



Hacienda News

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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SPRING FLING

Spring Fling is in the air! We will be “blazing new trails” at our annual Spring Fling Walk-a-thon and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 25th. The event runs all day from 9:00 (walk registration, walk starts at 9:30) until 4:00 (final round of the auction closes at 3:00 and walk ends at 3:30).

Plan to come and stay all day. We will keep you nourished with delicious food, cool beverages, and sweet treats (the snow cones will be back)! Alongside the silent auction and walking course we will have our Crazy Hair Station, a button making station, an animation station from one of our auction donors, Steve & Kate’s Camp, and an amazing photo booth to capture fun moments with friends.

Spring Fling is not only a day for our school community to gather and have fun, it is also our largest fundraiser alongside the Membership Drive. Hacienda has numerous wonderful programs funded directly, and some indirectly, through the money we raise at Spring Fling, so please keep that in mind as you help your students collect pledges for the walk and as you contemplate increasing the bids on the auction items. All of the money raised supports programs at this fabulous school we have all chosen to attend!

Students will receive a packet of information detailing Spring Fling and what is needed for a successful day. Look for the volunteer form for yourself, other family members and students looking for volunteer hours for middle or high school credit. We need your help, so sign up for a shift that works best for you!



URGENT VOLUNTEER JOBS

These are jobs that can be filled by parents, grandparents, other relatives, neighbors, church members, and so forth. If you know of a responsible adult willing to help our school for a few hours, please spread the word.

Lunchtime Yard Duties--We need more yard duty supervisors. The playground and grass field cover a large area. On a daily basis over 500 kids are out there.

There is a concern regarding safety and a shortage of adults to oversee them. Please contact Mrs. Carmen Loy or Mrs. Melissa Nakamura in the school office if you are able to volunteer for one or more lunchtimes each week.

Salad Bar Volunteers---Hacienda has been selected to pilot a fresh Salad Bar program in the cafeteria during lunchtime. During one week in April and one week in May, Hacienda will be offering a Salad Bar. As part of the district requirements to have this healthy option, there must be volunteers to help. Please contact Shanti Lipari if you are interested in volunteering for at least one lunchtime service. shantijane@comcast.net

MORE---In the last newsletter, did you notice the article about leadership positions opening up next school year? We’re looking for people to join the Membership team, someone to co-chair Fall Festival, join the Traffic Safety committee, Scholastic Book Fair Chairperson, and many more. Please review the many jobs available and see how you can play a bigger part at Hacienda. It takes a lot of people to keep the programs and events going. It’s a rewarding job to volunteer, knowing how it benefits so many people including your own child.

For more information contact Michelle Scripoch at mscripoch@sbcglobal.net



MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Hello Hacienda families,

Flowers and trees are in bloom, the allergies have kicked in for many, and the weather is just beautiful. It must be Spring! This time of year our students are experiencing lots of changes, and the anticipation of Summer being just around the corner can cause a bit of "Spring Fever." I know that the upcoming break will help everyone to get the wiggles out.

I would like to send a big CONGRATULATIONS to our students Talon Costillo, Anika Kulick, and Gabi Vasquez Mercado, for placing 4th in the top ten finals in our San Jose Unified Future Chef competition. The three of them created some delicious recipes and then prepared 50 samples of each for the contest this past week. Talon's Hawaiian Chicken Sliders, Anika's Banana Sushi, and Gabi's nachos were all delicious. These three students just may have a future career in the culinary arts. Kudos to them!

On a final note, April also brings Spring Fling, state assessments, our Going Native Garden Tour, and Earth Day/Arbor Day. All of these are important events at Hacienda, and I hope to see each of you at our tour, or at the Earth/Arbor Day Celebration.

Best wishes for happy Spring Recess,

Carmen Loy



Mark Your Calendar

Apr 7	Dinner Night Out Aqui's in Willow Glen from 4-9pm
Apr 13-17	No School - Spring Break
Apr 18	Going Native Garden Tours
Apr 21	HIPS Meeting 6:45pm Social 7:00-8:30pm Meeting Childcare provided at YMCA by HIPS
Apr 24	Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebrations
Apr 25	SPRING FLING!!! Our biggest FUNdraiser!
May 12	HIPS Meeting 6:45pm Social 7:00-8:30pm Meeting Childcare provided at YMCA by HIPS
May 19	Open House (Visit Classrooms in the evening)
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
May 30	Outdoor Workday, 9:00am-3:30pm
June 4	Last Day of School Classes dismiss early
June 5	Friday - No School/No YMCA

Hacienda is Green

Trash Free Fridays: Aim for a trash-free lunch by using only reusable containers and drink bottles every Friday!

Go Paperless! Get your Thursday Family Folder electronically:

1. Send email to michellecrespin99@yahoo.com and INCLUDE: child(ren)'s FULL name(s) AND Teacher(s) name (include all children).
2. Send email to hacienda-parents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com - to get the electronic version.



Science Lab Notes

HACIENDA'S EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: FRIDAY, APRIL ~~18~~, 1-3 P.M.

April 24



Come celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day, Hacienda-style, on Friday, April ~~24~~ ~~18~~, from 1-3 p.m. Learn how to make every day an "Earth Day," through students singing

and performing from 1-1:55. Then, from 2:05-2:50, visit classroom projects and help students plant a new tree near Rm. 31 and the basketball courts. Students are asked to pack a "trash free" lunch for a whole-school picnic, on the grass, as part of this special day. Join us for this inspiring, Hacienda tradition and the blacktop near the primary garden beds. Dress for the weather.

***come for a tour!**

GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR IN THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: SATURDAY, APRIL ~~24~~ 18th

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a special, student-led tour of Hacienda's incredible native plants growing in the outdoor classroom, as part of the bay area's prestigious Going Native Garden tour. It's peak season to see native California plants in their springtime bloom.



Invite family and friends to take a tour of Hacienda's Outdoor Classroom

Self-selected Hacienda 4th and 5th graders have been practicing giving tours and are ready to teach you about the diversity of plants and animals living in our outdoor classroom. Here's an extra perk: If you arrive between 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and take an official tour, you can take your kids crayfishing for 30 minutes, right after your tour is over. You can't beat that!

Tours of Hacienda's outdoor classroom's native plant communities last approximately 25 minutes. And, it's a great opportunity to learn about the benefits of native, drought-tolerant native plants for your own yard. Don't miss it! For more information on other local, native plant gardens open for touring, visit: www.gngt.org

SUMMER ANIMAL CARE NEEDED

Would you like to take care of one of the Hacienda lab animals over the summer months? Some Hacienda families even "share" an animal to cover for each other's vacations. If interested, please contact Ms. Deckert, science program assistant, at adeckert@sjusd.org, or come find her in science lab after school. First come, first served.

THANK YOU, BRISBEE FAMILY!

Thank you to the Brisbee Family, for donating PVC for our new irrigation line in the outdoor classroom. The new water line and spigots are now on the south side of the garden beds, so hoses stay out of the main pathway.

PAINTING CREW NEEDED



The wood and metal outdoor classroom seating area and shade structure, enjoyed by hundreds of Hacienda students every year, is in need of some repairs and painting/sealing. If you know an outdoor painting crew who would be willing to donate their time and equipment, HIPS science funds can pay for the materials. It would be ideal to have the work done over the summer break. Please have them contact Ms. Deckert, science program assistant at adeckert@sjusd.org.

MIGHTY MARCH WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the terrific crew of Hacienda students, parents, and teachers who participated in our mid-week, March, mini outdoor workday. We transplanted wildflower seedlings, filled our new garden beds with soil, cut back last year's cattails, and weeded, of course! Kudos go to...

Addy K.	Joanne R.
Aidan K.	Josh N.
Alexander H.	Kadin S.
Allison B.	Lieke V.
Alondra U.	Loghan W.
Aylin M.	Lupe J.
Bill N.	Madeline R.
Bowden W.	Meredith S.
Cecilia U.	Millie C.
Cristhian R.	Molly C.
Danilo R.	Monica U.
Dario R.	Nancy B.
Dorjey S.	Pam C.
Dylan S.	Peri K.
Ellie N.	Pierce S.
Eric M.	Samuel S.
Grant W.	Sean M.
Halcyon S.	Stephanie C.
Heather S.	Thomas R.
JaWen H.	Tomas N.



Students and parents transplant native "tidy tips" seedlings on wildflower hill.



Transferring soil from an old garden bed to the new ones.

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PORTRAITS IN THE HACIENDA OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

This is a fundraising event for our Outdoor Classroom and Science Program. Appointment times available:

- Wednesday, May 13 & Thursday, May 14 - 3:15-6:15
- Saturday, May 16 - 2:00-6:00

Two types of sittings will be available:

- **Basic** – Appointments booked every 15 minutes
 - 10-15 pictures taken in several locations
 - Photographer chooses the pose that goes in the package
 - Package prices begin at \$45.00
- **Premium** – Appointments booked every 30 minutes
 - 20-30 pictures taken in several locations
 - Customers will view pictures using an online gallery and choose the pose(s) they want for their package.
 - Package prices begin at \$85.00



Don't miss out on this opportunity to get a professional portrait of your child(ren) or your entire family in the beautiful setting of our very unique Outdoor Classroom. Packages will be delivered to your child's classroom before the end of the school year.

- **Basic Package A** - \$45.00 – (2) 5 x 7 and (8) wallets
- **Basic Package B** - \$65.00 – (1) 8 x 10, (2) 5 x 7 and (8) wallets
- **For Premium Package** – add \$40.00 to Basic Package price

Services offered by Photography By Marian (www.PhotographyByMarian.com). Contact to schedule an appointment at 408-476-2343 or MarianHeinkel@gmail.com.

Cash – Check – Credit cards accepted. Donations back to the school will directly benefit the Outdoor Classroom/science program.

Musical Notes

The 5th graders put on an amazing musical play for Hacienda students, teachers, and parents last month. “Compose Yourself!” took place in a music and wax museum where some students had come to research their favorite music from the past and ended up meeting some of the great composers themselves! The Hacienda 5th graders worked hard on this production, memorizing lines of script, making or obtaining their own costumes, playing instruments, learning to waltz, as well as staging and singing. For some of these students, this will forever be a highlight as their last grade level performance in the Hacienda cafeteria. DVD’s are still for sale for \$5 if you missed the show or would like a memento of the special performance. See Ms. Ulrich in the music room for more details.

Special thanks goes to the following 5th grade HIPS parents who helped with props: Shiel Brockbank, Rosie Calleja, Allison Pruitt, Meredith Stotzner, and Cathy Teddy. The painted composer pedestals were crafted several years ago by 5th grade teacher Mrs. Roberts and added the perfect scenery for the music and wax museum of the play. Ms. Ulrich would also like to thank the entire 5th grade teaching team for their assistance in making these memories for the students!

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In April students will be learning about the song “Flight of the Bumblebee” by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.



- The song was written for Rimsky-Korsakov’s opera The Tale of Tsar Saltan
- “Flight of the Bumblebee” is recognizable for its frantic pace when played up to tempo.
- The song closes Act III, Tableau 1, during which the magic Swan-Bird changes Prince Gvidon Saltanovich (the Tsar’s son) into an insect so that he can fly away to visit his father (who does not know that he is alive).

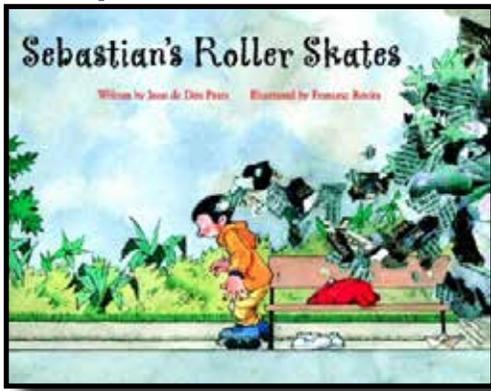
EARTH DAY

All students are learning some new songs for this year’s Hacienda Earth Day Celebration. “Back to the Earth” is one those songs. It was written by Jason Mraz and the members of indie-rock-folk band Raining Jane. The students are enjoying it! You can see Jason Mraz and Raining Jane performing the song in an intimate concert setting at Mraz’s organic avocado ranch in southern California at <https://youtu.be/I8xW2nkGMMw>.

The Earth Day Celebration will take place on the primary blacktop at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 24. Students will bring classroom chairs to sit outside; parents will stand.

Wear sunscreen and bring a hat!

ABC PROJECT CORNERSTONE Champion Year, Lesson 7



Sebastian's Roller Skates By Joan de Déu Prats

The book that will be read by a Project Cornerstone parent volunteer this month in your child's

class is Sebastian's Roller Skates. It is about a shy little boy named Sebastian. Sebastian is so shy that he can barely whisper a word to his neighbors, his barber, or even his teacher. Inside his head, though, he has plenty to say. He finds a pair of abandoned roller skates in the park one day. He decides he wants to learn to skate. As he builds his skating skills, he also builds other personal success skills.

For Sebastian, the key to unlocking his shyness is discovered through mastering a new skill. Learning this new and challenging physical activity allows him to overcome his shyness and build confidence in himself. This newfound confidence empowers him to speak up in other areas of his life too.

Just like Sebastian, all kids need encouragement to form a strong sense of their own power, purpose, and worth. Kids need to feel that they matter in the world and that they have some control over things that happen with them. Please continue to build on the positive assets that your child has been learning in the Project Cornerstone program.

**By modeling and showing your love and support,
your child will continue to thrive and bloom!**

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

The Scrip Gift Card program is still in full effect. Have you started planning for Spring Break or Summer Vacation? Check out the order form at <http://www.sjUSD.org/hacienda/hips/scrip/> All it takes is a little planning ahead to earn \$\$\$ for Hacienda.

The percentage listed on the form is how much Hacienda will earn from your purchase. There are no fees. You only pay the face value. For example, order a Macys \$100 gift card. You pay \$100 and Hacienda earns 10% that is \$10.

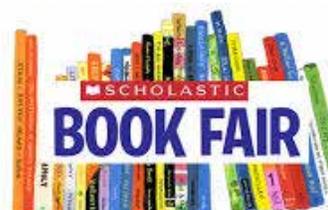
There are so many ways to use Scrip in your life & earn \$ for Hacienda!

- **Grocery shopping** at Safeway, Lucky, Food Max, Nob Hill, Whole Foods, Sprouts
- **Filling your gas tank** at Arco, Chevron, Shell, 76, BP, Texaco
- **Buying a gift or give as a gift** (birthday, baby shower, wedding or just because)
- **Buying sports equipment** – REI, Sports Authority, Big 5, Bass Pro
- **Going out to eat** with the family or friends - Chili's, Red Robin, Yard House, Outback, Cheesecake Factory, Denny's, Coco's, etc.
- **Shopping for clothes & shoes** - Macys, Gap, Old Navy, Dress Barn, Lane Bryant, Ross, TJ Maxx, Kohls, Sears, Payless Shoe & more
- **Hosting a party** somewhere like Chuck E Cheese, Century Theatres or Build a Bear
- **Amazon.com**
- **Renting a tuxedo** at The Men's Wearhouse
- Getting new tunes on **iTunes**
- Getting a **haircut** at Great Clips, Regis Salons, MasterCuts, SuperCuts, etc.
- **Printing pictures, Christmas cards** from **Shutterfly**
- **Crafting time** with goodies from Michaels and JoAnn Fabric
- **Remodeling & redecorating** - Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace Hardware, Container Store, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Goods
- Need a **new washer, dryer, refrigerator, other appliance** – Best Buy, Home Depot, Sears, Lowes
- **Going on Vacation** – Disneyland, Hotels, Gas, Restaurants, Cruises, Car Rental
- **Groupon.com**

And Much More....Check It Out!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

This school year there will be no Scholastic Book Fair. Usually it takes place in May during the Open House week but unfortunately it will not happen this spring. It was cancelled for two main reasons: no volunteer to chair and lead the event and also because of logistic issues. We are hoping to hold the book fair again during conference week in November 2015, assuming someone will step forward and be the event chairperson. If you have an interest in keeping this fun event at Hacienda, please contact Peri Kraus at pezza84@hotmail.com



BOOK FAIR CANCELLED

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY KING



This month's Volunteer Spotlight is about Ashley King. What a super star volunteer she is!

Ashley was born in Crosby, Minnesota (a town of around 2000 people) and lived there until she was 4. Her dad joined the navy and they moved to San Diego. They lived there for awhile, moved back

to Minnesota, then back to San Diego, then back and forth again. Ashley met her husband, Kevin, in high school when she was 16 years old. When she was 18, they married. After their 2nd wedding anniversary, they moved to Texas. Six years later, they moved to the Bay Area for work. Kevin is an engineer at Tesla motors, and Ashley is in college earning an English Degree with less than 2 years to go!

So far Ashley and Kevin have been married for 11 years. She fondly remembers their wedding day. It was a lovely day and only cost around \$500 including wedding rings. They enjoyed their reception at the Olive Garden and she even tossed the bouquet in the parking lot.

Nowadays Ashley stays quite busy. Besides her own schooling, Ashley spends many hours at Hacienda where their only child, Esther is in 4th grade. Although Esther started attending Hacienda just last year in the 3rd grade, Ashley jumped right into volunteering. Here are some of the ways our community has benefited from her efforts.

- Art Vistas docent
- Art Night volunteer
- Spring Fling class basket coordinator
- Food Truck Night coordinator
- Teacher Appreciation volunteer
- P.E.S.T.
- Outdoor Work Day helper
- School tours guide

Ashley is also very involved with her church, volunteering with teenage girls. She loves to travel, eat Doritos, watch sci-fi shows, cook Indian food, and spoil her three cats. After completing her college degree, she hopes to become an ESL teacher. Before coming to Hacienda, Ashley home schooled Esther. Although it was a happy fit for them, when they found out they were accepted into Hacienda, they jumped at the chance. Being hugely obsessed with animals and science, this school is a perfect fit.

Ashley, THANK YOU for being a BIG part of Hacienda!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



At our March meeting, we discussed our next school-wide service project, Pennies for Patients. Pennies for Patients uses the money we raise to find new cures for blood cancer, a cancer that affects

school age kids like us. The Pennies for Patients drive will last from 3/23-4/10. In those three weeks, we hope to raise over \$3500 (if we all contribute at least \$5.00, we would meet our goal). Each student should have an individual collection box to collect coins (any American coin will do- not just pennies- they will also accept \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00 bills!), and the coins will be shared in a collection box located in each classroom. Thanks for your participation!

!!!! NEWS FLASH !!!!!

Are you ready?! We've got exciting news! This year Hacienda is unveiling a brand new award at Spring Fling! Introducing the Golden Shoe Trophy for the class that walks the most miles. That's right! It's all about the miles and every single person can have an impact here. So, get your walking shoes on and blaze a trail!



CAKE MIXES



We have a bunch of cake mixes left over from the 5th grade cookie making. If anyone would like to make some for the Spring Fling baked goods table, please pick up a box in the HIPS room. The bag will be labeled.

DO YOU HAVE A TARGET RED CARD?

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