



MIRA LOMA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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# Mountain Lion Talk

BEST MEMORIES OF 2007-2008

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As we all know, the end of the year is coming very soon. All of the students here at MLMS will be going away for summer vacation, but only the eighth graders will be leaving for high school. The memories of their time here will always be in their minds though.

All of these students enjoyed their two years here, but some memories are greater than others. A couple of people believe that their 7th grade year was their favorite. Kaylie Feiger believes that the balloon fight at the end of her 7th grade year was her best memory.

Natalie Rocha thinks that being in Journalism was the best. On the other hand, most people believed that their 8th grade year was their favorite. Leo Nunez thinks that his favorite memory was when he got his Sharp Cookie from Ms. Davis. Dahlia Ott thinks that spending time with her friends at Astro Camp was

the best. She says, "It was dramatic, but fun." Perla Perez says that being in AVID and having the opportunity to go to all the

fun fieldtrips was her favorite.

A group of people, Leo Nunez, Zack Taylor, and Kyle Gibreal, all remember the fun times that they spent during lunch. For example, at one

lunch they all joined together to do the Macarena.

Karina and Vannesa Hernandez's memory was quite funny. They went to the field trip at Six Flags and mentioned that they went on the Superman rollercoaster ride. While on the ride, one of the cars almost went off the track and the ride had to be temporarily shut down.

They said they were scared at first but they laughed afterwards. Selina Villegas also had a funny memory. Once, in

the locker room, she

thought she lost her shoe while changing and was blaming her friend, Bianca Vega, for taking and hiding it from her. It turned out that she was actually wearing her shoes and they both laughed about the mistake. Many other students just thought the whole year

was a good experience. Mayra Mendoza enjoyed meeting new people throughout the year. Anakaren Delattore also enjoyed the whole year, but she mentioned that there were some boring parts, such as homework.

School isn't just a place for learning, but it's a great place to make new friends and expand your social life. We are all a little sad about leaving MLMS, but at least we had a lot of fun times to remember.



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# WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIFTEEN YEARS?

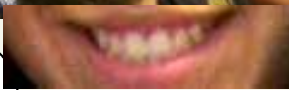
BY CASSIE MOORE

Have you ever wondered where you will be 15 years from now? Some of our 8th grade students are making predictions for themselves.

- Samantha Rainsbury- "I want to be a writer and live with a doggie named Rover."
- Abel Garcia- "I'll be a gymnast in the Olympics."
- Amy Growsky- Wants to be a teacher, according to Samantha Rainsbury.
- Kala Sneve- "a singer"
- Melissa Hamerski- "In a house with a job."
- Stacy Rodriguez- "Finishing college"
- Laura Teagarden- "In 15 years I want to be in the Coast Guard."
- David Pichardo- "A long way from you." I feel offended.
- Pristine Tompkin- "I'll be playing professional basketball."
- Blake Green- "I'll probably be in college playing football."
- Stephenie M- "Sorry I can't talk right now I gotta go..."
- Ruthie Newbold- "I'll be in Huntington Beach and I'll be married and my 2nd album would have gone platinum. I'll be a published author."
- Emily Frances- "In 15 years I think I will be an assistant for a medical surgeon."



# The Year i



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# SPOTLIGHT ON MARY WARD

BY GARET BROOKS & LARRY OZAETA

Ms. Mary Ward, an eighth grade science teacher here at MLMS, has been awarded **teacher of the year!** Ms. Ward

and enjoyable activities with her students. She has participated in many fun activities over the years, such as the



Science Olympiad, a series of sports which she and her class placed third in. She has also done experiments with her classes. In addition, she loves to make roller coasters out of PVC pipes with her students.

Many other teachers really enjoy having Ms. Ward work here at MLMS. Mrs. Croxton, an eighth grade science teacher here at MLMS, says she enjoys being next door to Ms. Ward. Mrs. Croxton refers to her as an overachiever because she is here almost every day until it gets dark. Both Mrs. Croxton and Ms. Davis said that she loves and knows a lot about plants, nature, and the environment. Mrs.

has been working here at MLMS for ten years. She is an AVID teacher and head of the Science department. She has enjoyed working here and doing many fun

Croxton also added that she knows everything there is to know about the ocean.

Ms. Ward is a great teacher and is a joy to have here on the MLMS staff.

# WHAT MAKES A GREAT TEACHER?

BY CARL HERNANDEZ & CHELSEA GARIBAY

Kids have all types of opinions on what makes a good teacher, but are their expectations unbelievable? Some students say a good teacher is funny, but not sarcastic. They have to be full of spirit, and not super strict and boring. They should be organized but not obsessive about every little mess up. They should actually be able to explain in their own words what they teach and don't just talk right out of the book. They should only teach

one or two ways how to do a problem cause more than two ways can get kind of confusing. In other words students want a teacher that gets along with the students and is not weird and out there. We have our own preferences. A teacher should have a rewards system, if you answer you should get a snack or a phat cat coupon. Also, teachers that



will go out of their way to help you is appreciated. Teachers that favor one student may ignore others, which can be

irritating to the other pupils.

They want a teacher that can makes things easier and not really complicated. They also want a teacher that will get off subject and talk about other things for a while. Over all, students just want a teacher that makes learning fun and easy.

# SOME OF THE STAFF OF MLMS



## SPOTLIGHT ON JACK KATES

BY: MAYRA FAUSTO AND JOCIE BERNAL

Sometimes the people that have the biggest impact at this school are ones that students do not even notice. One of those people is Jack Kates, in fact, you're probably wondering who that is right now. Jack is one of our school custodians, or janitors. We thought Jack would be a good example for this spotlight because he is a very joyful person and has a great sense of humor.

We think that Jack is funny, though he is kind of shy, and he always has a smile on his face. We asked him a couple of questions about himself and his job, and he had some remarkable answers. When asked if he was ever too lazy to clean, he replied, "Sure, everybody is, especially on Mondays." The next question was quite humorous; we asked if his wife ever made

him clean up at home, and he mentioned how his wife didn't let him; he just cuts the grass.

A couple of teachers here at MLMS have positive opinions of Jack. Mrs. Wisener said, "Jack is my homeboy; we talk about the NBA all the time. Jack is an old soul and keeps my room really clean and doesn't make me stack my chairs; he always has a smile on his face and he's very pleasant."

We also interviewed Mr. Parker, to see what he thought about him, and he replied, "I think he's awesome, he's the nicest person, always happy, kind, polite, and he loves sports." He also mentioned that he's very professional and does a very good job cleaning classrooms.



MLMS is lucky to have Jack Kates at this school, as well as the other custodians. If you see Jack be sure to say hello. He helps MLMS Rock!

## THE BEST FAST FOOD!

BY KARISSA LOO AND MICHAEL DURAN

Everyday nearly one third of U.S. children ages four to nineteen eat fast food. Even though fast food may not always be healthy, it is extremely popular. There are many fast food places, but we have asked MLMS students for their favorites.

Starting off in fifth place is Del Taco. Students said, Del Taco was the best because they have burritos and hamburgers.

Jose Duran says, "My favorite menu item is Tacos Del Carbon."

Next in fourth place is Panda Express. A lot of students commented on their wide variety of chicken. Carl Hernandez says, "I like to get their



fortune cookies; its fun to see the different fortunes inside."

Third place goes to Jack in the Box. Elayna Ornellas says, "Oreo shakes are the "Shiznett"." A lot of students also said that their tacos were really good!

In second place is Carl's Jr. Coley Halandres says, "The sauce they put on their hamburgers is good and their fries are too!" Another student said that they liked their chicken strips.

The number one spot goes to In and Out! In and Out is not only known for the best hamburgers out there, they are very environmentally conscious. Also, their food has no trans fat. We also

had many comments on their animal fries!

These are our MLMS's students' top favorites. Remember fast food is not always healthy, so try to limit the amount you eat this summer.

## SUMMER PLANS

BY VERONICA SOTO &  
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# Autographs!

We asked 8th graders what they were going to do over their summer. This is what people had to say.

- Angel Gonzalez: "I'm going to Cancun to see some cute guys at the beach."
- Rebecca Alvarez: "I'm going to Morelia, Mexico to see my family and party with the cute guys."
- Crystal Valdivia: "I'm going to party with my sister and go on Myspace."
- Maria Vargas: "I'm going to Mexico to go see family and to party."
- Daniel Verdi: "I'm going to eat my favorite foods."
- Jose Juarez: "I'm going to chill at my house, and think about the girl I like, Eunice."
- Vincent Rodriguez: "I'm going to Disney World in Florida with my family."
- Vanessa Saldano: "I'm going to Victorville to visit my aunt."
- Kevin Garcia, Josh Blin, Daulton Boughton, Blake Green, and Esquevil Loera: "We are going to play X-Box Live with Precise Goons and Murke."
- Secilia Corona: "I'm going to Mexico to visit my family."
- Lizet Rodriguez: "I'm going to El Salvador to see my family and to Guatemala to visit the ruins."
- Daniel Porras: "I'm going to play football at Jurupa."
- Demetri Nicart: "I'm going to practice skating, play video games, and go biking."
- Larry Ozata: "I'm going to Newport Beach with my friends."