



MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL
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Our Vision

*Millikan is a community that promotes
academic excellence, personal integrity
and essential life skills.*

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Hello Millikan Community,

After our Thanksgiving dinner and the subsequent two hour cleanup, we sat down to watch FOX 11 news at 10:00 P.M. A segment of the news appeared titled “[Wednesday’s Child](#)” with Christine Devine. We were half watching and half doing other things until I saw a big navy blue Long Beach Millikan sweatshirt on the screen. As always, I was instantly drawn to the television with keen interest. Tenth grader, Ashley Moore, and her family were featured on this episode. Ashley had spent five years in the “system” and by her own account had been placed in 10 to 15 foster care homes. She was a little hazy about the exact number, but she knew the exact date that she was adopted; May 15, 2005. Ashley is one of five adopted children in the Moore Family. I sought out Ashley when I returned after the break and asked her to come to my office. Ashley is a proud PEACE student and is in love with her small learning community and Millikan High. She is interested in pursuing a career as a chef and wants to study the culinary arts. I was very impressed with this young lady and her willingness to share her story so that other kids in the system will benefit from her experience.

At this time of year, there are many banquets for our fall sports programs. On Thursday, Mr. Keller attended the Girls’ Volleyball banquet and on Friday he attended a gathering hosted by baseball. On Friday, I attended the Millikan Water Polo Banquet at Eldorado Park. On Sunday morning we both attended the Football Banquet at the Sycamore Center. I want to congratulate all of the young men and women that were acknowledged for a job well done. You make Millikan proud!

For the second year the Millikan Jazz Ensemble, played for Northrup Grumman’s Holiday Party. The Jazz band played to a group of 400 Northrup Grumman employees at the Marriott in Manhattan Beach. It was great fun and they even fed all of the students.

I would like to commend 11th grader, Moises Melchor. Moises found a very expensive Blackberry cell phone in the boys' locker room. He brought the phone to me and asked me if I could help him get the phone to its rightful owner. This may seem like a simple act, but in my mind's eye, simple acts paint the best picture of a person's character.

The artwork of three Millikan students was selected to be shown at the World AIDS Day celebration at the Museum Of Latin American Art on Saturday night. Only five pieces were selected throughout the district. The three young men (Devin O'Brien, Robert Funes and Diego Mejia) brought their families to the celebration. Millikan Art Teachers Roberta Patterson, Sandra Lucas and several other teachers, were present for a very enjoyable and informative evening. Our own Devin won the first prize worth \$750.00 and all the artwork was sold with the proceeds going to AIDS research.

The Millikan Career Center is in full operation. In the last three years, the Center has written and been awarded the AVID-CSAC Grant. This grant, funded through the California Student Aid Commission, brought in \$2400 per year to the Career Center to provide additional resources for students regarding financial aid and Cal Grants. Our annual financial aid night will be on January 16, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the auditorium. This night will cover financial aid and grants in detail.

The Career Center provides comprehensive career and academic advisement for grades 9-12. Our goal is to educate all students of every grade level. Some of the services include:

- College entrance tests including SAT and ACT fee waivers
- College, trade, technical and vocational school applications
- On-site college representatives
- Career College Exploration Night
- Financial Aid and Cal Grant
- Job opportunities and employer contacts
- Resume and Interviewing
- ROP (Regional Occupational Program)

For more information regarding the Career Center, feel free to view our monthly newsletter on the Millikan website and sign up for School Loop. Contact, Michelle Ponce, Career Center Supervisor, at 562.425.7441 x 4806 for additional information.

This last Saturday was the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade. Millikan had one of the largest contingents of students and staff at the parade. The Millikan Ram Band and Kidette team, Cheer, RAM Crew, ROTC and Student Counsel were all in attendance. Although I was unable to attend, I heard that we looked great. Apparently, there was some heckling and jeering from Wilson and Lakewood folks in the crowd but I attribute that to a bit of envy. Jealousy is a green eyed monster!

Finally, last night Millikan High School hosted a recruitment event on campus. This is the second recruitment event for incoming 9th graders for upcoming school year. There was also an event at Lakewood High School on December 1st. The various SLCs were represented and the interest from parents and students was overwhelming. I believe that there were more students and parents visiting our demonstration than all the other schools combined. I suppose that this blessing is a double-edge sword because our appeal to our community is growing and so is the school.

Thank you,

Jeff

Monday's Child is one of many fortune-telling songs, popular as [nursery rhymes](#) for children. It is supposed to tell a child's character or future based on the day they were born. As with all nursery rhymes, there are many versions. Below is just one common form.

*[Monday's child](#) is fair of face.
[Tuesday's child](#) is full of grace.
[Wednesday's child](#) is full of woe.
[Thursday's child](#) has far to go.
[Friday's child](#) is loving and giving.
[Saturday's child](#) works hard for a living,
But the child who is born on the [Sabbath Day](#)
Is bonny and blithe and good and gay.*