

HAWKEYE



Dear Hacienda Families,
It definitely doesn't feel like Autumn, and as I write this it is a toasty 88 degrees outside! I am longing for the crisp air, falling leaves, and a bit of rain, that tells me Fall is here. We are wrapping up conference

week, and with Halloween already in the history books, it feels funny to have Fall Festival still ahead, this coming Friday.

I'm looking forward to working at the A-mazo game, and seeing all of the fun activities at Fall Festival. It will be a treat to see our students and families having such a wonderful time, enjoying delightful food, playing games, participating in the cake and pumpkin walk, and more.

November 11th is Veteran's Day, which falls on a Saturday this year. As a result, Veteran's Day observed will be on Friday, November 10th, and school will resume Monday, November 13th. Enjoy this three day weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), in honor of the service provided by our military veterans.

Traffic seems to be moving pretty well around Hacienda. Please note, though, that it is always appreciated when drivers take care to not block our neighbors' driveways.

Also, when you pull in to the drop off area in the parking lot in front of the school, please be sure to pull all the way up to the blue gate before your child exits the vehicle. Just this week as I returned to school from a meeting, I was unable to enter the driveway due to a vehicle that had stopped near the entrance, rather than pulling all the way up. And of course, always have your child exit from the passenger side, not the driver's side, of the vehicle to ensure their safety.

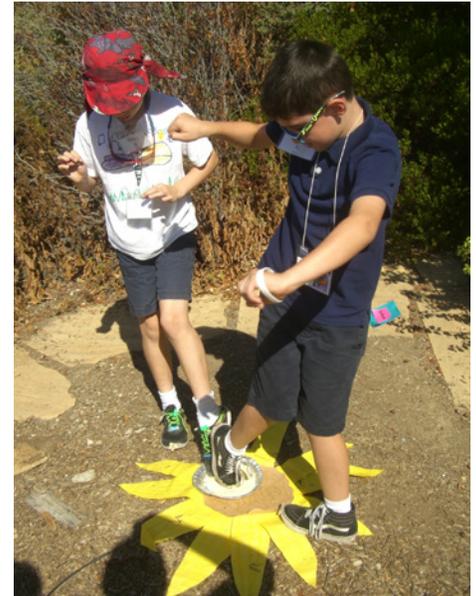
You may have noticed a group of people walking around the admin building this last week. We are moving forward with the admin reconfiguration construction project to provide more working space for employees, using Measure H funds. The folks who were here were contractors visiting the site to prepare for submitting bids. If all goes well, we hope to start construction on the remodel in December!

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▲ A 4th grader simulates how a bat collects pollen.

▶ 2 students demonstrate pollination techniques. ▶



Hands-on Science

BY AUDRA DECKERT

There is lots going on in the science department these days! Grades K-2 have been learning about plants in many different ways, including spending lots of hands on time in the Outdoor Classroom with actual plants.

Ask your students something about their learning.

Kinder- What do plants need to survive?

1st- What kind of oak trees live in our outdoor classroom and how can you tell the difference between them?

2nd- What are some different ways that seeds disperse?

What materials did you use to engineer a hitchhiking seed?

Here are some quotes from our youngest scientists:

When planting in the garden, a Kindergarten student asked, "Are we going to eat what is grown?"

While studying seeds, one student remarked, "It looks like Santa Claus' beard" about a moldy passion fruit that was left out for an entire week.

While studying roots, a student said, "That's an upgrade" after noticing that the hairs on the roots of a plant allowed for more nutrient absorption.

In upper grades, we have covered a variety of topics including the anatomy of eyes, pollination, life cycles, food webs and a few more! In addition to these interesting topics, students have been spending one day per week working in the outdoor classroom doing various tasks such as sifting compost, planting new plants, weeding, harvesting and enjoying nature!

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HIPS Communications

Stay connected with everything going on at Hacienda!

HIPS uses several different methods of communication to ensure families have access to news, events, reminders etc.

KONSTELLA

New this year, use [Konstella](#) to connect with Teachers and HIPS committees. Get regular notices and volunteer with easy activity sign-ups, on-line calendar and more.

HIPS.ROCKS WEBSITE

Go to [hips.rocks](#) to view our website for information on HIPS programs, fundraising, meeting minutes, volunteer opportunities, contact board members, and lots more!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Visit Hacienda's San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) website at: www.sjusd.org/hacienda/ for official information, daily bell schedule, calendar, updates from the administration and lots more!

FACEBOOK

HIPS shares updates, reminders, photos of events and on our Facebook page. Like us at facebook.com/HaciendaHIPS.

HAWKEYE

This is our monthly newsletter that gets distributed on Konstella and on the HIPS website ([hips.rocks/newsletter](#)). It includes news articles, features, as well as letters from Principal Loy & HIPS.

If you'd like to submit an article, an idea for an article or photos, please send them to NewsletterHacienda@gmail.com. Please be sure to spell-check your article, do not use last names of children, and do not send fliers.

Be sure to sign up for Konstella so you can get every newsletter issue.



Student scientists hard at work on their cow eye.



Looking through the pupil of a cow eye!

Hands-on Science

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Ask them about what they've learned:
3rd- What does it mean to be a living thing?

What were some ways that the Ohlone used certain native plants for survival?

4th- What are some challenges to being a pollinator?
What is the blind spot?

5th- From where does all energy in a food web originate?

What's the difference between heterotrophic and autotrophic?

What happened in the decomposition plate experiment?

Annual See's Candy Sale Goes Paperless

Every year, our students and families look forward to the See's Candy Holiday sale. These delicious and beautifully packaged treats have always been available just before the winter break, but this year, we're trying something different and going paperless!

Our Yumraising website is open now at bit.do/Hacienda, so you and your friends and relatives can place orders up until December 1st, for convenient delivery to your child's classroom on December 15th. In addition to saving paper, on-line ordering simplifies the ordering process, as well as solving the

problem of forms that get forgotten in the bottom of backpacks!

See's gift boxes come in sizes for everyone, and they're wrapped and ready to go. They make a great gift for clients, coworkers, and loved ones and you'll be the hit if you bring these to any party. Plus, you get the warm fuzzies from knowing that you helped HIPS fund the programs that help make our school so awesome.

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If you have questions or want help placing an on-line order, contact me at ellin.payne@gmail.com



Mark Your Calendar

Add HIPS calendar to your device, visit hips.rocks/calendar. Submit important dates by email to newsletterhacienda@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 30- NOVEMBER 3

Early Release / Parent-Teacher Conferences: Kinders released at 12:55 p.m. All other grades at 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1 - 14

Science Camp Fundraising. Every sale helps reduce the camp cost for each student.

NOVEMBER 2

Outdoor Workday: Thursday, November 2. It's an early release day so come join us in between conferences!

- 1:30-2:45 = Work Time
- 2:45-3:45 = Crayfishing
- 3:45-4:00 = Cleanup
- * All children 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 for just an hour. See time frames above.
- * Wear sunscreen and work clothes that can get dirty.

NOVEMBER 5

Daylight Savings Begins, "Fall Back"

NOVEMBER 10

NO SCHOOL
Veterans' Day Observance



Hacienda Brunch Out at Scrambl'z
Friday 7am - 2pm
5055 Almaden Expy, San Jose, 95118
Come support HIPS on your day off!

NOVEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 1



See's Candy Holiday sale is now open with deliveries to your student's room December 15th.

Yumraising at bit.do/Hacienda

NOVEMBER 14

HIPS Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

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SELAC Meeting: 9:00 a.m., faculty dining room.

The School English Learner Advisory Committee (SELAC) include Hacienda parents and educators interested in improving the education of Hacienda students who are English language learners (EL). The purpose of SELAC is to advise school administrators/staff in the development of the school plan, and program development for EL's.

NOVEMBER 15

Pioneer Drama Assembly at 10am

NOVEMBER 16

Principal's Coffee in the cafeteria

NOVEMBER 20

School Site Council meeting at 3:15p in the Library

NOVEMBER 21-22

Christmas in the Park, Adopt a Tree event.

NOVEMBER 22

Early Release Day

NOVEMBER 23-24

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 9

NO SCHOOL - New Year Recess



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Through our Community Giving Program, we will make a \$500 donation to HIPS for every loan I provide to friends and family of Hacienda Elementary! We offer highly competitive rates and exceptional service. Please call us today - we'd love to help you with any of your mortgage needs!

HIPS Powered By Volunteers

ASK ONE!
BE ONE!

Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising students self-esteem and academic achievement. We realize, however, that each of our families are unique and so we try to provide as many different kinds of opportunities for parental involvement at Hacienda! Every family should aim to volunteer for the benefit of your child.

CURRENT NEEDS!

- Traffic & Safety helpers at the drop off circle. (M-F 8:25 to 9:10am)
- Animal Holding
- Sprouts Classroom Helpers (See Konstella to sign up in your class)
- Business Sponsorship Drive

Contact Diana and Muriel
HipsVolunteerVP@gmail.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

"I was so excited to hear that I was had been selected for this school, I heard great things about the Hacienda Community. How do I get Involved?"

We are so thrilled to have you part of our School Community! Welcome! I am sure that all of those great things you heard about our school spoke about our many community building activities, enrichment programs and environmental science program just to name a few, in fact, all of these activities and programs are made available by volunteers. You can get involved in many ways; you can stop by the office to fill in a Volunteer Survey, you should also visit the sign-up listing on Konstella and lastly, you can speak to your teacher

about your availability. Our request is that each family volunteer at least 10 hours in a school year. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

"I Have a younger child, can I volunteer with him/her in tow?"

We ask that younger siblings not attend your volunteer shifts during school hours, especially "in class" volunteering. However, there are many volunteering opportunities during special events, before and after school and from home that can include your other children. **"My child's grand-mother/father would like to volunteer during school hours while I am at work. Is that possible?"**

Of course! Multi-generation involvement enriches our students' experience and benefits us all.

We do require our volunteers to complete a screening for the safety and health of our children and staff. Contact the office ASAP as the process can take a few weeks to complete.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to our NEWSLETTER, MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, BOOK FAIR, FALL FESTIVAL, SPROUTS, ART VISTA, PROJECT CORNERSTONE, CLASSROOM HELPERS and FIELD TRIP CHAPERON volunteers for the month of October! Hacienda is the "BEST IN THE WEST" because of you. Thank you!

To all the volunteers who are making the *Fall Festival* another successful Hacienda event:

- Rob Kossayan: Food
- Rebecca Trejo-Rubio: Glow Booth
- Meredith Stotzner: Face Painting
- Lisa Schaefer: Baked Goods
- Jessica Friedman: Cake & Pumpkin Walk
- Holly Harrison: Photo Booth
- Garrett Brisbee: Lighting
- Diana Wilson & Jen Doane: Tickets
- Cristina Figueroa: SELAC Hispanic Cuisine

- Bridget Johns: Prize Redemption
- Bill & Jackie Nakamura: Drinks
- Aysha & Dan Soszynski: Festival Chair Shadows
- Melissa Belur, Anna Lilly, and Michelle Scripoch: Fall Festival Chairs 2011-2017

OUTDOOR WORKERS!

A huge thank you to all those who came out to our first Outdoor Workday of the year on September 23! We appreciate all your hard work helping keep the Outdoor Classroom a beautiful learning space.

Esteban H. Alex H. Alex H. Sr. Cindy K. Purich K. Sujarree K. Sarah P. Kevin P. Allison P. Kian P. Tiernan C. Aurora C. Debbie C. Krista T. Stella T. Molly T. Bryan C. Burt C.	Elisa C. Ryan B. Ruby B. Megan N. Landon N. Christina N. Aryan I. Sunil I. Monica U. John M. Patrick M. Owen M. Asher M. Edward D. Zachary D. Aria A. Penny A. Michael A.	Bridget J. Marshall J. Emily J. David J. Carolyn M. John M. Alexander M. Andrew M. Ethan M. Cera S. Ken S. Julia S. Thomas S. Davinna K. Orion K. Derick T. Binh T.
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LETTER FROM MRS. LOY

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Since November is the month that we traditionally give thanks, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for all of you. I am truly blessed to be in a position that allows me to serve wonderful children and their families on a daily basis. Your kindness and generosity never cease to amaze me.

I would like to wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, as it is right around the corner, and hope that the holidays (should you celebrate them) shine bright.

Now let's hope for some Fall weather! ☺

Warm Regards,

CARMEN LOY
HACIENDA PRINCIPAL