to learn about how Morrill Middle School is supporting our students. **Dinner will be provided**, so please RSVP to our front office before Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> to ensure we order enough food.

## SSC Meeting

We are holding our first School Site Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-5:30pm. We are currently seeking members for the School Site Council, which is designed to provide parents and the community with the opportunity give input and stay informed about school functions, finances, and other important information. Please make an effort to attend this meeting in our Library.

### Back To School Night

Visit us on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for Back To School Night! Meet your student's teachers, see our newly remodeled classrooms, and check out some of the clubs and activities we have to offer. There is a mandatory Athletics parent meeting from 5:30 – 6:00pm for all parents of students who wish to play fall sports. Back to School Night will start at 6:00pm in our Amphitheater.