



MVHS Welcomes New Administrators



Principal Larry Cecil and Assistant Principal Allende Palma-Saracho are new to Mountain View.

Photo by Perla Rodriguez

Laila Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

This year Mountain View welcomes two new administrators: Mr. Larry Cecil, principal, and Mr. Palma-Seracho, assistant principal of activities.

Cecil officially joined MVHS on July 1 but started working on July 8.

Before Mountain View, he was principal at Rosemead for four years. He was also assistant principal at Rosemead and Arroyo.

He also taught math at El Monte and coached the football and baseball teams there, sponsored clubs, and was assistant principal of activities for one year. Because of the principal exchanges, Mr. Cecil was transferred to Mountain View.

He likes the students and staff and wants to make a difference.

“The students at Mountain View are warm and inviting and want to be

involved,” says Mr. Cecil.

Mr. Allende Palma-Saracho, assistant principal of activities, started working at MVHS on September 9th.

He is from the city of Alhambra and he attended Alhambra High School. Before coming to Mountain View, Mr. Palma-Saracho was a coach at El Monte and a resource teacher. He also taught English for 4 years at El Monte High School.

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Cafeteria Updates

NEWS ON THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS

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Since a fire burned several MVHS buildings last year, the MVHS obtained \$7 million by their insurance policy for reconstruction. Recently, Viking staff and students have been involved in brainstorming and decision-making meetings to discuss the reconstruction process.

Recently, they have reviewed preliminary drafts for the reconstruction of the cafeteria. The reconstruction process will take about

2 1/2 years if everything goes well.

Several people attend the meetings to achieve different points-of-view on this project. These people include principal Mr. Larry Cecil; several administrators; ASB president, Sergio Mora ('14); ASB commissioner of activities Anna Nguyen ('15); the ASB clerk, Sandra Rodriguez; among others.

Though many ideas have been exchanged on how the cafeteria should be designed including many ideas ranging from stages

and an aesthetic form for better sound, to shorter lines and alternative ways of entering. However, nothing is set in stone yet. All major architectural plans need to go through the Department of State Architects (DSA) before being enforced.

“We will be keeping students up-to-date,” said Mr. Cecil. He wants to keep the process as “transparent” as possible to assure that there will be no confusion among the teachers, staff, students, and community.

Administrators and other faculty members in-

involved in the aforementioned meetings have discussed their opinions on how the cafeteria should look like. The ideas were shared between them and some of them were recommended by students.

Currently, the group is trying to make a layout that is structurally better for lunch lines and beauty. That is to say, they want the building to look nice and be structured to make lunch lines shorter.

Beyond this information, there is a lot to be discussed. The group still

needs to take in more information and discuss what changes and modifications should be made to make the cafeteria better than it has ever been.

The group of teachers, students, and administrators is still accepting recommendations, as they want the school involved in this project.

If anybody is concerned about the structure or wishes to provide feedback, they may talk to Mr. Cecil.

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Breakfast On-the-Go

NEW VENDING MACHINES PROVIDE A QUICK BREAKFAST

Gabriel Yopez
Web Editor

MVHS got two new vending machines from the district this summer. These new machines are for students to get breakfast on their way to class. The point is to allow students, who may arrive later to school or who do not like to go to the temporary cafeteria, to get their food in a timely matter.

“The new machines are for students to get breakfast on the go,” said Mr. Steve Garcia, assistant principal.

Mountain View received the new vending machines because the district applied for a breakfast grant. The grant was meant to be used to purchase the new machines, which would be given to all the schools in the district. These schools included Arroyo and El Monte. MVHS received two vending machines, unlike the other schools in the district, which received one.

One of the vending machines is in the K building, while the other is in the

B building. The students will be able to use the vending machines in October, for daily breakfast.

These vending machines are for breakfast only, which means they will not be able to access them during lunch or after school.

Unlike a conventional vending machine, students will have to input their date of birth, then their student identification number. Students will then make their choice out of eight different selections of breakfast.

Ms. Amy Wold, assistant principal of student services, stated, “The reason you have to put in your student identification number, as well as your birthdate, is because some students may try to get more than one breakfast if they find another student’s identification number.”

The machines can hold up to 97 food items. The machines are restocked with new food choices everyday.

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Bus-ting into College

Ivan Jimenez

Editorial Editor

On August 22 & 23, President Barack Obama visited colleges in New York and Pennsylvania. The President focused on his plan for cutting college costs, which would help struggling college students. This plan would create a government rating system based on college costs and quality of education which may be used to give students financial aid.

An example of how this may help is when

you are applying for college. A student could compare colleges based on the price and the quality of education offered.

These proposals make sense; they will help those struggling with the upward costs of attending college, by encouraging colleges to better manage their costs. This is something we should all care about, as the success of future college graduates is vital to the success of this nation. Education is a common goal for all Vikings, and shouldn't

be limited because students fear about the affordability of their college education.

Cost is a concern to any student planning on attending college; although significant financial aid is available, there is a large fear among students of going into significant debt to afford a college education. This is mainly due to the ever-rising costs of attending college.

This future ranking system would encourage colleges to find ways to lower costs by being forced to compete for a higher spot in the rankings. Obama rea-

soned: "It is time to stop subsidizing schools that are not producing good results," which refers to a larger campaign to create a better deal for the working families of this nation.

With tuition at public four-year colleges rising, the average person is graduating with more than \$26,000 in debt.

This program is the start of the president's proposals for "a better bargain" for the working class. It will encourage a downward trend in college costs, making college a better bargain for all.

Assembling a Vision

Isabella Stedman

News Editor

This year's welcome back rally was a big success. It took place on September 13th, during first period, at the Viking Stadium. The theme, "Clash of the Classes," challenged Vikings to express their school spirit.

This year's rally was a new beginning for Mountain View. "It was a good way to get this year STARTED," said Rene Ramirez ('14).

Although this sounds like Mountain View's usual rally, this year was different. Our new principal, Mr. Larry Cecil, did something that stood out.

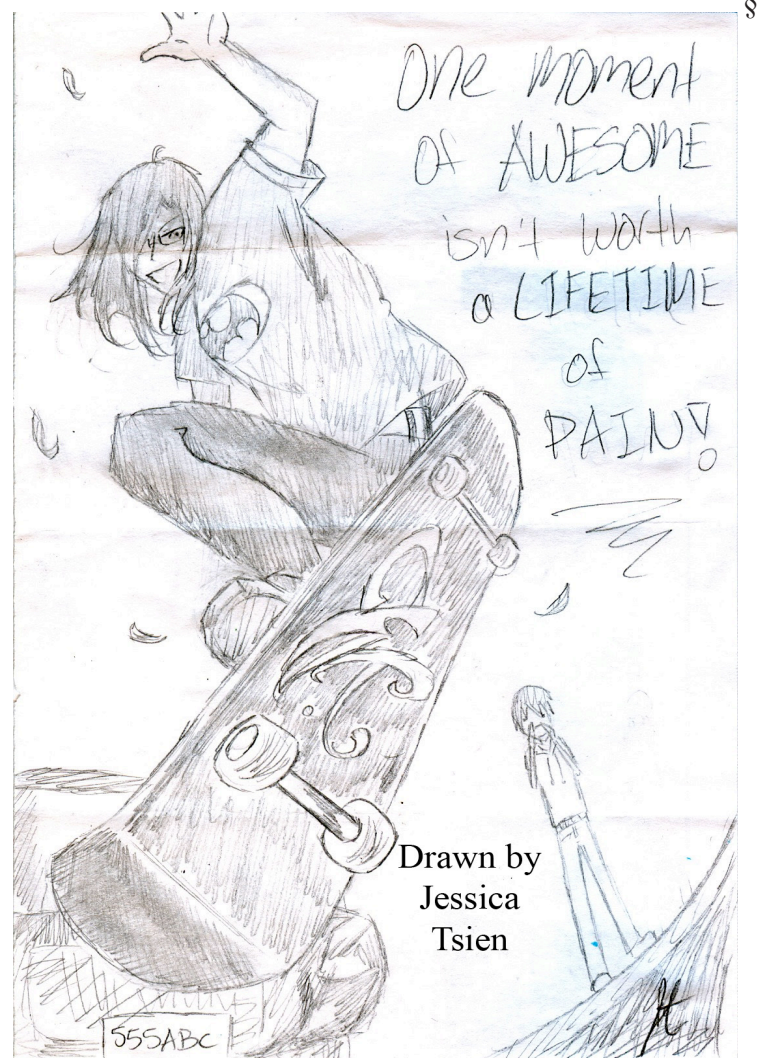
Unlike our past rallies, this year's Freshmen class was not egged and no pennies were thrown. Teachers were assigned certain rows of students to supervise and students

weren't allowed to bring their backpacks to the rally in order to prevent objects from being thrown.

Mountain View is becoming a safer and a more spirited school than it has been in the past.

There was a class competition, which asked for two volunteers from each class to compete in a race to see who could complete the tasks the quickest. The player had to first toss the ball up five times, then jump or run over small hurdles after that they had to hit a bullseye target with a tennis ball and then run to the finish line.

The level of spirit from all of the classes was amazing. Although the freshmen participated. Even though they did not do the wave correctly. We have three years to teach them.



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A short thought by Jessica Tsien on the merits of being safe.

FRESHMAN

Do's & Dont's

Never sleep in class

This is the first step to slacking off in class. Try sleeping earlier at night to get those 8 hours of sleep. If that is not possible, try turning off your electronics if they are a distraction to you.

Work hard first, have fun second!

It's not a bad thing to have fun but just know that the fun will get even better when you have nothing to worry about.

Do things you love, not just what looks best on a college application.

Just because it looks well in a college application doesn't mean you HAVE to do it. If you are good at a specific thing, just do it. It's your choice, your decision, your life, you don't need to be forced.

Be involved in clubs, sports, school events, and/or programs

Being involved in school helps you be more involved if you're timid. Join sports and clubs; you will make new friends and feel proud of being a part of a team or group.

Don't be late or skip classes

Attendance is very important when it comes to school. Miss a couple minutes and you might even miss your whole lesson. Besides, you don't want a detention, do you?

Get to know new people, you will lose and gain friends

"You may not stay friends with some people all throughout high school. Make new friends and accept people will come and go. Make the best of it.

SOLAR CUP

Jourdan Pineda
Web Editor

"It made me interested in science and engineering," said Alvaro Najera (11'), the 2009-2010 president of the Solar Cup.

The program requires students to make a 16 foot canoe from the ground up. The students will start building the canoe in November and will go to Lake Skinner mid May for competition day. Mountain View will compete against over forty high schools will test their canoes at the lake. Ms. Lee Porter, science department, is the sponsor of the program and its activities.

Members like Alvaro Najera (11') and Briella Ho(12') participated in Solar Cup in the previous years and received a lot of information about engineering. The point of Solar Cup is to learn about the conservation of natural resources and electrical and mechanical engineering. Solar Cup gives students a hands-on experience in building and engineering a working motorized canoe. Briella Ho said, "I got engineering experience out of [solar cup]."

During Solar Cup students must calculate the buoyancy of the canoe

(the weight of the canoe on water and on land). Furthermore, students must know how much weight the boat can handle. Sometimes they will need to use their problem solving skills to pass certain situations.

Students are required to attend meetings with Ms. Porter about twice a week. Ms. Porter said that students will have a fun and hands on experience working on the canoe. Solar Cup is an excellent club for those who are interested in engineering and would want to gain some early experience in the field. §

ASK VIK

Drop off your question @ the Media Center in the question box!

I constantly get tickled by this cute guy but how do I tell him I don't want to be tickled if I like love him?- Kitty Kat

Hello, Kitty Kat! Many people feel more conservative than others and that's okay! The right thing to do is to tell him the truth. Tell him that you like him but you just don't like being tickled. If he respects you then he will stop and give you his word. Hope this helps, Viking!

I want two boyfriends, is that bad?- Clemencia

Hi, Clemencia! Wanting anything isn't bad, it is simply human nature. But when it comes to wanting more than one person it can be a struggle. Having two boyfriends isn't a new discovery, many people have done it but it was done in a fashion where all three knew the circumstances to the situation. Good luck, Viking!

How can I tell my teacher her breath stinks?-Cowgirl69

Howdy, Cowgirl69! The best way is to tell her honestly and politely in private. She might be most appreciative if you did tell her because it made her aware of something that she didn't even realize. You would be doing her a great favor! Wish you the best, Viking!

How can I stop guys from falling in love with me?- Dashing Diva

Hey, Dashing Diva! With your beautiful looks and awesome personality, there isn't a possible way to stop guys from falling in love with you. You're just so mesmerizing to them! Good luck, Viking!

What are some things guys are confused about girls?- Flying Unicorn
Hello, Flying Unicorn! Guys are really confused on why girls have to always go in a group to go to the bathroom. They are also confused on why girls have to carry everything in their bags. Also guys are really confused on why girls take so long to decide anything. Wish you luck, Viking!

BACK AT IT

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL PLAYERS RETURN TO THE FIELD

Frank Nava
Staff Reporter

The sophomore football players have returned and now have even more motivation than ever. They have a new coach, Cesar Ortega, who played football at South EL Monte High School ('00) as a defensive tackle and starting center.

The coach said the team does an excellent job, he stated, "We played a scrimmage and our offensive needs more work, but on the other hand our defensive looks solid, other than that it's an everyday improvement."

The team's motto is "One Blood Football." Galvan said that One Blood Football means being part of one generation of football. The coach said that this means that the team helps one another out and stands up for each other. Joseph "Tanky" Ocampo, lineman #10, says that the

motto to him means one team standing united.

Arnulfo Galvan, quarterback #10, says he feels more motivated because they have a new coach with an impressive scorestreak in another school. Galvan said that he started football because he wanted to create highschool memories. He also said that the team does a very good job while playing with the passes and the plays.

Another player Joseph Ocampo says, "I feel excited because it's a whole new MVHS football team." He also said that this year, they are going to win and go to CIF. He that the team does a very excellent job when they play. Ocampo said that he feels very inspired and good that they have a coach who has a successful record at his previous school.

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The Viking football team scores a touchdown during the third quarter against Sierra Vista.

Photo by Carolina Herrera

Vikings, come support your football team by attending the games on Fridays at 7:00 pm.

Varsity Football Schedule

*October 4th Maranatha (A)
October 11th Rosemead (A)
October 18th Gabrielino (A)
October 25th Arroyo (H)
November 1st El Monte (H)
November 8th South El Monte (A)*

S U C C E E D I N G AGAINST THE ODDS

Carolina Arcos
Staff Reporter

Milagros Garcia ('14) is not only a successful wrestler at MVHS but she is also a wrestler who has had the opportunity to have gone to nationals.

The people that have helped her the most are her coaches Sergio Ortiz and Ivan Carvohal. They have helped her by giving her a place to practice such as a wrestling room.

Milagros will be at Southwest Kick Off Classic on October 25, 2013 for one of her wrestling matches. Her next

tournament will be held on Saturday, November 30, at the Rebel Rumble Savannah High in Anaheim.

She said, "Wrestling is not only a sport; It's a lifestyle." Milagros joined this sport to stay away from trouble and to stay off of the streets. She also joined wrestling to prove people wrong about her. She said she accomplished this goal when she placed 6th in the United States of America Wrestling Women National Championship.

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Milagros Garcia ('14) has represented the US national wrestling team.

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