

Dear Parents,

The PSL's Mirman Global Village Committee, in conjunction with the administration, has established the Mirman Intercultural Mentor System (MIMS). Its goal is to assist both newly admitted and continuing parents to attain a more complete participation in the Mirman School family. While international student access increases and Mirman's parent body continues to reflect the shifting demographics of greater Los Angeles, MIMS will foster interaction between parents from divergent educational, social, and cultural experiences.

This is how MIMS works:

1. Newly admitted families who have self-identified and indicated their desire to participate in the program will be paired with similar tenured families as "buddies."
2. Tenured families who have volunteered through the PSL for this committee will partner and mentor incoming families.
3. Volunteers will provide opportunities to communicate either by phone or in person as need arises. This networking will allow all of the involved families to:
 - Develop an understanding of their contributions to the Mirman School family.
 - Nurture a sense of fellowship with families like themselves.
 - Increase intercultural awareness and understanding.
 - Encourage an inter-active and empathetic support system for sharing each other's stories.
 - Provide tools to deal with and reduce the degree of "culture clash" when it arises within the school context.

With your support, the MIMS program looks forward to an increasingly involved Mirman School community.

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Sincerely,

The PSL Mirman Global Village Committee