

District Newsletter - September 15, 2021



*Providing a world-class, community-funded education.*

## A Note from Superintendent Burmeister



How big is your plate? There's so much going on and it can be tempting to take on as much as possible because everyone else is. But Superintendent Burmeister offers us another way in this month's blog [Smaller Plate](#). Let's be kind to ourselves and prioritize what's most important.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY - PLEASE READ

A recent spate of traffic incidents reminds us of the need to drive carefully every day, especially now that schools are back in full swing. Just this week, a third grade Encinal student biking home near Laurel and Ravenswood and was struck by a car driven by a member of the community. Fortunately, the student was back at school in good spirits later this week. Menlo Park Police and Fire Departments and another Encinal parent who was driving by at the time came to assist. We are all grateful that this student was not seriously injured, thanks in part to wearing a bike helmet.

Last week, a high school student was hit along Santa Cruz Avenue while biking to MA High School. And, in Lafayette last week, a [school crossing guard](#) helping protect a student in the street, was tragically killed by a car.

These incidents, and many we don't know about or "near misses" remind us that we all must practice safe and alert driving and be especially patient when driving around town in the morning and afternoon while children are out walking and biking to and from school.

The Atherton and Menlo Park Police Departments have both written letters with important safety reminders for our community. Please read: