

# SCHOOL & FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

## A SHARED COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

When your family chooses Menlo, you do so with aspirations for what the Menlo experience will provide. We do the same when inviting your family to be a part of the Menlo community. We hope that you embrace the School's values of engaging students in their learning, supporting them as they stretch to realize their potential, and preparing them to lead lives of meaning. Our partnership with you is essential to helping the School realize this vision. When the School and family have a strong collaboration, we all—especially our students—reap the rewards. As educators, we continually strive to do what we believe is best for our students. One of the ways we do this is by ensuring that the Menlo community of adults—parents, coaches, faculty, and staff—is working together to foster a supportive, respectful environment for our children to emulate.

## MENLO'S ROLE

### PROVIDE A TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Provide a challenging and engaging education designed to prepare students to lead meaningful lives at Menlo and beyond
- Instill a lifelong love of learning
- Inspire students through a responsive curriculum and a wide array of academic, athletic, and creative arts opportunities



### CREATE A JOYFUL AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Foster trusted bonds and caring connections between adults and students
- Promote ideals core to our values, such as character, inclusivity, empathy, ethical behavior, and the pursuit of purposes larger than ourselves
- Nurture student confidence through self-advocacy and belief in their own abilities



### CULTIVATE A STRONG SCHOOL-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

- Respect parent/guardian perspectives
- Communicate with consistency and transparency
- Provide opportunities for parent education and engagement
- Offer clear avenues for sharing feedback
- Guide families through the college admissions process



## PARENT'S ROLE

### FOSTER RESPECT AND TRUST

- Build positive interactions by starting from a place of trust and gratitude
- Respect the School and the expertise of our teachers, coaches, administrators, and staff as they have your child's best interests at heart
- Support Menlo's rules and student behavior policies



### EMPOWER YOUR STUDENT

- Encourage your child to self-advocate and take ownership of their education
- Convey your belief in your child and let them know they are enough
- Promote a healthy school-life balance
- Remind your child of the resources the School provides
- Recognize perceived failures as growth opportunities and be a calming force through adolescent ups and downs



### ENGAGE PRODUCTIVELY

- Be an ambassador for Menlo
- Champion and model school values and community norms
- Engage in the life of the School and partner in parent education events
- Contribute positively to our culture of inclusivity, doing your part to ensure every member of our community feels welcomed, valued, respected, and cared for
- Help hold each other to these expectations

