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Welcome to Correia Middle School

By Linda Taggart

Welcome to Correia Middle School! The staff at Correia Middle School is pleased to offer your child the best in educational experiences. Our teachers, specialists, educational assistants, and support staff are fully credentialed, well-trained and dedicated to providing our students with an exceptional academic program.

As you know, the middle school years are among the most difficult times in a person's life. As children grow, they begin to experience physical, intellectual, and emotional changes. The way they learn, feel, see the world, and relate to other people becomes different from when they were younger. These changes, along with demands from present-day society and peer pressure, create conflicts and tension in the adolescent, which are reflected in their behavior in school and at home.

Young people at this age show a good number of contradictions and conflicts, which is normal. There is no "model" adolescent. All young persons are individuals with strong and weak points and with positive and negative qualities. There are some common characteristics that should be kept in mind in order to understand and help the middle schooler in daily activities at home and at school:

- Adolescents have high levels of physical and emotional energy, which may contrast with long periods of idleness, generally disapproved of by adults.
- They take risks, are curious, and love danger and adventure, yet their feelings can be hurt easily. This is the time when they feel immortal, but they worry a lot about what their friends think about them.
- They want to be independent from their families, and at the same time, they need to be pampered and protected.
- They withdraw and want a private life, and at the same time, they worry about being accepted by their peers.
- They demand privileges but avoid responsibilities. At the same time, they are developing an awareness of social problems and the welfare of others.

Over the past few years, the Correia staff worked diligently to provide resources necessary for improving the Correia School climate. This year, we are continuing with our Safe School Ambassador Program and expanding our counseling and school climate goals. I would like to describe the programs that we have this year to assist your children in

having a positive experience at Correia Middle School.

Our Village Program

Our Village is a comprehensive race-relations program offered to all middle schools on a voluntary basis. The Our Village curriculum is 12 weeks of pre/post lesson plans and a 2 day/1 night camp at Girl Scout campgrounds. The Our Village primary objective is to improve the school climate by building strong student leaders. Students become responsible citizens and assist school communities in seeking ways to value and respect diversity.

Peer Mediation Training

The Peer Mediation curriculum contains six to ten lesson plans for staff and students in the Peer Mediation process. The staff/student training includes practicing to lead mediation sessions. Students learn how to assist their peers in solving conflicts in a positive way. Student Peer Mediators receive certificates upon completion of their training.

RESPECT

RESPECT is a research-based program that addresses the prevention of bullying, sexual harassment and violence for middle school students. It identifies normative patterns of misperception in adolescence that increase the risk

Just the FAQs:

Where is the best place at Correia to drop-off and pick-up my student?

Read Ms. Manriquez' article on page 3.

If I need to take my student out of school for an appointment, what should I do?

Plan ahead. If your student forgets his/her lunch or PE clothes, you can drop these things off at the office and your student can pick them up from the office.

If your student has an **appointment** and you need to pick him/her up, call the day before, if possible. Also, on the day of the appointment, arrive at the school office early; the office staff will give you the classroom number where your student is and you will be able to take a "blue slip" to the classroom to release the child. However, if your student has PE, it will be difficult to find him/her, so you might want to plan to meet your child between class periods at the office. Be sure to check the calendar online and make sure it is not an "assembly schedule". If it is, the bell schedule is different from a regular day. The calendar and bell schedules are posted on the Correia web site.

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of victimization and perpetration of peer aggression. Norms have been compiled for general education, learning disabled, ESL, academically gifted, behaviorally disordered and emotionally disturbed students. Our counseling safe will receive training this month and begin implementation soon.

Safe School Ambassador

Safe School Ambassador® (SSA) is a variant of a student watch program that recruits and trains socially influential youth from the different social groups that exist in schools to note and report instances of bullying and other antisocial behavior. However, SSA is considered a second-generation student watch pro-

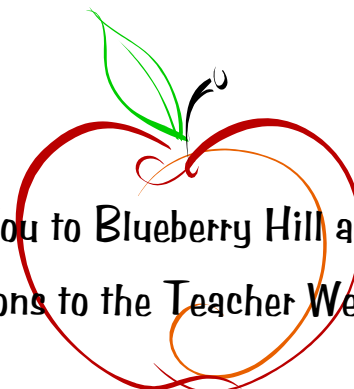
gram because a much greater emphasis is placed on training youth bystanders on methods to intervene as warranted by the situation rather than simply noticing and reporting bullying to school staff. The overall goal of the SSA program is to improve the school climate by empowering students who are neither bullies nor victims of bullies, but have a good probability of being a bystander, to play a clear role in preventing episodes of bullying and related activities.

At Correia Middle School, we endeavor to provide a positive learning environment serving the educational, emotional and social needs of our students. We offer a standards-based

curriculum to support academic achievement and strive to build character by encouraging students to take responsibility for their choices and actions. Your child may be asked to participate in one or more the programs listed above. I encourage you to discuss the possibility of his or her participation. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Patty Hollman, 7th grade counselor; Ron Fong, 8th grade counselor; Deborah Penfold, 7th grade Assistant Principal; or Consuelo Manriquez, 8th grade Assistant Principal.

Note from Suzanne Olsen, Safe School Ambassador lead:

Due to a successful first year, the Safe School Ambassador program will be continued this year. There are 16 very enthusiastic returning ambassadors. In addition, 40 more students will be trained as ambassadors during a two-day training session in October put on by Community Matters, a non-profit organization that assists schools interested in implementing the program. The program teaches students leadership and communication skills. Students learn a variety of techniques that can be used to improve school climate and safety. We are looking forward to having even more ambassadors on campus this year!



A special Thank You to Blueberry Hill and World Famous
for their contributions to the Teacher Welcome Luncheon!

Keeping it safe at Correia!

By Consuelo Manriquez



Welcome, Correia Families, to a new school year. My name is Consuelo Manriquez and I am the new Vice Principal at Correia Middle. I am starting my 18th year as an educator and my second year here at Correia.

At Correia, school safety is one of my administrative responsibilities and it is top priority at our campus. Correia Corps is

part of our safety plan and it is a great way for parents to get involved in the school. Correia Corps' training took place in September with a great turnout from our parents who have stepped up to the plate. The Correia Corps Volunteers' presence is clearly beneficial to our school. It is great to have them walking around before, during, and after school. For example, Picture Day was a great success due to our volunteers that made that day run so much smoother for our teachers and photographers. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to help Correia. It is a pleasure to work with such an enthusiastic group of volunteers.

As you all know, dropping off and picking up your students at Correia can be

an adventure. Correia has an average of ten buses arriving and leaving the campus. The best and safest way to drop off and pick up your student is by the parking lot on the south side of Valeta Street by the lower bungalows and courts. All students must enter the campus by the south entrance. The safety of your student is very important to us.

I am very excited to be part of the Correia staff and family. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to be part of Correia Corps. I am looking forward and excited for a great school year.

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Correia Association News

By Kris Spathas

The Correia Association, which is the main volunteer and fundraising group on campus, is off to a great start this year thanks to the enthusiasm of the students, staff, teachers and families! It takes everyone working together to complete a circle of success and that is what we have at Correia. It is especially great to have a co-President this year. Beth Malachowski has so many great ideas and energy, and is a huge addition to our board.

There are many people to thank who volunteered their time during MAD, the Welcome Back luncheon for teachers and staff, at Orientation, schedule distribution, picture day, the book fair, Saturday gardening . . . those people are Beth Malachowski, Deb Manning, Laura Colloca and Michael, Cyndie Segel, Barbara Shirts, Laura Verhees, Jean Peugh, Jana Arnett, Chris Knickerbocker, Laura Fouquier and Morgan, Brenda Reily, Sandra Teasley, Andrea Justus, Cathy Bohlman and Lexie and Sydney, Niza Brown and Tyler, Sally Stephens, Aly Evans and Jordan, Damaris Garduno, Mary Burke, Valerie Simpson, Roslyn Scavello and Haely, Sonia Zepeda and Jasmin, Brenda Greco, Kelly Touhill, Mary Kay Burke, Andrew Spathas, Renatte Adler, Cristina Napier, Paul Giacomangeli, Patricia Walsh, Annette Garcia, Maggie Martinez, Caroline Loretan-Weiss, Barbara Meserve, Leah Dugdale, Shannon Wright, Richard Bagnell and Aaron, Kellie Garza, Rosemary and Jorge Avalos, Lina May, Lisa Scott, Laurie Dorris, Michael and Mondea Stoutenboro, Jill O'Beirne, Erin Alcantara and there are probably more! Plus, there are many volunteers who are taking Correia Corps shifts, which is such an important program at the school. Thank you everyone!!

The three main fundraisers are the Annual Giving Campaign, Sally Foster and the annual Correia Crystal Celebration Dinner/Auction. The Annual Giving Campaign needs some momentum in order to reach our goal of \$8500. Please consider contributing if you haven't already. ANY amount is greatly appreciated.

Our board is almost complete, which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who has taken on a leadership role. We still need people to take on the cash booth which is where students who have earned "Correia Cash" can come on Fridays during lunch and redeem their "cash" for prizes. We also need everyone to be thinking about auction items for the Crystal Celebration. There are donation forms online at correiamiddle.com and under Correia Association, forms and information. If you know of anyone who has a product or service that they would be willing to donate to our event, we would welcome it! The more money we raise, the more we can support the teachers at the school and the many wonderful programs that benefit each and every student.

Hope to see you at our Association meetings which are held the first Thursday of each month when school is in session, at 6:00 p.m. in the library on campus.

—Kris
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Correia Annual Giving Fund

Dear Correia Families,

Hello! My name is Sandra Teasley and I have the privilege this year of coordinating the Correia Association's Annual Giving Campaign. The Correia Association is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit benefit corporation that provides volunteer support and raises capital to fund enrichments and enhancements for our school. Thanks to the generosity of the families noted below, we have raised over \$3,000.00 so far! It's not too late to donate. Your donation will help provide funding for science, art, physical education, technology, and scholarships for the 8th grade East Coast trip. The Safe School Ambassador Program is funded in part by the Annual Giving Campaign.

Donations received have ranged from \$5.00 to \$250.00. Any amount you can contribute greatly helps the school and is tax deductible.

Liza Aguirre-Oviedo	Lizeth Garcia	Brian and Lisa McKay
Erin Alcantara	Mark and Annette Garcia	Michael and Kaycee Mosko
Janalee Arnett	Maria Cruz Garnica	Annette Neilsen and Ed Miranda
Dawn Ayles-Challman	Paul and Paulina Giacomangeli	Diane Panton
Richard Bagnell	Jasmine Greene	Colin and Jean Peugh
Enrique and Martha Bernal	David and Barbara Haas	Charleene Poissot
Renee Buchhauser	Jennifer Bernal Hall	Michael and Barbara Rapp
Rosa Cardenas	William and Monica Halling	Brenda Reily
Hillary Carlson	James and Betty Harris	Matthew and Heidi Rowland
Sandra Colyer	Scott and Jennifer Haselton	Heidi Schlageter
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Christine Gage	Daniel and Rebecca Mashburn	Heather Wiezorek
Saray Gameros	John and Loretta McCaughey	Shannon Wright

Correia Corps

Correia Corps provides a great way for parents to be involved in the lives of their children. The program was started around 2003 by some interested parents who felt additional adult presence would provide an added measure of safety for students and give parents the opportunity to interact with students on campus.

Parents volunteer before school, during lunch or after school, on one day of their choosing each week.

If you would like to invest in the lives of your children through involvement in Correia Corps, please contact Victor and Judi Labenske at 619-224-5834.

Volunteers only need to attend one training session and have a current TB test. Judi or Victor would be happy to talk with you about this program and would be glad to answer your questions. A brief training session can be coordinated with Vice Principal Consuelo Manriquez at a time that is good for you.

Annual Giving Campaign 2007-2008

The Correia Association provides funding and resources to enrich the education of every Correia Student.

We are currently only half-way to our goal of raising \$8500.

Please submit your tax-deductible contribution today and become eligible to win a free gift in our opportunity drawing to be held on Oct 31. You can win:

- A CORREIA sweatshirt!
- A \$50 gift certificate at Jamba Juice!
 - An iPOD Nano!
- Lunch with Principal Taggart!

Send your donation today! You can contribute online AND sign up for a monthly payment plan at correiamiddle.com!

Correia Association Annual Giving Campaign

Tear off and return the bottom portion to Correia Association before Oct 31, 2007!

All 2007-08 donors are eligible to win even if the donation was made during August-October.

Winners will be notified by telephone and/or email.

Please make your check payable to Correia Association. Donations are tax-deductible.

Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____

Donor First Name: _____ Donor Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(We will send you an acknowledgement letter including our Tax ID#)

Tax Deductible Donation amount: \$ _____

Checks payable to: Correia Association

Mail to: 4302 Valeta Street San Diego CA 92107

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR E-SCRIP!

Go to www.escrip.com to register.

All proceeds benefit YOUR school.

Don't miss the Halloween Extravaganza!

On Friday, October 26, the Correia Instrumental Music Program will haunt Correia Middle School with bone-chilling music. After the performance, you can enjoy "brains on a bun" and other treats before the movie, "Nightmare before Christmas." The performance starts at 5:00. ASB will also be selling some cool stuff, so come by for tricks and treats!



PIZZA PIZZA!

CIMA is continuing Pizza Thursday sales this year, which take place right after school at 1:30 in the main courtyard. Pizza and bottled water are available for students to purchase. Prices are: \$2 per slice, 50 cents for water. The best deal is to purchase a whole pizza for \$12. Proceeds from Pizza Thursday support the music program.

Just the FAQs, *continued*

What is Correia's dress policy?

Here's the long (and mostly short) of it:

- Bellies—covered. Shirts must touch the top of pants
- No exposed undergarments
- No strapless shirts, completely bare shoulders, halter tops, tube tops, or shirts with spaghetti straps. Straps must be a minimum of one inch wide
- No sagging pants
- Clothing must be clean, in good appearance, and not too revealing
- Shorts/skirts that are too short and are a disruption to the educational process are not permitted
- Footwear (sandals or shoes) must be worn at all times. House slippers or house shoes are not acceptable.
- Sleepwear, blankets, and pajamas are not permitted
- Hoods are not allowed while on campus
- Knit gloves or mittens are worn outdoors during inclement weather only
- Clothes, backpacks, and accessories must not display:
 - Profane, sexually suggestive, obscene language or pictures
 - Vulgar gestures
 - Racial, ethnic, or sexist slurs
 - Messages about drugs, alcohol or tobacco
 - Images depicting violence
 - Tagging or gang-related graffiti
- No hats. All other headwear (hats, rags, head stocking caps) will be confiscated. Confiscated items can be picked up in the front office. All items not picked up at the end of each semester will be donated to Goodwill.



The Correia web site and weekly eBlasts are great resources for you to know what's happening at Correia!

The eBlasts are sent out weekly containing information about upcoming events, news you can use, and volunteer opportunities at the school.

If you are not receiving weekly eBlasts, here's how to get on the list:

Go to the main page of the school's web site, correiamiddle.com, and look at the top of the page. You'll see "join the point loma cluster schools e-mail list". Type in your e-mail address. You will receive an e-mail back asking you which schools in the Point Loma cluster you would like to receive information from. That's it!

Who do you call?



Attendance: Joyce McDonald @ x 2106 (jmcdonald1@sandi.net)

Nurse: Sue DeLira @ x. 2113 (udelira@sandi.net)

Counseling: 7th grade – Patty Hollman, x. 4336, Room 306 (phollman@sandi.net)

8th grade – Ron Fong, x. 4308, Room 308 (rfong@sandi.net)

Douglas Shamburger x. 4306, Room 306 (dshamburger@sandi.net)

Custodial: Ken Piazza x. 2417 (kpiazza@sandi.net)

Librarian: Marcia Abbott x. 2902 (mabbott1@sandi.net)

From Beth Malachowski, Correia Association Co-President

Welcome to a new year at Correia Middle School. I am pleased to serve as Co-President of the Correia Association this year, and I hope you will join me in working to provide resources to enrich the learning experience for our students this year.

Your personal participation is important. Please join me in building a sense of community at Correia, your student's home away from home, by participating in the Correia Association and helping to organize special events and activities at Correia.

I hope by now you have noticed several of the new developments on our school campus. Have you noticed, for example, the attractive new entry courtyard with palm trees and other tropical plants? What about the long awaited blue benches that have transformed our courtyards into useable spaces for sitting and studying? Also, did you hear about the VAPA grants Correia has received to support our Art, Music, PE, Drama, and Technology programs? Have you heard about the initiatives to promote positive student behavior on campus, and have you noticed the orderly conduct of our students as they arrive to, and depart from, school each day?

Your presence and involvement this year will help to keep momentum behind the many positive developments within our school community.

Please contribute to the Correia Association and attend our meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the library. Upcoming meeting dates are October 4, November 1, and December 6.

I hope to see you.

Best regards,

Beth Malachowski

Correia Middle School Observes Days of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence

On October 24, 2007, the 12th annual Days of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence, millions of students from around the country will join together in pledging to do their part to end gun violence. From Honolulu to New York City, young people will be signing a voluntary pledge: "I will never carry a gun to school; I will never use a gun to settle a personal problem or dispute; and I will use my influence with my friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes." A different pledge is used for elementary-aged children.

In light of the recent tragedies at schools all over the country, there is no better time to give students a way to respond and participate in ensuring their safety and the safety of those around them. The Student Pledge is a way to start the conversation about gun violence with children and adolescents affected by these shootings. "Linking students around the country in one observance is important," said National Coordinator Mary Lewis Grow. It underscores the fact that violence is not inevitable, it is the sum total of individual decisions. Individually and collectively, young people are an incredibly powerful force for change."

Since the first Day of National Concern in 1996, more than 10 million young people have participated in the national youth anti-gun-violence campaign. Signing the Pledge is the cornerstone of a day, often weeks in the planning, that may include school assemblies, speakers, rallies, essay and poetry contests, displays of art work publicizing the toll of gun violence, and the beginning of many conversations about gun violence between students and adults.

The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence web site, www.pledge.org, includes suggested activities, references to appropriate resources, and curriculum ideas.

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www.correiamiddle.com Check it out .

Correia Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
Friday, October 19	Red Ribbon Week		
October 19—26	Red Ribbon Week		
October 28—November 16	ASB Food Drive		
October 28—November 2	GATE Testing		
Thursday, November 1	Correia Association meeting	Library	6:00 p.m.
November 5—9	Hearing Specialist on site		
Thursday, November 8	CIMA meeting	Band Room	5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 12	Veteran's Day—no school		
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Vacation—no school		
Thursday, December 6	Correia Association meeting.	Library	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 6	CIMA Meeting	Band Room	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18	Winter Music Concert	Auditorium	7:00 p.m.