

HAWKEYE



Dear Hacienda Hawks,

February brought some fabulous weather during our break, and I hope that you were all able to enjoy it with family and friends. It was a busy

month, with teachers giving the district math performance based assessment, our fabulous STAR party, Valentine's Day, and the Winter Break.

The STAR party brought hundreds of Hacienda families out to enjoy the night sky. Those powerful telescopes showed very cool images of craters on the moon, and the NASA scientist showed students 3D images of Mars, as well as gave kids the opportunity to hold a Mars rock. Students also created some fabulous craft projects in the cafeteria.

The Spring conference window runs from March 2-11th. Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is needed. March 10th and March 11th, Thursday and Friday, are early release days. School is out at 1:00 for primary, and 1:06 for upper grades. Report cards will be sent home during the conference window.

Spring is right around the corner, with all of the special events that come with it. Spring Fling and Walkathon, Earth Day, and Kids in Motion are on the horizon. It's a great time to walk some laps, support our school, celebrate Mother Earth, and kick up our heels! Remember, daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 13th, at 1:00am so remember to "Spring" your clocks forward one hour, and enjoy the extra hour of sunshine.

With warm regards & buckets of sunshine,

Carmen Loy
Hacienda Principal



Spring Fling 2016 Planning Underway

SPRING FLING WALK-A-THON Hacienda students Lila and Malia at last year's Spring Fling walk-a-thon.

Spring Fling, Hacienda's largest fundraiser, supports music, science, and art programs BY CATHERINE LAVIN

Be a part of Hacienda's Soar to New Heights Spring Fling event! The walk-a-thon and silent auction fundraiser will take place all day on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Your attendance and volunteer time on the day of will help make this day all the more amazing.

What is Spring Fling? Spring Fling is Hacienda's largest fundraiser consisting of a walk-a-thon, silent auction, great food, and fun "sideline" activities such as the crazy hair booth. A successful event will help us continue supporting our unique music, science and art programs. Watch for information regarding the walk-a-

thon and pledge collecting coming in early April.

Thank you so much for all of you great volunteers that have stepped up and taken on the chair and coordinator positions to help plan for the event. We still have a few "behind the scenes" spots available. Contact Catherine Lavin: catlavin@sbcglobal.net to find out how you can help or stop by our next planning meetings on Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 15th in the HIPS room 9:15-10:00 to learn more.

Contact Catherine Lavin at catlavin@sbcglobal.net or visit <http://www.sjUSD.org/hacienda/hips/spring-fling/> for more info on Spring Fling

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Sponsors Needed for Spring Fling!

Help us find businesses to support our school. Advertise to over 500 families for a full year

BY JEFF RENDA

Do you know a business that would like to advertise to over 1,000 parents and support Hacienda at the same time? We are looking for t-shirt sponsors for Spring Fling. This year we are offering several year-long partnership opportunities.

Bronze - \$300

- Logo on Spring Fling T-shirt
- Ad in Membership Directory
- Logo on HIPS Website
- "We Support Hacienda" Decal

Silver - \$495

Same benefits as Bronze plus:

- Ads in 3 Newsletters
- Logo Displayed at Movie Night

Gold - \$995

Same benefits as Silver plus:

- Large Logo on Spring Fling
- T-Shirt
- Ads in 5 Newsletters
- Color Banner on School Fence for Full Year
- Sponsor Table at Spring Fling

Platinum - \$1,495

Same benefits as Gold plus:

- Largest Logo on Spring Fling T-Shirt
- Ads in 9 Newsletters
- 2 Sponsor Tables (at Spring Fling & Fall Festival)

Help Us Reach Our Sponsor Goal!



- Sponsor of the Month (email, article and social posting)

Donations are tax deductible and can be paid in full or monthly by check or credit card.

If you wish to become a sponsor or know a business that may be interested, please contact Jeff Renda at 408-475-4243 or jeff@renda.org or visit www.HaciendaElementary.com/partner for more information and a sign up form. **Deadline is Friday, March 18th!**

LETTER FROM HIPS PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda Families,

Did you enjoy your winter break? I hope everyone had a relaxing week and returned to Hacienda refreshed and recharged!

We've had great fun in February with a couple of much-loved Hacienda community events: Star Party and International Art Night. It is always amazing to look out over the crowds in the cafeteria and to see how much our Hacienda students (and parents!) love doing arts and crafts projects. Many thanks to our Star Party and Art Night coordinators and volunteers. You rock stars made these events sparkle and shine!

(By the way, I think an arts and crafts party would be a great item for the Teacher Time silent auction at Spring Fling!)

Speaking of Spring Fling, it will be here before you know it! On Saturday, April 30, get ready to lace up your walking (or running) shoes to help raise money for Hacienda at our walkathon and silent auction. Spring Fling is HIPS' biggest event of the year and a fantastic day of community fun. Don't miss it! Planning is happening now, so ask Catherine Lavin how you can get involved.

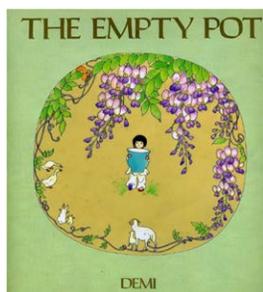
Thank you to everyone who has supported our Science Camp fundraiser by selling Mixed Bags Designs. We are still processing orders and will have the final sales results soon. Thank you for making this fundraiser a success!

Best wishes to all the 5th graders as you receive your middle school placement letters soon. Fingers crossed!

Until next month,

Melissa Belur
HIPS President

Cornerstone Corner



This month's ABC book: "Empty Pot" by Demi tells the story of Ping, a young Chinese boy who stands by his values even when it is not easy to do. This book

illustrates the importance of attitudes and behavior in building character. Students will explore the moral of this traditional Chinese story - that the end result isn't as important as behaving with courage, honesty, integrity, responsibility, and perseverance (CHIRP).

Goals of lesson:

- Model how to act with courage, honesty, responsibility, integrity, and perseverance. (CHIRP).

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Spring Fling Silent Auction

BY MICHELLE SCRIPPOCH

The 2016 Spring Fling Silent Auction is fast approaching. We need more donations to make this the best ever! Need some ideas..... What can you donate?

- Donate lessons for kids & adults (Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Ice Skating, Cooking, Dancing, Music)
- Donate professional services (Financial Advice, Photography Session, Tutoring, Massage, Gardening, Housekeeping, etc.) Set your own restrictions; time and date.
- Host a Party (Pizza, Bowling, Ladies Night, Poker Night, Game Night, Earth Day, Wine Tasting, Parents Only Dinner, Ice Cream Party, etc.)
- Host a movie night in your backyard (Parents Only or Kids Only)
- Donate a few hours of your time for babysitting or dog walking
- Deliver Fresh Baked Bread, Gourmet Desserts, Cookies or Dinner (once or a few times)
- Donate a weekend rental to your vacation home

Also we need help following up on donations. The more we receive, the more we will fundraise! Contact Michelle Scrippoch, HaciendaSilentAuction@gmail.com or 408-205-3044

THANK YOU TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS!!!

- Adventure Sports Unlimited
- Aerospace Museum of California
- Al Castello Ristorante
- All Natural Day Spa
- Almaden Swim & Racquet Club
- Amici's Pizza
- Apex Gymnastics
- Aqui Cal-Mex
- Armadillo Willy's
- Bakersfield Museum of Art
- Bay Area Brewery Tours
- Bay Area Dinner Show
- Bay Area Discovery Museum
- Bay City Bike
- Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad
- Bloomster's Florist
- C'est Si Bon Bakery
- California Automobile Museum
- California Living Museum (CALM)

- Castle Air Museum
- Children's Fairyland
- City Lights Theater Co.
- Classic Car Wash
- Clos La Chance Winery
- Computer History Museum
- Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards
- Costco
- Crystal Ballroom Dance Studio
- Crystal Springs Golf Course
- CuriOdyssey
- Dance Arts Academy
- Dance Attack
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Disneyland
- Eagle Ridge Golf Club
- Emerald Forest Bird Garden
- Exploratorium
- Fiesta Village Family Fun Park
- Filoli
- Funderland Park
- Gallagher, Reedy & Jones
- Gamble Gardens
- Gibbon Conservation Center
- GourmetGiftBaskets.com
- Hacienda Family *Scrippoch*
- Hacienda Family *Teves*
- Hacienda Family *Unger*
- Hakone Estate & Gardens
- Hayes Mansion
- Hearst Castle
- Hobe's California Restaurants
- In-N-Out Burger
- Irvine Park Railroad
- Jake's of Willow Glen
- Jungle Island
- Just Windows
- Kyoto Palace
- Lee's Martial Arts
- Lindsay Wildlife Museum
- Marie Callender's Bakery & Restaurant
- Mathnasium
- Micke Grove Zoo
- Motif Spa
- Mountain View Center for Performing Arts
- Niles Canyon Railway
- Oakland Zoo
- Off the Wall
- Old Faithful Geyser
- Omni Nail Spa
- Oregon Garden
- Oriental Trading Company
- Pacific Car Wash
- Pacific Edge Climbing Gym
- Pet Food Express
- Petroglyph - Willow Glen

- Planet Granite Sunnyvale
- Poor House Bistro
- Psycho Donuts
- Rain Chains Direct
- Rainforest Café
- Ridge Vineyards
- Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill
- S. Martinelli & Company
- Sacramento Zoo
- Safari Run
- Sally Beauty Supply
- San Carlos Flight Center
- San Diego Model Railroad Museum
- San Francisco 49ers
- San Francisco Botanical Gardens
- San Francisco Cruises (Blue & Gold Fleet)
- San Francisco Cruises (Red & White Fleet)
- San Francisco Symphony
- San Francisco Zoo
- San Jose Giants Baseball Club
- SanJose.com
- Santa Ana Zoo
- Santa Barbara Zoo
- Santa Clara Kenpo Academy
- Santa Monica Pier "Pacific Park"
- Saratoga Chocolates
- Scandia Family Center
- Segway Santa Cruz Tours
- Sharks Ice at San Jose
- Sherman Oaks Castle Park
- Shoreline Amphitheater
- Silicon Valley Ballet
- Sky High
- Spring Hills Golf Course
- The Garret Restaurant
- The Petrified Forest
- The Studio Climbing
- The Wooden Horse
- Turtle Bay Exploration Park
- U.S.S. Hornet Museum
- Vena's Skin & Body Treatments
- Visual Eyes Optometry
- Walt's Cycle
- Winchester Mystery House
- Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad
- Zanotto's Market



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Auction donor list as of 2/23/16. If you have a donation item or would like to help, contact our Silent Auction Chairperson, Michelle Scrippoch, at HaciendaSilentAuction@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Mark Your Calendar dates are collected two weeks in advance of publication. Submit dates for publication by email to newsletterhacienda@gmail.com. Entries may be edited for length and/or clarity.

FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 11

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences: Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is needed. Report cards will also be sent home.

MARCH 15

Spring Fling Planning Meeting: 9:15-10:00am in the HIPS room.

HIPS General Meeting: Social at 6:45 p.m, meeting from 7-8:30 p.m.

APRIL 30

Spring Fling: One of our biggest fundraisers! Kids raise money through pledges for the walkathon and collect fun prizes along the way, while adults bid on fabulous items in the silent auction.

MARCH 5

Saturday Outdoor Workday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. is the time to join us for fun weeding and transplanting for the Going Native Garden Tour. Those who work for an hour or more will be rewarded. See Science Lab Notes for details.

MARCH 16

5th Grade Musical "The American Revolution" in the cafeteria:

- 11:20 a.m. – 5th grade performs for Hacienda students
- 1:05 p.m. – 5th grade performs for Hacienda students
- 2:05 p.m. – 5th grade performs for their parents

MAY 14

Portraits in the Outdoor Classroom: 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Save the date for this science program fundraiser! Contact MarianHeinkel@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. Details to come in next month's newsletter!

MARCH 7

Spring Fling Planning Meeting: 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the HIPS room.

MAY 18-19

Portraits in the Outdoor Classroom: 3:15-6:00pm.

MARCH 10-11

Early Release Days: School ends at 1:00 p.m. for primary, and 1:06 p.m. for upper grades.

APRIL 10

Going Native Garden Tours: 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Learn about Hacienda's amazing native plants and animals from some impressive 4th and 5th graders. See Science Lab Notes for details.

MAY 26

1st Grade Metamorphosis Chorus: 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria

MARCH 13

Daylight saving time begins.

APRIL 22

Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration Performance: 1:00 p.m. outside on primary blacktop.

MAY 27

Kids In Motion – Dance & Movement Performance: 10:00 a.m. outside on upper blacktop.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Susan Herrera

Our star of the month is Susan Herrera! Susan and her husband of 9 years, Christian, have two daughters at Hacienda. Maya is in second grade and Sofia is in kindergarten. Susan has taken on many roles in her nearly 3 years at Hacienda. She's taken lead roles in our Scholastic Book Fair and the Star Party. She volunteers in both girls' classrooms, having helped as room mom, Cornerstone reader,

and Sprouts leader. She is a regular helper in kindergarten science and has fostered some of the school's pets for breaks. She helps out with the salad bar, and can always be counted on when called upon for help.

Susan grew up in the Pacific Northwest and moved to the Bay Area in 1995. She enjoys getting outdoors with her family and their dog Tucker to go hiking, kayaking, cycling, and



rock climbing. She also co-leads her daughter's Girl Scout troop.

Thank you, Susan, for all you do to help make Hacienda great!

Science Lab Notes

BY KEVIN KEEDY,
SCIENCE RESOURCE TEACHER



Enjoy the spring bloom at the outdoor workday.

HACIENDA OUTDOOR WORKDAY THIS SATUR- DAY, MARCH 5TH

Come join other Hacienda families, teachers, and former students in the outdoor classroom to nurture our native plants while enjoying nature (and humans) in action.

We'll be weeding, tidying up, and transplanting native seedlings in preparation for this year's Going Native Garden Tour in April. Here's the workday schedule:

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 bring a supervising adult to work alongside them.**
- Come to work for as long or as short as you like. **We recommend younger students come work for just an hour. See timeframes above.**
- We have garden gloves and tools. But, if you have your own gardening gloves, please bring them.
- Wear sunscreen, hats, old work clothes, and **closed-toe shoes.**
- Workday date is subject to change due to weather. Always check the Hacienda website (<http://www.sjUSD.org/hacienda/>) just prior to the workday to confirm the date.
- **Questions? Contact Ms. Deckert at adeckert@sjUSD.org.**

Don't miss out on the fun. See you there!

PRIMED FOR PAINTING

The outdoor classroom benches and tables are primed for repainting. If you know someone who enjoys painting and has time available to add a couple of coats to the benches and tables, please have them contact Mr. Keedy at kkeedy@sjUSD.org. More than 700 students will enjoy the benefits of the fresh coat of paint, while studying science in the outdoor classroom.

HELP CONSTRUCT NEW WALKWAY FOR OUT- DOOR CLASSROOM

We're in need of experienced deck builders to help build a new, elevated walkway for the outdoor classroom. San Jose Water Company has provided a generous grant to purchase materials for a raised walkway/boardwalk to replace the asphalt path that is currently buckling due to root intrusion. Please contact Mr. Keedy at kkeedy@sjUSD.org.

UNIVERSAL SUPERSTARS!

Infinite thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to another stellar star party enjoyed by hundreds of Haciendans. Special thanks go to Susan Herrera, Elizabeth Hirai, and Anna Lilly for a great job coordinating the event. Our appreciation goes to the wonderful Nancy Davenport for the fun and educational space crafts enjoyed by all. NASA's Brian Day shared his amazing enthusiasm for space science. And universal appreciation goes to Jim VanNuland and volunteers from the San Jose Astronomical Association for bringing their telescopes, and willingness to share their love of the great outdoors... at night!



Take a "Going Native" tour from eager Hacienda students.

GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR ON SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

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.

Self-selected Hacienda 4th and 5th graders are ready to teach you about the 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. **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

Musical Notes

BY MONICA ULRICH,
MUSIC TEACHER



Robert Schumann

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In March we are listening to “The Happy Farmer” by Robert Schumann.

- The Happy Farmer is part of Robert Schumann’s Album for the Young.
- The album consists of 43 short works, suitable for beginning piano players.
- Robert Schumann composed this album in 1848 for his three daughters.

Classics for Kids has created a great information and activity sheet about Robert Schumann at <http://www.classicsforkids.com/activitiesheets/September2013.pdf>

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN MUSIC?

Come see our 5th grade students in their musical performances this month! See the Mark Your Calendar section for date and times.



Les & Bobbi Miller with Granddaughter Ryan built new wooden rolling instrument carts for the music room! Thank you!



5th graders in Mrs. Granado’s class practice the recorder.

CORNERSTONE CORNER

CONTINUED FROM P2

- Empower students to act as UPstanders and create circles of trust with peers.
- Stand by beliefs and stand up for them with courage and determination.
- Use resistance skills to resist peer pressure.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Tell your child about a time when you stood up for something even though it was hard to do. Explain how you felt.
- Share a time when you didn’t stand up for something because you were afraid. Discuss why it’s easier to act on your convictions in some situations than others.

- Notice, name and celebrate when:

- » You or your child say or do something as an UPstander.
- » Your child tells the truth when it is hard to do so.
- » Your child accomplishes something small or large, especially when trying their best.
- » Family, friends, & neighbors model positive values.

- Talk together. Questions to discuss with your child:

- » What happens in the book Empty Pot? (This is a great story!)
- » What does integrity mean to our family?
- » When is it easy to act on your beliefs? When is it difficult? Why?
- » What happened the last time you stood up for or spoke out about what you value?

When you “catch” kids modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!

To learn more about Project Cornerstone contact Catherine Lavin: catlavin@sbcglobal.net

— BY CATHERINE LAVIN

VOLUNTEER SUPERHERO TEAM

Join in the fun and become your child’s SUPERHERO! Below are just a few important volunteer roles that must be filled today!

Hacienda’s largest fundraiser SPRING FLING is approaching quickly and we need YOU!!!

- Crazy Hair Co-Lead
- Auction Round Lead
- Cleanup Lead

We are also looking for...

- Traffic Safety Team Member
- 5th grade Tile Coordinator
- Teacher Appreciation Lead



- Fun Buck Store Lead 2016–2017
- Thursday Folder Lead 2016–2017
- Hospitality Lead 2016–2017

Volunteers are crucial in making Hacienda an amazing and desirable school. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone, please take an active role in your child’s school. Contact Anna for more information. Email, call or text at 408-

307-3658 / aclilly50@gmail.com.

— BY ANNA LILLY