



MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL
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Our Vision

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

December 14, 2007

Hello Millikan Community,

This Wednesday, the Millikan Performing Arts Dept. produced a holiday show that consisted of music, song and dance. Our performers did a wonderful job during the presentation, and the Stage Crew kids did the same excellent job that they always do on orchestrating the acts. I was concerned by the behavior of our students in the audience. The audience was very polite and listened during the presentations without making a sound, but sometimes that was because they were not paying attention. The minute the lights went dim out came every form of electronic device imaginable. The glow of the screens from cell phones, iPods, blackberries, PSP video games and other devices gave the appearance of Christmas lights during the performance. The Millikan staff took the various items and they will be returned to the parents of the owners. Please make sure that your children understand the importance of paying attention during assemblies. Our student/performers work countless hours preparing their acts and they deserve the respect of their audience.

As a runner up to the Broad Prize for Urban Education, the Long Beach Unified School District is being offered scholarships for our students. Even if your child is not a straight "A" student, he/she may qualify for a Broad Prize Scholarship. The Broad Prize Scholarships award up to \$10,000 for high school seniors to attend a four-year college or \$2,500 to attend a two-year college or technical program. Broad Scholarships are awarded to students who have improved their grades during high school and who have a financial need. Download an application and learn more about the Broad Prize at www.broadprize.org. Hurry, the application deadline is January 4th 2008.

Every month Mr. Keller and I meet with a Principals' Advisory Group. This group consists of student representatives from throughout the campus. All grades and SLCs are represented in our meetings. This gives us the opportunity to discuss matters with the students and brainstorm solutions to the problems. I will let you know that we met on Monday and the students brought up the issues of bathrooms, long lines and consistency of rule enforcement.

Millikan sent 20 students to the CCEJ's Building Bridges Camp at Pilgrim Pines in Yucaipa this past weekend. The campers met in the mountains and discussed issues of racial tolerance and harmony with campers from the other high schools in LBUSD. Our students have proudly been sporting their camp sweatshirts about campus during the week. The campers spoke on issues of drugs, gangs, tension, stereotypes, acceptance of diversity and tension between racial groups. The next human relations camp will be held March 14 – 16. If your student is interested in attending the camp please have him/her see Campus Security Officer, Tara Lewis.

Finally, the winter sports are off and running and our Millikan teams are doing really well. Both the boys and girls' soccer programs are racking up wins at every level. The boys and girls basketball teams are experiencing a great deal of success and giving their opponents fits. I had the opportunity to watch our wrestlers during a recent tournament against Wilson and our boys won every match but two by pinning their opponents. Girls' water polo is in the swimming pool and doing exceptionally well. All together, Millikan sports are an exciting way to spend the afternoon. Come out and support our teams.

The holiday vacation is rapidly approaching and our students will have time off from school from December 21st to January 7th. Millikan will be closed during the winter holiday.

Thank you,

Jeff

90% of the game is half mental. Yogi Berra