

HAWKEYE



Hello, Hacienda families. While the holiday festivities from December are a distant memory, there is yet another celebratory day on the horizon: Valentine's Day! This is traditionally a holiday where the

focus tends to be on big heart shaped boxes of chocolates...not such a healthy choice. Teachers may opt for parties that are non food parties, with a focus on activities that don't include treats. If they do host a party that includes treats, and you are contributing, please be mindful of food allergies, and in particular, nut allergies, and DO NOT provide any treats with nuts for the class. Children may not realize that there are nuts in them by just looking at the packaging, and it is critical that we help ensure that our students are safe. Food allergies can be life threatening, and it's important that you recognize that your choices for treats impact student's health.

Our STAR Party is next week, on February 11th. Join us for star gazing, some astronomical craft projects, hot chocolate, and more. The San Jose Astronomical Association will be here with some super telescopic tools to help make our star gazing enjoyment possible.

Students have been enjoying our salad bar one week out of each month this school year, and the reason we have been able to offer this is as a result of our fabulous parent volunteers. For the past couple of months, we have just barely been able to fill the three slots per day needed for the week of the salad bar, and it's thanks to Christina Figueroa for her recruitment efforts. Our next salad bar will be the first week of March, so please, if you are able to volunteer for an hour even one day that week, please let Christina, or the office, know, as soon as possible. Without volunteers, the salad bar cannot happen.

Lastly, February brings us to our Winter Break. School will not be in session from February 15-19th, but will resume on February 22nd. Enjoy the time off with family and friends.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy
Hacienda Principal



Star Party 2016

Get ready for Hacienda's Annual Star Party

BY SUSAN HERRERA

Join us for an out of this world experience on Thursday, February 11, 2016 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!!! San Jose Astronomical society will have astronomers there with telescopes available for you to view a variety of star clusters and possibly a planet. NASA will also have someone here this year with moon rocks, discussion of tools they use for analysis and possibly some virtual flyovers of Mars and asteroid Vesta.

ATTENDEES

Please be sure to bring along a bag to hold crafts you make, and your own mug (we'll happily fill it with hot cocoa). The school lights will

all be turned off to ensure the best viewing so avoid using flashlights or wearing anything that lights up as this makes viewing through the telescopes challenging. Parents, please keep a close eye on your kids as the area will be dark.

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 Susan Herrera at sgu11ck@yahoo.com or (408) 396-9811.

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Green Team News

Become “environmental ambassadors” in the community and beyond.

BY AUDRA DECKERT

Here at Hacienda we strive to be **GREEN**. As part of our environmental science focus, we encourage our students and families to work as a team to become “environmental ambassadors” in the community and beyond. Here at school we recycle, compost, and aim for Trash-Free Fridays as part of our routine. After eating, students add any leftover fruit and veggie scraps, used napkins, and paper towels to the orange compost buckets located in eating areas. **We appreciate our 4th and 5th grade compost experts, Alondra U., Madalyn T., Savina M., Carlynda N., Joey R., and Jace B.** for collecting school-wide compost buckets everyday after lunch. The scraps are then added to the outdoor classroom compost bins, where decomposers convert the scraps to nutrient-rich compost we use in our school garden beds. Please encourage your child to compost their peels from their lunch’s fruit and veggies, but also remind them to bring home any whole fruit for later snacking, so they’re not being wasteful.

Want to be more **GREEN** at home?

- Start a small compost bucket in your backyard or a community



compost pile in your neighborhood. Your gardens will thank you! Check out this website for some information: <http://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

- Aim to pack a Trash-Free Lunch for your child daily to help reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. Use reusable containers and bottles instead of juice boxes, plastic bags and wrappers.–Spend 15 minutes picking up trash on your street or at a park in your neighborhood. The squirrels and birds will appreciate it! All the shiny wrappers look enticing to them, but can be deadly.
- Look for unpackaged produce at your grocery store instead of pre-bagged items
- Hang your clothes out to dry (when the weather cooperates) instead of using the dryer
- Fill a reusable water bottle instead of buying bottled water.

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*What else does your family do to be GREEN?
Share your ideas by emailing them to Ms.
Deckert: adeckert@sjsud.org.*

MIXED BAGS ARE BACK: Science Camp Fundraiser

This year’s Science Camp fundraiser will begin on February 8th. Keep an eye out for the spring catalog from Mixed Bag Designs. Mixed Bag Designs is a local company that sells many different sizes and styles of reusable bags, many of which are made from recycled materials. We will receive 50% of the sales proceeds. The money we earn will go directly into the grade-level Science Camp accounts.

5th graders, this is a great opportunity to earn more money towards your Science Camp in May!

If you have questions, or if you would like to help with this fundraiser, please contact Melissa Belur at melissa@satmel.com, or Michelle Scripoch at mscripoch@sbcglobal.net.

— **BY MELISSA BELUR**



LETTER FROM HIPS PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda Families,

Happy February! Many of us have school tours on the brain right now. 5th graders and their parents have been touring middle schools recently, gearing up for a big change next year. It’s exciting and scary at the same time! As the parent of a 5th grader, I’ve found myself teary-eyed more than once this year as I look at these amazing kids and marvel at how they’ve grown over the years at Hacienda. I have no doubt they are going to rock middle school!

And on the elementary school tour front, we’d like to think Hacienda leads the pack (OK, so we’re a little biased). At this writing, we’ve completed two tour events out of four, and the response has been fantastic! Families are really excited to learn about everything we have to offer, and our volunteers do an amazing job of sharing their passion for Hacienda. It’s fun to see parents’ reactions when they step into the outdoor classroom for the first time. We are so lucky to have such a gem on our campus!

Many thanks to Anna Lilly, Kendra Braun, and their entire crew for organizing and leading the tours for our prospective families. Your enthusiasm and love for our school are contagious!

February is a short and sweet month, but we’ve got some super fun community events planned, like Star Party (Feb. 11) and Art Night (Feb. 26). Come meet other Hacienda families and have a great time!

Enjoy your week-long break and your extra day (Feb. 29) this month!

Until next time,

Melissa Belur
HIPS President

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 4

Ways & Means Meeting: 9-10am in HIPS room. Get info or give input on our fundraisers at a Ways & Means meeting!

FEBRUARY 8

Ways & Means Meeting: 2:30-3pm in HIPS room.

Science Camp Fundraiser begins. Look for the Mixed Bags catalog!

FEBRUARY 9

Animal holdings for kids that "adopted" animals earlier in the year.

FEBRUARY 10

Ways & Means Meeting: 9-10am in HIPS room.

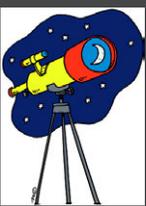
Visiting Author, Jory John.

FEBRUARY 11

Animal holdings

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Star Party: 6:30-8:30 pm. Space exploration through telescopes. Bring a bag to hold your crafts, a cup for hot cocoa, and a flashlight!



FEBRUARY 15-19

Winter Break: No school. No YMCA.

FEBRUARY 23

Sprouts Garden Workday: 9-11am. Meet the Sprouts Team in the office and join them in the gardens!

Ways & Means Meeting: 6:30-7pm in faculty dining room

HIPS General Meeting: 7-8:30pm. Childcare provided at YMCA for all families.

FEBRUARY 26

International Art Party: 6-8pm in cafeteria. Come make fun crafts representative of various countries around the world. There's also face painting, and international music and dessert. This is a FREE, HIPS-sponsored event.

Uniform Swap at Art Party from 6-8pm. Bring your clean, usable, Hacienda uniforms for a free swap.

FEBRUARY 29

Uniform Swap: 2:30-3:30pm in the primary playground.

MARCH 1

4th Grade Recorder Concert: 9:15am in cafeteria.

Uniform Swap: 2:30-3:30pm in the primary playground. March 1

MARCH 2

3rd Grade Chorus "Americans All": 9:15am in cafeteria.

Uniform Swap: 2:30-3:30pm in the primary playground.

MARCH 5

Saturday Outdoor Workday: 9:30am-2pm. Help us get our outdoor science classroom ready for this year's Going Native Garden Tour in April.

MARCH 16

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

- 11:20am - 5th grade performs for Hacienda students
- 1:05pm - 5th grade performs for Hacienda students
- 2:05pm 5th grade performs for parents

APRIL 22

Earth Day/Arbor Day Program: 1pm, all grade levels, outside on primary blacktop. As an environmental science school, Hacienda holds a special, annual celebration/performance in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

APRIL 30

The new Spring Fling date is April 30. Come support our school during one of our biggest fundraisers. Kids earn money for the school through pledges for the walkathon and collect fun prizes along the way, while adults bid on fabulous items in the silent auction.

MAY 26

1st Grade Metamorphosis Chorus: 9:15am in the cafeteria

MAY 27

Kids In Motion - Dance & Movement Performance: 10:00am for all grade levels, outside on upper blacktop

SPROUTS

VOLUNTEER-LED GARDENING PROGRAM

Garden Corner – Did you know: radish leaves are edible! Radish leaves taste similar to a radish root and add a nice spice to your salad or make a stir-fry that much tastier. The smaller the leaf, the less spicy. The bigger leaves have a more bitter taste. May your palate enjoy!!

In January and February, with Sprouts Lesson #3: “Weeding out the Competition,” students are identifying “weeds” and weeding them out of the gardens. They are also tasting radishes and other leaves. We are comparing leaves of various plants and further understanding the important role leaves have to provide food to plants. Ask your student what they did and learned about leaves in their Sprouts lesson.



The gardens are flourishing and we encourage you to view the gardens with your child! Try to identify some of the plants, noting differences and similarities between them. Please only use your senses of sight and smell when viewing the garden looking and smelling! We appreciate no touching to ensure our gardens' continued growth.

Kudos to our docents, helpers, and waterers who are key contributors to the gardens' success. We always encourage your feedback and assistance.

Sprout It!!

— **BY THE SPROUTS TEAM (MR. KEEDY, MS. DECKERT, LIEKE VLASVELD AND HEATHER STENSHAMN)**

Science Lab Notes

BY KEVIN KEEDY,
SCIENCE RESOURCE TEACHER

DECK BUILDER WANTED TO CONSTRUCT RAISED WALKWAY

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. We're looking for people who have experience building decks, or know someone who is, and would be willing to volunteer their time and expertise. Please contact Mr. Keedy at kkeedy@sjusd.org.

PRIME FOR PAINTING

The outdoor classroom benches and tables are prime for repainting. If you know someone who enjoys painting and has time available on weekdays to prep and 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.



SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH, OUTDOOR WORKDAY

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 doing lots of weeding, clean 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 that can get dirty.
- 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. Thank you, Hacienda families!

Cornerstone Corner

BY CATHERINE LAVIN

January's ABC book: "Mr. Peabody's Apples" by Madonna was inspired by a 300 year old Ukrainian tale. The story is about a respected man who is a role model in his community. Once a rumor starts, he is quickly ostracized and excluded by both adults and children in his small town. The story cautions students to choose their words wisely so as not cause harm to others.



Goals of lesson:

- Identify qualities of good role models.
- Understand that each student can be a role model.
- Demonstrate that everyone has the power to stop a rumor.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Remember that you are a role model in your home and community.
- Children watch everything you do and say.

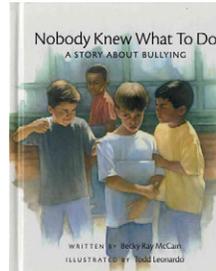
Remind your child the strategies discussed in class:

- Refuse to listen when friends are gossiping.
- Don't repeat rumors or gossip to others.
- Question the accuracy of the rumor.
- Say something positive about the target of the rumor.
- Tell a trusted adult and discuss the options.

Today, rumors and gossip are often spread beyond the bathroom walls and into the digital world, which makes it possible for rumors to spread even further and even more quickly. To learn how to help your kids navigate this online world, visit the website of Common Sense Media at www.commonsensemedia.org

FEBRUARY

February's ABC book: "Nobody Knew What To Do" by Becky Ray McCain tells the story of how one child finds the courage to be an UPstander and tell a teacher about a fellow student who was being picked on and bullied by children in school.



Goals of lesson:

- Identify caring adults who provide support and positive communication.
- Teach students how to tell and make a report.
- Use positive self-talk to boost personal power in interpersonal relationships.
- Role model UPstander responses to support each other.
- Create a caring, safe school environment for all by teaching adults on school campuses how to respond to student reporting.
- Generate ways to be UPstanders when faced with cyberbullying.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Be the one your child can come to when they need to be heard. Listen and be aware of situations that need further attention.
- Stay calm and gather information by asking questions. In most instances, you can help your child identify and state the problem. "So Jack is picking on you at recess. What are some things you/we might do?" Help your child see their *personal power* is in how they choose to react.
- Discuss the potential consequences of the chosen strategy. "If you go to the teacher what would happen?" Look at 2 or 3 strategies and consequences and have your child choose one.
- Reassure your child. Thank them for sharing their worries and tell them that you will be "there" when they need help. Check back later to see if the strategy is working.
- If you are not sure what to say or do, reassure your child you will find a way to help and get back to them. Follow through on your promises.

The Kindergarten classes have been learning about how to **accept and value each person** and how to **understand and care**. When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it! To get involved with Project Cornerstone contact Catherine Lavin at: catlavin@sbcglobal.net

UNIFORM SWAP

Do you have old uniforms that your child has outgrown laying around your house? If they are **CLEAN & USABLE**, Hacienda-approved



uniforms, then you can bring them to school during one of our **FREE** Uniform Swaps to exchange them for some your child can actually fit! Uniform donations are being accepted in the HIPS room right now!

The first uniform swap will be on **International Art Night on Friday, February 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

Subsequent swaps will be after school in the primary playground from **2:30-3:30pm** on the following days:

- **Monday, February 29th**

- **Tuesday, March 1st**
- **Wednesday, March 2nd.**

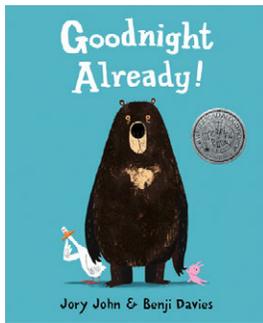
Any remaining uniforms will be donated to charity. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this opportunity to save some money and help the environment too!

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If you have questions about the Uniform Swap, please contact: Michelle Scripoch at mscripoch@sbcglobal.net

HICKLEBEE'S VISITING AUTHOR

JORY JOHN

Hacienda will welcome author Jory John on February 10th. Jory John will be presenting his newly released book, "I Love You Already!" as well as "Goodnight Already!" to the kindergarten, first and second grade students. Watch your family folders on Thursday 2/4 for pre-sale book order forms. Order forms will also be available in the office. For questions, contact Michelle Unger at mrtunger@gmail.com.



Jory John writes and collaborates on many other books, including "The Terrible Two" about a boy whose family moves and he must attend a new school where he hopes to continue his reputation as the school prankster. He arrives on the first day of school to find a car parked on the front steps blocking the front door and realizes that this school already has a prankster. Read the book to find out how his solves this dilemma.

Visit www.JoryJohn.com to find out more about this funny author. Thank you to Hicklebee's for generously sharing their authors with Hacienda!

— BY MICHELLE UNGER

Musical Notes

BY MONICA ULRICH,
MUSIC TEACHER

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In February we are listening to "It's Only a Paper Moon" by Ella Fitzgerald & Delta Rhythm Boys

- Written by Harold Arlen and published in 1933, with lyrics by E. Y. Harburg and Billy Rose.
- The composition was originally written for an unsuccessful Broadway play and used later in a movie, but it didn't gain popularity until the last few years of World War II when performers like Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole recorded versions of the song.
- It has been used in TV episodes, movies, and verses have been quoted in novels and plays.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MUSIC ROOM?

Steady beat, rhythm and pitch are some of the musical elements kindergarten has been working on this month. They have been galloping ponies, trains working to climb a mountain, and stars twinkling in the sky to experience different beats and rhythm. They have all had the opportunity to play different instruments while following symbols to perform a steady beat and rhythm as well.

First grade is working on "So" and "Mi" pitches with our steady beat and rhythm. Students are decoding and identifying so and mi patterns, creating movements to show which is high and low, along with learning to write so-mi on the staff. Last week they played a partner game, Double This, that illustrated steady beat, with their movements, and rhythm, with their words.

Second grade has been learning about half notes, a note that receives one sound and two beats, as well as quarter and eighth notes.

They have been practicing reading and decoding rhythms with half, quarter, and eighth notes. Last week they played an ostinato with different classroom instruments.

The third through fifth grades have been preparing for their upcoming musical performances in March. They are learning songs, scripts, dances, and instrumental accompaniment. In the case of fifth grade, they are even honing their acting skills for their musical called "The American Revolution" which marries core subject matter they are learning in social studies and music. See calendar for dates of third, fourth, and fifth grade performances.



3rd graders Josh F., Cash G., and Lijia B.P. practice the basics of the Korean fan dance



3rd graders Bryan V., Lola H. and Liam Y. play hand bells



5th grade students Nobel N., Raven Mae E., and David J. reenact the Boston Tea Party as they audition for the musical

Volunteer Spotlight

For the volunteers spotlight this month, we wanted to spotlight our salad bar leads and team.

SHANTI LIPARI

I was born in Mountain View, grew up in San Antonio, Texas, then ended up back here in the Bay Area about 15 years ago.

I enjoy living here. In particular, I love a variety of outdoor activities in this amazing climate, as well as the diversity of the population.

I am so happy that 5 years ago my older son, Lucas (11 years old), got into Hacienda. Now, my younger son, Dante (7 years old) is enjoying all the amazing things Hacienda has to offer. He is in 2nd grade this year and is learning so much in Ms. McClure's class!

Since Lucas was in kindergarten, I have had the wonderful opportunity to volunteer at Hacienda, including as a room parent, a Project Cornerstone volunteer, an Art Vistas docent, Spring Fling prize chair, driving on field trips, a P.E.S.T., a science volunteer, co-chairing animal adoptions, and leading tours for prospective families. It's all been a lot of fun. Since Dante started kindergarten, I had the pleasure of getting the salad bar program up and running! Phew! I've truly enjoyed seeing how much all the students have enjoyed their (free!) salads, and that made all the effort worthwhile!

Some of you may have seen me teaching in classrooms last year. Since I am a credentialed teacher, I began having fun spending some of my time at Hacienda working as a substitute teacher. It was great getting to visit and work in many of the classrooms at Hacienda—even the science lab and the P.E. fields!

When I am not at Hacienda, a few of the things I enjoy are tennis, biking, cooking, and spending time with my family. Many of my days are filled with sporting events for my boys and building new feats of engineering with Dante.

Volunteering at Hacienda has given me insight into all the amazing activities that my boys get to be a part of at school...Hacienda, the best in the West!

CRISTINA FIGUEROA-ENTZMINGER

I'm Cristina. I was born and raised in Mexico City. My husband is Larry. My daughter Fiona is a 4th grader with Ms. Marer, and my son Oliver is a 1st grader with Ms. Hamilton. We have been living in San Jose close to 11 years.

My family and I love nature. We go on hikes, explore parks, go camping, visit the beach, or simply go for a walk around the neighborhood. I personally love to go for a walk in Almaden Lake park and sit and contemplate the ducks and the geese over there. In my spare time, I like to read about nutrition, good recipes and cook.

Growing up in Mexico City was one of the most exciting things that I have ever done, I have fond memories from "El Museo Nacional de Antropologia" (The National Museum of Anthropology), "El Palacio de Bellas Artes", (Palace of Fine Arts), "El Castillo de Chaltepec" (Chapultepec Castle), "El Zoologico de Chapultepec" (Chapultepec Zoo), "El Paseo de la Reforma" (Reforma Ave), "Sala Ollin Yoliztli" (Cultural Center Ollin Yoliztli), "UNAM" (National Autonomous University of Mexico), and many many more. If one day you visit Mexico City,

don't hesitate to visit these wonderful places.

Since Fiona started kinder, I have been volunteering in so many different ways at Hacienda: Cornerstone, Art Vistas, Sprouts, room parent for both classes, organize the class baskets for the silent auction in spring fling. I help in both kids' classrooms with daily activities or parties. Currently, I'm helping in the salad bar. I'm fluent in English and Spanish, so I have helped translate documents and conversations for teachers, for programs, or for SELAC. I am an active member in the SELAC program, and we have participated in fall festival, spring fling, and many more events.

I love volunteering. It is a great way to meet great people. Sometimes we call them teachers, staff, moms, dads or kids' classmates. My family and I are very grateful to be part of this wonderful community named Hacienda Elementary School!!!

FROM THE SALAD BAR CORNER

As we know, this is a test program, and it is been a huge hit with the kids at Hacienda. We want to say thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that make this program possible:

Heather Stenshamn, Tom Lipari, Luz Mejia, Michelle Unger, Araceli Alvarez, Patty Cruz, Cecilia Uribe, Cecilia Rios, Lorin Baeta, Yanira Romero, Susan Hoelzer, Lieke Vlasveld, Melissa Llabres, Lisa Schaefer, Michael Elliot, Anggi Sukardi.

Many thanks for helping make this healthy option a reality for our students at Hacienda!!!

SUPERHERO SQUAD

Join in the fun and become your child's SUPERHERO! We are looking for...

- Spring Fling Helper
- Teacher Appreciation Coordinator
- 5th grade Tile

- Hospitality Chair 2016-2017
- Uniform Sales Coordinator 2016-2017

Contact Anna for more information. We have volunteer opportunities for working parents, stay at home parents and even positions for grandparents. Email, call, or text 408-307-3658 / acilly50@gmail.com



Library Happenings

Hello from our library. We had a bit of a rough start to our new year as we had a district wide system crash of our library data on the first week back from holiday break. All is up and running again, but we are still dealing with the after effects of the data loss. Please encourage your children to let me or any of my intrepid volunteers know if they believe that they have returned a book that is listed as checked out to them. We are more than happy to check the shelves for the book and to set their student record straight.

It is text book scanning time. This does not affect your student accept at lunch time recess. Often, the time available to scan teacher text books with the least disruption to the class room is during lunch. Unfortunately, this means that students who are regulars in the library during lunch recess will sometimes be disappointed because the library is

closed. If your student mentions this at home, please reassure them that it is temporary and once text book scanning is finished, the library will be open at lunch.

One of the favorite activities during lunch recess, when the library is open, is chess and puzzles. Recently, students have been asking for other games, as well. If you have a game at home that is collecting dust that would be a good addition to our library lunch recess activities, consider dropping it off at the library. Students will put it to good use.

El Niño has brought an opportunity for lots of rainy day reading. Do you have a cozy place in your home where your student can curl up with a good book? Remember that curling up together with your child to read a book can be a powerful motivator.

Happy reading,

Cindy Jacobs
Library Lady

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ever since I took on the role of Newsletter Editor last school year, I was really hoping we'd find someone with the creative skills to give Hacienda's newsletter a facelift. Sadly, as an IT professional by trade, this was not my forte. So when a kinder mom, **Lorin Baeta**, stepped up as our new HIPS Marketing and Advertising Coordinator and contacted me about redesigning the newsletter last month, I was all on board. With our February 2016 issue, we have unveiled the new look for the newsletter, *Hacienda Hawkeye*. I hope y'all are as excited about the changes as I am! THANK YOU, LORIN!!

If you have any questions or comments regarding the newsletter, or if you have ideas for next month's newsletter (March articles due on Wednesday, February 24th), send an email to newsletterhacienda@gmail.com.

Hope everyone has a fabulous February!

Elina Hue

Newsletter Editor

SILENT AUCTION

I keep hearing about the Silent Auction at Spring Fling. How does it work?

BY MICHELLE SCRIPPOCH

When you arrive at Spring Fling on Saturday April 30th you will see many tables set up around the primary playground. This is the Silent Auction and you MUST come have a look.



Here's How You Auction:

1. Visit the Silent Auction registration tables to "check

in" and **complete a bidder registration card.**

2. After registering for the Auction, you will be assigned a **special number** that you will use to place bids on any of the hundreds of items generously donated by Hacienda's business friends, teachers, staff and parents.
3. All items will be described in detail, noting minimum bids, item values and bid closing times.
4. **TO BID ON AN ITEM:** Write your specially assigned Bid Number and bid amount on the uppermost available line on that item's Bid Sheet. To increase a bid, you must increase your bid by the stated increment (\$1, \$5 or \$10).
5. If your Bid Number is the **last and highest bid** at that item's closing time, **YOU WIN!**
6. The Silent Auction "rounds" will close promptly at 12 PM (Round 1), 1 PM (Round 2), 2:15 PM (Class

Baskets), and 2:30 PM (Teacher Time and more). The times are also noted on individual Bid Sheets at the Silent Auction.

7. Winning Bidders, your prize will be available for Pick Up thirty (30) minutes after the close of its assigned round. All items must be paid for and picked up by 3 PM. In order to reduce credit card fees, checks are the preferred form of payment.

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