



# Hacienda News

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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### HICKLEBEE'S VISITING AUTHOR PROGRAM

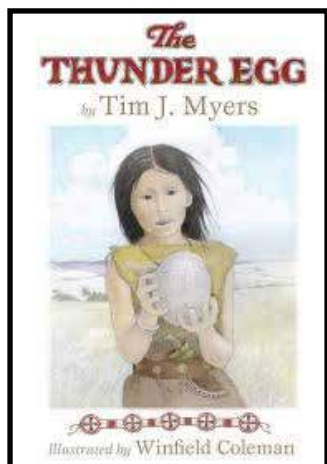
On Thursday, November 5th, the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students were treated to a visit from Shannon Messenger, author of the "Keeper of the Lost Cities" series books. Many thanks to Hicklebee's for hosting the visiting author program and sharing with the students of Hacienda the experience of meeting an author. Next time you are in Hicklebee's, thank them! We are grateful for their generosity in the important role they play in getting kids interested in reading!



**HICKLEBEE'S**

Mark your calendar! Author Tim Myers is coming to Hicklebee's on **December 8th** to promote his newest book, **The Thunder Egg**.

A terrible drought was threatening to wipe out Stands-by-Herself's Cheyenne people. One day, all alone on the Great Plains, she came upon a strange egg-shaped rock, and took it home. "That looks like a thunder egg!" her grandmother said. Laid by the great Thunderbird's wife, could Stands-by-Herself's strange rock hold the key to her people's survival? Filled with vibrant and colorful illustrations, *The Thunder Egg* brings to life the bygone age of the unspoiled West.



**Tim Myers** knows how to tell a story-don't miss this chance to see him in action!

Hicklebee's is located on Lincoln Avenue at Minnesota and they have a fantastic selection of children and adults books. Whatever they don't have, they are happy to order for you. To learn more about Hicklebee's, including the fabulous authors they have visiting their

store, go to [www.Hicklebees.com](http://www.Hicklebees.com). Or if you are looking for a good book, go to Hicklebee's! 1378 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose 408-292-8880

### ADDITIONAL YEARBOOK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

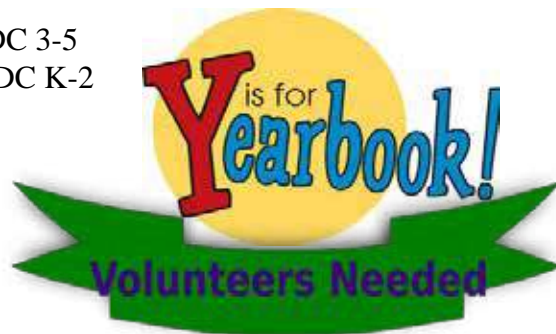
We still need volunteers for the following Yearbook pages:

Classroom pages:

Seymour  
Hoogerwerf  
Roth  
Escalante  
Lutterell  
Sedoriosa SDC 3-5  
Monserate SDC K-2

Other pages:

Media Center/Library  
Music Classroom  
Music Programs  
Art Night



For more information or if you would like to volunteer for any of these pages, please contact Jeannie Frangos at [jfrangos@frangosteam.com](mailto:jfrangos@frangosteam.com).

### WE NEED EVERY FAMILY TO VOLUNTEER!!!!!!

All the work done by our volunteers is crucial in making Hacienda such a great school. Below are just a few important roles that must be filled today!

- **Hacienda Tours (January/February 2016):** Organizes tour volunteers and works with Mrs. Loy and HIPS President to create presentation for possible incoming kindergartners.
- **Spring Fling Chairperson:** Works with an amazing group of volunteers and organizes Hacienda's largest fundraiser. Guidance will be provided.
- **Walk-a-thon Chairperson:** Works with the Spring Fling Chairperson to oversee the pledge information, registration, prizes and the walking course.

Please contact Anna Lilly ([HIPSVolunteerVP@gmail.com](mailto:HIPSVolunteerVP@gmail.com) or 408-306-3658) to find out how you can help!

## MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Dear Hacienda Families,

The holiday season is upon us, and is a time to give thanks for our family and friends, and all the goods things we so often take for granted. In particular, I am so thankful for the wonderful children who attend Hacienda, our amazing staff, and of course, all of the families and friends who support our school.

This past month has seen the addition of 3 new after school intervention classes. Mrs. Selfridge, Mr. Bjornjeld, and Mrs. Foshay are working with students in 3rd-5th grade who are reading below grade level. Our goal is to close the achievement gap for these students by providing them with the extra support they need to begin reading at grade level, and prepare them for their futures.

As part of our ongoing focus to ensure that all students are reading at grade level by the time they complete 2nd grade, I am pleased to share with you that our students in all K-2 classrooms made significant gains in reading, as measured by the CPAA English Language Arts assessment. Our efforts on early literacy are paying off.

The month of December is always a busy time, with music performances, celebrations, and at school, a range of academic challenges such as the winter writing performance assessment. Please join me at 9:15am on December 16th, as I host the principal's coffee in the cafeteria. This is an opportunity to share information, and for you to ask questions about our school. The school Single Plan for Student Achievement will be presented at that time.

Finally, I would like to wish each of you a warm and wonderful season with family and friends. Take the time to sip some hot chocolate, celebrate your own special traditions, and keep your fingers crossed that we get more rain. We have much to be thankful for!

Happy Holidays and warm regards,

Carmen Loy



## Mark Your Calendar

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- Dec 3** **3rd Grade Chorus at Hicklebee's 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**
- Willow Street Pizza Fundraiser**
- Dec 8** **Meet Tim Myers, author of "The Thunder Egg", at Hicklebee's**
- Dec 11** **1st Grade Holiday Chorus, 9:15 a.m.  
2nd Grade Holiday Chorus, 2:15 p.m.**
- Dec 16** **Principal's Coffee, 9:15 a.m.**
- Dec 18** **Winter/Holiday Sing Along  
At 1:05 and 2:05 p.m. (Check with your child's teacher for assembly time.)**
- Dec 21** **First Day of Winter Break**
- Jan 5** **Classes Resume**
- Jan 18** **No School/YMCA - MLK Jr. Day**
- Jan 19** **HIPS Meeting, Faculty dining room  
6:45 p.m. Social, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Meeting  
(Childcare provided at YMCA by HIPS)**
- Feb 11** **Star Party, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**
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### **Electronic Thursday Family Folders**

Did you know last month we printed over 485 copies of the newsletter? Thursday Folders are Hacienda's way of sending the monthly newsletter, as well as flyers, information, etc. home each week. Reduce paper waste by signing up to receive your Thursday Family Folder electronically:

- Use the link below to sign up:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P7639GN>
- Subscribe using several email addresses, so each parent can access the information from home, work and even your smart phone!
- You will receive an email each Thursday with links to all of the week's handouts.

## SAVE THE DATE: HACIENDA'S ANNUAL STAR PARTY

An evening of space exploration through telescopes, space-themed art projects, hot chocolate and more!!!



**Thursday, February 11, 2016**  
6:30-8:30pm at Hacienda

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider signing up for a one hour volunteer shift between 5:30 to 9pm. Volunteers will be serving hot chocolate, assisting with art projects or clean-up.

If you are able to volunteer please contact, Anna at [aclilly50@gmail.com](mailto:aclilly50@gmail.com) / 408-307-3658

\*\*Coming Soon... The Star Party Flyer (with evening details)

### CORNERSTONE CORNER FOR GRADES 1-4

Our third Cornerstone book this year, **Say Something** by Peggy Moss, is a powerful story in which the narrator sees and hears teasing, put-downs, pushing, and other forms of bully (or bucket dipping) behaviors at her school. Because she's confused about what to do, **she doesn't do anything** at first. However, her responses change as she gains understanding and *empathy*.

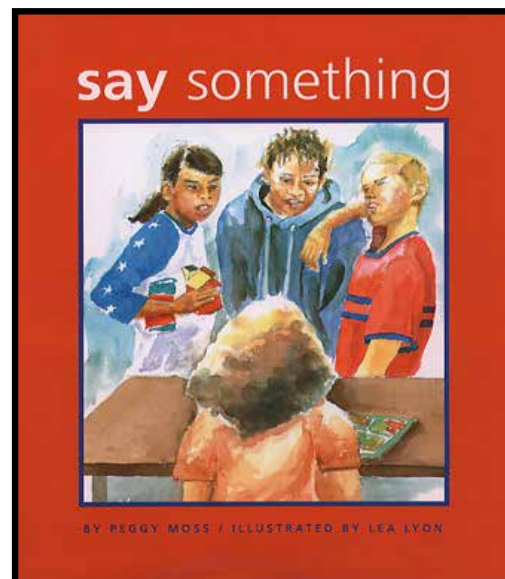
**Goals of lesson:**

1. To understand the role of *UPstanders*.
  - *UPstanders* stand up to bully behaviors and advocate for targets.
  - *UPstanders* know and practice tools that support peers in face-to-face situations **as well as online in the digital world**.
2. To move all students from the passive role of *bystander* to the integrity-rich role of *UPstander*.

We hope you will talk with your child/children about being an *UPstander*. To reinforce the message at home:

- Talk about ways that each family member is an *UPstander* at home and in the community.
- Role-play different scenarios to practice *UPstander* behaviors, words you can say, and actions to take if someone needs your help.
- Say or do something when someone needs help.

You can also ask your kids to think about the statement, "Your Silence is Your Agreement", and ask what that means to them.



*And remember, when you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!*

*For more information about Project Cornerstone and how you can get involved, contact Catherine Lavin: [catlavin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:catlavin@sbcglobal.net)*





# Science Lab Notes

## MULCHING MANIACS

Mr. Keedy and Ms. Deckert give our sincere thanks for the hard working crew of volunteers who braved the threat of rain at our November outdoor workday. We accomplished the primary goal of adding wood chip mulch to the pathways around the new garden



*Like a mulching ballet, students unload wood chips around the garden beds.*



*"Girl Power" makes loading up the mulch look so easy.*

beds. Mulch serves as a barrier against weeds, retains moisture in the soil, and keeps the pathways from becoming muddy and slippery when our kids come out to garden. Lieke planted some new California Wild Lilacs (*Ceanothus* spp.) grown from seed by Mr. Keedy. We also removed an abundance of fallen leaves and non-native weeds in the riparian zone and grasslands to prepare those areas for our annual wildflower seeding. With rain finally returning, the outdoor classroom is already coming to life with new sprouts of arroyo lupine, Chinese houses, and meadowfoam, which reseeded from last year's spring bloom. What an amazing gift nature's cycles of renewal are. Hacienda thanks our November outdoor workday volunteers...

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|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Alex H.     | Frank C.    | Madison B. |
| Alex H. III | Halleigh K. | Marisa B.  |
| Alondra U.  | Iain K.     | Mason B.   |
| Carlo R.    | India M.    | Mike B.    |
| Cecilia U.  | Ivan J.     | Sahana S.  |
| Danielle D. | Jonathan U. | Savina M.  |
| Darrell K.  | Joseph M.   | Steven S.  |
| Dylan J.    | Lieke V.C.  | Tara M.    |

## HACIENDA ANIMAL LOVERS ABOUND

Thanks once again to all of you who supporting Hacienda's animal menagerie by adopting an animal. Students have been enjoying their first animal holding and photo sessions over the past month. Special appreciation goes to all of our parent volunteers who helped with animal holding and photography in November. We could not manage it without all of their help. And of course, special thanks to our animal adoption coordinators: Rebecca Rountree, Laura Turner Prijatel, and Wendi Lopez.

In the coming months, students who adopted will receive their photos with their animal, and adopters' names will appear on our animals' home enclosures and a poster in the science lab. ***If your child adopted an animal, please check the list of names below to verify your child's name is listed and spelled correctly.*** If your child's name is missing or misspelled, please contact Laura Turner Prijatel [lturner@rocketmail.com](mailto:lturner@rocketmail.com) or Rebecca Rountree [routree@gmail.com](mailto:routree@gmail.com), with proof of earlier payment,

so that we can be sure to take a photo and correct any spelling errors. **Please provide any corrections to the coordinators no later than December 10th.** Your support is very much appreciated.

Below is the official list of animal adopters for the 2015-16 school year...

A.J. R	Carson Y	Frida R	Kaden Y
Abigail R	Casey H	Gabriel W	Kadin S
Abigail T	Charlotte C	Gael G	Kai C
Adam H	Claire H	Gelene O	Kai P
Addison C	Connor C	Gina S	Kailee H
Addison H	Connor W	Gizelle O	Kainoa C
Addy K	Conor H	Grace H	Karl S
Adrian H	Cooper S	Gweni T	Kate S
Adyson M	Cristian A	Hailey M	Kate S
Aidan B	Cruz R	Halcyon S	Kathleen W
Aidan K	Cruz T	Hannah J	Katie P
Akshay S	Dante L	Hannah M	Katie S
Alayna P	David N	Hannah W	Kayleigh V
Alejandra W	David O	India M	Kaz S
Alex D	David P	Isaac F	Keira O
Alex G	Deegan W	Isabella G	Kevin P
Alex H	Delanie W	Isabella W	Kiara A
Alex Y	Destini T	Jace B	Kiran B
Alexa A	Duncan B	Jacinda S	Kirsten H
Alexa C	Dylan J	Jacob H	Kiyan F
Alexandra A	Dylan N	James G	Landon L
Alexandra E	Dylan S	Jaxon G	Lauren B
Allie O	Eddie F	Jayna F	Leilah O
Allison B	Eleanor B	Jenson H	Levi H
Ally A	Elizabeth C	Jeremiah D	Lia D
Ally H	Elizabeth W	Jeremy L	Liam C
Alondra U	Ella M	Jesse H	Liam Y
Andrew B	Ella S	Jessica P	Lijia B
Ansley G	Ellie C	Jimmy N	Lila L
Ariana R	Ellie N	Joe W	Lily I
Arianah E	Elliott H	Joey M	Logan A
Ashley P	Elysse Y	Johnny B	Logan F
Ashlin P	Emily F	Jonathan H	Logan L
Ashlyn S	Emily M	Joseph M	Loghan W
Athena-Sofia H	Emma M	Josh N	Lola H
Ava C	Estefany F	Joshua F	Lucy E
Ava G	Esther K	Joshua P	Luke L
Bella H	Ethan M	Joshua R	Lur D
Benjamin D	Ethan N	Joshua "JT" B	Lynette R
Bethany L	Evan H	Josie J	Madalyn T
Bonnie S	Evan P	Julia S	Madison B
Bryce B	Faith O	Julietta G	Madison M
Camila C	Fiona E	Justin S	Madison N
Carlie Y	Frank C	Kacie N	Mafalda K
			Maggie C
			Makana P
			Malachi D
			Mari M
			Matthew L



Mattias R	Ryan G
Maya H	Sadie H
Melanie G	Samantha T
Mia D	Samita G
Michael G	Samuel S
Michael Q	Santiago M
Mikhail V	Sara N
Mira N	Sarah M
Miranda P	Saul V
Nate C	Savina M
Nate L	Sayuri L
Nathan J	Sean R
Nathaniel F	Seth R
Nevaeh B	Shannon B
Nicholas L	Sofia H
Nicholas N	Sofia L
Nicolas Z	Sonia F
Nicole R	Sophia R
Nikolas T	Sophia W
Nolan J	Spencer I
Oliver E	Stella B
Olivia H	Sydney J
Owen H	Sydney T
Paige U	Taylor O
Parker E	Tommy S
Parker L	Tran O
Patricio G	Tyler P
Que-Tran N	Valeria G
Rachel S	Victoria W
Ray W	Wolfe E
Reed O	Xiarah R
Reid M	Yashvi D
Riley H	Yizhong M
Riley M	Zach K
Riley O	Zara T
Riyana S	Zinnie L
Ruby B	Zion O

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

# Musical Notes

## MUSIC ROOM THANK YOU'S



Thank you to the Gavilan family for purchasing a book I Got the Rhythm from the book fair for the music room!

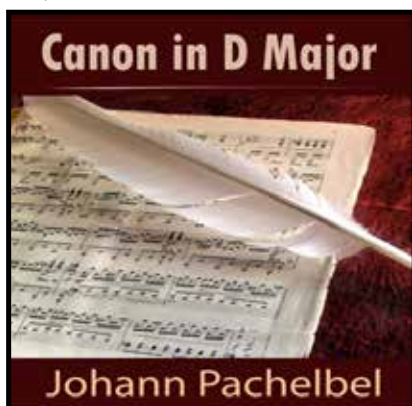
Thank you to Les Miller and his 2nd grade granddaughter Ryan for starting to build rolling instrument carts for our

metallophones and xylophones!

## COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In December we are listening to “Pachelbel’s Canon” (also known as “Canon in D”)

- **Pachelbel’s Canon** is the name commonly given to a canon by the German Baroque composer Johann Pachelbel
- Sometimes it is referred to as **Canon and Gigue in D** or simply **Canon in D**.
- Neither the date nor the circumstances of its composition are known, and the oldest surviving manuscript copy of the piece dates from the 19th century.
- Hacienda students sing a version of this son every year for the holiday sing-along
- Pachelbel’s Canon, like Pachelbel’s other works, remained in obscurity for centuries.
- A 1968 arrangement and recording of it by the Jean-François Paillard chamber orchestra became unexpectedly popular.
- Since the 1980s, it has also been used frequently in weddings and other ceremonies in the Western world.



graders will perform for their parents and families at 2:15 P.M. on Dec. 11th. Mrs. Thompson has given students lyric sheets to practice at home. Both shows will take place in the school cafeteria. A recording of each performance will be sold for \$5/DVD, and proceeds will go back to the Hacienda music program. DVD order forms have been sent home and will also be available on the day of the performance.

On the day of their performance, first and second grade students will not be required to wear school uniforms. They are encouraged to wear their best holiday clothing for the performance. Students should not wear hats, though, as they can obstruct the view of other students.



## SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

- 3rd Grade Hicklebee’s Chorus - Thursday, December 3rd between 6-7:30 P.M. at Hicklebee’s Bookstore, Willow Glen
- 1st Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 11th at 9:15 A.M. in the cafeteria
- 2nd Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 11th at 2:15 P.M. in the cafeteria
- Winter/Holiday Sing Along - Friday, December 18th at 1:05 P.M. and 2:05 P.M. (Check with your child’s teacher for his/her assembly time. Seating is limited at this school-wide sing along assembly.)
- 4th Grade Recorder Concert - Tuesday, March 1st at 9:15 A.M. in the cafeteria
- 3rd Grade Chorus - Wednesday, March 2nd at 9:15 A.M. in the cafeteria
- 5th Grade Musical - Wednesday, March 16th at 2:10 P.M. in the cafeteria



## FIRST AND SECOND GRADE WINTER/HOLIDAY CHORUSES

First and second grade classes have worked very hard preparing for their Holiday Chorus performances on Friday, Dec. 11. First graders will perform for parents and families at 9:15 A.M. on Dec. 11th, and second

~ Monica Ulrich