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Campolindo parents donate a tsunami of cookies to teachers and staff

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A volunteer assembles a sample plate of cookies to show the volunteers how to arrange the gifts for teachers and staff. Photo Sora O'Doherty

A call went out to parents of students at Campolindo: "We need 160 parents to each donate two dozen cookies as gifts for teachers and staff at the school." And the call was answered as thousands of cookies poured into the school on the morning of Dec. 8, where parent volunteers gathered to assemble gift packages for each teacher and staff member and others. This year the cookie committee was chaired by Sabine Antonios-McCrea with the help of Susette Johnson.

If everybody who was called upon had donated the requested number of cookies, it would have totaled nearly 4,000 cookies, and organizers believe that they did receive roughly that number. No one had time to actually count, however, as volunteers gathered to assemble holiday plates with a selection of about 30 cookies each, to be wrapped in cellophane and tied up with festive bows.

There was a special table dedicated to gluten-free treats, and about 10 gluten-free plates were prepared. In addition to the cookies some parents also donated chocolates or other candies. A special treat this year was items from Holly's Home Grown in Lafayette, as Holly is the parent of a senior at Campolindo.

In addition to the teachers and staff, 24 plates of cookies were distributed to the Annex, which houses some Acalanes High School District employees, and also to the Wellness Center and the Counseling Center on campus.

Stephanie Sliwinski, Attendance and Health Technician, reported that the cookies went over very well with the 114 teachers and staff. "We look forward to it every year," she added.



Two volunteers show off a finished gift plate of cookies, made and donated by parents, to be given to the high school teachers and staff for the holidays. Photo Sora O'Doherty

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