



Hacienda News

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See's CANDIES.

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

Hope you are all looking forward to a Hoppy Easter or Spring Holiday!!! Don't forget that Hacienda will be selling See's candy from 3/2-3/16. The sales order forms will come home in the Thursday folders on 2/26/15. The Chocolate will be delivered on 3/30 to your child's classroom just in time for those Spring Holidays!!! Thank you for supporting this great fundraiser for Hacienda!!

WAYS & MEANS

Have you ever wondered how the fundraisers are chosen at Hacienda? Would you like to have more input? Come to a Ways & Means meeting on one of the following dates.

- February 11th 9am
- February 13th Noon
- February 23rd 9am
- February 25th 3pm

Everyone welcome. All meetings will be held in the HIPS room. Any questions or comments, please contact Peri Kraus at pezza84@hotmail.com.

SPRING FLING

Planning for our Spring Fling, "Blazing New Trails" event is underway, and it is never too late to get involved! We can use help behind the scenes preparing for the day, and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions. So come find out what it's all about at our meetings happening from now through April! The meeting dates will be announced in our weekly Buzz messages.

Spring Fling is our annual spring fundraiser. It's a day long event with a school-wide walk-a-thon and silent auction. The day also includes food, music and various activity areas to entertain!

Come to the meetings to learn more, or contact Catherine Lavin at catlavin@sbcglobal.net for more details and ways to take part!

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Thanks to everyone who donated to our first school-wide service project, the food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank. The council members worked hard to send out information and collect and deliver the food. We will let you know the results once we have them! In February, we will hold our next meeting and will be voting on special Spirit Days for the school as well as coming up with our next service project.



E-SCRIP

Shopping online for a special Valentine? Did you know that if you access your favorite sites by first going to escrip.com, a percentage of your spending will earn money for Hacienda? Create a bookmark for escrip.com today!

SHOP FOR GROCERIES WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR HACIENDA

Pick up a Lucky SHARES card if you shop at Lucky, SaveMart, FoodMaxx or S-mart Foods. Every time you shop and swipe your SHARES card, Hacienda will receive 3% of all qualified purchases. Please email Pam Crone at pcrone_sj@yahoo.com to request a SHARES card and start earning money for Hacienda!



MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Dear Hacienda families,

Nearing the end of January means that many people are working hard to keep those New Year's resolutions. With February (and Valentine's Day) fast approaching, those resolutions around healthy choices can sometimes be a challenge.

Our district Health and Wellness policy states that classrooms are limited to having one celebration with a sweet treat per month. Although some teachers have changed their policy to celebrating with no food items in their classrooms, others are following the guidelines set forth by our district policy.

In an effort to provide for the safety of our students, I would ask that parents be mindful of food allergies (in particular, we have many students with nut allergies). Please avoid bringing any treat to school that contains nuts. You may have noticed that our cafeteria no longer serves PB&J sandwiches. Instead, we have made the switch to sunflower butter as an alternative, because of the dangers of peanut allergies. Young children may not recognize some treats as having nuts, and make the choice to partake of something that could, in fact, be life threatening. Examples of this include Reese's Pieces, Snickers, certain ice creams, etc.

You should always check with your child's teacher to see if there are specific food allergies before bringing a treat to class. Always err on the side of safety, and do not bring treats to school that have nuts. With Valentine's Day right around the corner, please be mindful of this important information as you are making choices that may affect students' health.

Thank you for helping students to celebrate in class in a way that is safe and healthy.

Warm Regards,

Carmen Loy



HIPS LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda Families,

Happy February! No doubt our 5th graders (and their parents!) are still feeling the excitement of visiting various middle schools and narrowing down their top choices. Whatever school you choose and wherever you land, we know that you're going to do GREAT, 5th graders! Good luck and hang in there as you await your letters from the school district.

Hacienda itself is no stranger to tours this month. As I write, we are in the middle of tours for prospective Hacienda families. We've had a great turnout so far and the parents have been super excited to learn just how amazing Hacienda is. Many thanks to our tour coordinator, Annabelle Evert, and to our many enthusiastic tour leaders, whose passion for Hacienda is infectious. Thank you to Michelle Scripoch for recruiting such a fantastic group of volunteers.

Doesn't it seem as if we just got back from the holidays? And yet Winter Break will be here before you know it (February 16th through 20th). Shortly after that, our annual Star Party will be held on Thursday, February 26th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join your fellow Hacienda families and the San Jose Astronomical Association as we gaze through telescopes (cross your fingers for clear skies!), then warm up in the cafeteria with some hot chocolate. You can do some out-of-this-world arts and crafts with your kids as well. Rain or shine, come join us for this fun community event.

Have a great (short) month!

Melissa Belur

Hacienda is Green

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

FEBRUARY 8th OUTDOOR WORKDAY



Come join other Hacienda families, teachers, and former students to help keep our incredible Outdoor Classroom an amazing place to experience science in nature. We'll be doing lots of weeding

and clean up, weather permitting. Here's the schedule for Sunday, February 8th:

- 9:30-12:00: Work time (Please arrive by 11:00)
- 12:00-12:30: Lunchtime snacks (Or bring your own)
- 12:30-1:30: Crayfishing (For kids who worked at least an hour)
- 1:30-2:00: Clean up

- Students must have a supervising parent or guardian with them,
- Come for an hour, or stay the whole time... whatever your schedule allows.
- Typical jobs include weeding, picking up leaves, turning or sifting compost, and more.
- We have garden gloves and tools for you to use. But, if you have your own bring them. They're probably in better shape!
- Wear sunscreen, hats, old work clothes and shoes that can get dirty.
- Lunchtime snacks are provided. If you would like to donate fruit, contact Allison Pruitt: apruitt@sjusd.org

MARCH 12TH: MINI-OUTDOOR WORKDAY

Come help for 30 minutes or more in the outdoor classroom, after the early release (1:06) on Thursday, March 12th. Help us prepare our "nature acre" for the spring bloom by weeding, pruning, and general clean up on campus.

- 1:30-2:45= Work time. (Arrive no later than 2:00!)
- 2:45-3:45= Crayfishing for students who worked

30 minutes or more.

- 3:45-4:00= Clean up (adults put away and organize tools)
- Parents are responsible for directly supervising their children.
- Wear shoes that can get dirty, and work clothes.

Don't miss out on the fun. Thanks to Hacienda's families who help maintain the outdoor classroom that makes Hacienda so unique. In the event of rain, the workday will be canceled. Questions? Contact Ms. Deckert at adeckert@sjusd.org.



MALLARDS RETURN TO OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Once again, the mallard ducks have returned to Hacienda's outdoor classroom. They're busy feeding, preening, resting and swimming for our curious young scientists. If all goes well as in past years, ducklings will likely hatch and appear in April.



~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

Musical Notes

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In February we are listening to “Take the A Train” composed by Billy Strayhorn and performed by Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

- Billy Strayhorn was introduced to Duke Ellington in 1938. Ellington was extremely impressed by him and they worked closely together for the next three decades. In his autobiography, Ellington wrote that “Billy Strayhorn was my right arm, my left arm, and the eyes in the back of my head”.
- “Take the ‘A’ Train” was recorded by Duke Ellington and His Orchestra in February 1941, was a hit on the pop charts, and became their signature tune. It remains one of the most recognizable swing-era jazz standards.
- The lyrics to this tune are subway directions to get to the Sugar Hill area of Harlem where Ellington lived.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ms. Fennern and Ms. Ulrich are looking for a parent volunteer who would be willing to operate the video camera for future performances! Yes, they are STILL looking for a volunteer!



If anyone is handy and can build some rolling carts for our xylophones and metallophones, Ms. Fennern and Ms. Ulrich would love to share the plans with you (see picture). You can email them at afennern@sjusd.org or mulrich@sjusd.org.

UPDATES BY GRADE

Kindergarten students are continuing to have opportunities to explore the various instruments that are on the tables and along the walls in the music room and learn the different sounds each makes.

First and second graders are focusing songs with classroom instruments. They are working on accompanying their singing with hand percussion (drums, rhythm sticks, triangles, etc) and barred Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels).

Third through fifth graders are preparing for their upcoming performances (dates and times below).

SAVE THE DATES

Here are the dates of the 2015 musical events you will want to make note of:

4th Grade Recorder Concert

Tuesday, February 24 - 9:15 AM (cafeteria)

3rd Grade Chorus (Planetary theme)

Wednesday, February 25 - 9:15 AM (cafeteria)

5th Grade Musical “Compose Yourself”

Wednesday, March 18 11:15 AM & 12:55 PM (assemblies) and 2:05 PM (parent show)

Earth Day/Arbor Day Program

Friday, April 24 – 1:00 PM (whole school, outside on primary blacktop)

Kids In Motion – Dance & Movement Performance

Friday, May 22– 10:00 AM (whole school, outside on upper blacktop)

1st Grade Metamorphosis Chorus

Thursday, May 28 – 9:15 PM



~ Monica Ulrich & Andrea Fennern



Mark Your Calendar

Feb 8	Outdoor Workday 9:30am - 2:00pm
Way & Means	Feb 11th, 9am Feb 13th, Noon Feb 23rd, 9am Feb 25th, 3pm
Feb 16-20	No School - President's week
Feb 24	HIPS Meeting Faculty Dining Room 6:45pm social 7:00 meeting begins Childcare provided
Feb 26	Star Party at Hacienda! 6:30pm - 8:30pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP



Hey Parents! Hacienda is experiencing a **shortage of volunteers**. It's awesome that our school has so many events, activities and positive programs for our kids but some of those **experiences may be lost**. While teachers appreciate volunteers in their classroom, what I'm talking about is

all the stuff that happens outside of the classroom. **This year and next year we will be losing many extraordinary parent volunteers as their kids move along to middle school. These veteran parents need someone to pass the torch on to.** Look at this list. These things only happen because of volunteers. Take a look, where can you help?

Not sure what will work for you?

That's what I'm here for. I will help you find your spot. There is something for everyone.

Michelle Scripoch, HIPS Volunteer Coordinator
Email me at mscripoch@sbcglobal.net

- Animal Adoptions
- Art Night
- Art Vistas
- Box Tops
- Campbell's Labels for Education
- Candy Sales
- Decorative Tile Team
- Dinner Nights Out
- eScrip Coordinator
- FALL FESTIVAL TEAM**
- Family Folders
- Field Day
- Fifth Grade Promotion Host
- First Day Kinder Escorts
- Fun Bucks Team
- Green Team
- G.U.I.L.D.
- Hicklebee's Liaison
- HIPS Room & Shed Organization Specialist
- Holiday Boutique
- Hospitality Team
- Kinder Kickoff
- Library Aide
- Lucky Shares
- Marquee Manager
- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**
- Movie Night
- Library Aide
- Lucky Shares
- Marquee Manager
- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**
- Movie Night
- Music Performance Help
- Orientation Tours
- Outdoor Workdays
- P.E.S.T.
- Picture Day
- Project Cornerstone
- Room Parent Coordinator
- Science Camp Fundraising
- Science Dept. Help
- Scrip Gift Card Team
- Signs and Posters
- SPRING FLING TEAM**
- Sprouts Gardening
- Star Party
- Student Testing Helpers
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Traffic Safety Team
- Uniform Sales
- Wacky Weekday
- Welcome Back Coffee
- Yard Duty
- Yearbook Page Design



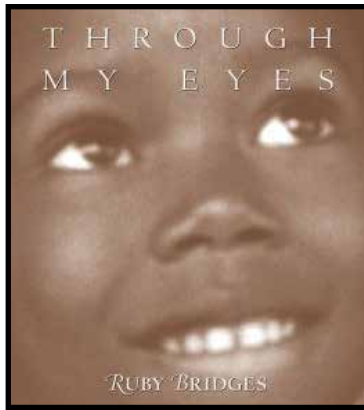
ABC PROJECT CORNERSTONE Champion Year, Lesson 5

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges

What do you think of when you hear these words?

Have you ever been a victim?

- STEREOTYPING
- PREJUDICE
- RACISM
- HATE CRIMES
- BIGOTRY
- DISCRIMINATION



For our children, racial tensions and struggles to achieve civil rights may sound like ancient history. But, as you know, our collective struggle to overcome injustice of all kinds is ongoing.

The ABC Program chose the powerful, true story of Ruby Bridges, a six-year old black girl who on November 14, 1960 walked through a mob of screaming segregationists escorted by Federal Marshals into her new school in New Orleans, Louisiana. Following the 1954 Supreme Court case *Brown vs. Board of Education*, a federal court in New Orleans ordered two white public schools to integrate in 1960. The plan was to integrate only the first grade for that year – and only black kindergarten students had to pass a difficult test in order to attend the previously all white school. The test was designed so that no one would pass it. Despite others' efforts to keep black students out, Ruby Bridges was one of only five students to pass the test. The drama that unfolded on TV screens all over the nation that fall was powerful. Day after day, the children heard shouts of racial epithets from an angry crowd of white protesters at their school. In spite of it all, these children persevered.

The goal of this lesson is to:

- Promote discussion about the importance of tolerance and acceptance of differences.
- Learn how it feels to walk in someone else's shoes.
- Practice techniques to promote a sense of belonging in our school communities by relying on their personal power as UP-standers to include all students.
- Role model responsible ways to accept and tolerate differences.

Unfortunately, intolerance and injustice continues today. We hope that by encouraging discussion of past intolerance and injustice, we can help guide our students

toward actions that will build a more caring, just, inclusive, tolerant and safe school community for all.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Hey Y'All! I'd like to share with you how I personally use the Scrip Gift Card Program. Here are 3 examples. ---Your Scrip Gift Card Coordinator, Michelle Scripoch

1) Every year my family visits Las Vegas. On our trip we have dinner at Joe's Stone Crab at Caesar's Forum Shops. It's a fine dining establishment and for our group of 12 the bill is \$800. Besides the delicious food, I love going here because they are a participating restaurant in of the Scrip Gift Card Program. After the check arrives, I order Scrip-Now from my smart phone while I sit there. Within minutes my eGift Card arrives, I show the waiter, he



writes down the eGift Card number, goes back to his register, types it in and we're done! They have a generous percentage for our school of 12%! **That means of the \$800 that is spent, \$96 of it comes back to Hacienda!**

2) In the near future my husband and I will be doing some home remodeling. On the list of things to get done are all new interior doors, interior painting, a couple ceiling fans, and closet organizers. Most certainly we will be purchasing quite a lot from Home Depot. The percentage rebate for schools is 4%. I'm guessing we'll be spending at least \$4,000 and Hacienda will earn \$160 of that! Isn't that awesome!!!



3) My children are softball and baseball players. The spring season is fast approaching. No doubt they've grown since last season which means new cleats, new pants, and possibly new gloves, helmets and bats. How can Hacienda benefit from these purchases? Sports Authority gift cards offer 8%, Big 5 Sporting Goods gift cards offer 8%, Amazon.com gift cards offer 3%, and many other athletic shoe stores all participate in the Scrip Gift Card Program.



This is how you can earn money for Hacienda too! Scrip Gift Cards is fundraising while you shop!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: LYNNE BRYAN

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

Lynne was born in New York to parents who had just immigrated from England, but then moved to the Bay Area when she was one year old. She has lived here ever since, graduating from Saratoga High. She has a degree in Architecture from Cal Poly in SLO, and spent one of those years living in Denmark. She then lived in Los Gatos and Santa Cruz for a number of years.

Lynne has been married to her husband Steve for 14 years, and their son Andrew is in 5th grade at Hacienda.

Look at all these ways she has volunteered at Hacienda:

- Art Vistas coordinator and docent
- Yearbook



- Sprouts helper
- Spring Fling Registration team member
- Classroom volunteer
- Co-room parent
- Guild volunteer
- PEST
- Providing freshly home baked goods at all events
- Field trip chaperone
- Fall Festival volunteer

When not at Hacienda, Lynne is self-employed as an Architect and enjoys crafts including cake decorating and scrapbooking, reading, and hanging around with her family.

Lynne will sorely miss the wonderful community at Hacienda, Art Vistas, and all the friends she has made here.

THANK YOU for being a BIG part of Hacienda! Your helpful spirit has been very much appreciated. We will miss you too!

GET READY FOR HACIENDA'S ANNUAL STAR PARTY

Join us for an out of this world experience on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 6:30-8:30pm at Hacienda.

The Star Party is a free evening of space exploration through telescopes, space-themed art projects, hot chocolate and more!!!

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS 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.

We will gladly be accepting cookie donations on the day of the event. Please drop treats off in the HIPS room.

If you are able to volunteer and/or donate items, please contact Anna at acilly50@gmail.com or 408-307-3658.

