



Hacienda News

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 23rd, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.



Volunteer

We welcome and appreciate all volunteers. To make this event run smoothly, we ask that ALL Hacienda families volunteer for at least ONE shift. High school and middle school students are welcome to volunteer and earn community service hours. Complete the volunteer form early for better chances of being assigned to your preferred shift. Remember to check in at the volunteer booth when you arrive at the festival. **BONUS:** Each student in the class with the most volunteer participation will earn 10 FREE game tickets!

Donate items

COOKIES ~ BROWNIES ~ CUPCAKES ~ BAKED GOODS ~ CAKES ~ BOTTLED WATER ~ SODA
There will be an old fashioned cake walk and a bake sale too. Baked goods should be brought to the cafeteria by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 23rd. Cases of water or soda (any juices donated should be in cans -- please no boxes or pouches) are needed as well; drop off details will come home soon.

Pre-order tickets

Ticket order forms will be sent home soon for Will Call Pick Up. Pre-sale tickets will be sold on-campus before and after school in front of the library Monday, October 19th through Thursday, October 22nd. The back of the order form will list the food and game ticket prices to help you plan your ticket buying.

- Food tickets are \$1 (no pre-sale discount).
- The pre-sale price for game/activity tickets is 4 for \$1 Monday through Thursday.
- Game/activity tickets bought at Fall Festival will be 3 for \$1.



A few reminders...

- Game booths and activities close at 9:00 p.m.
- Be sure to get a punch card at the game booths. Players will receive punches according to each game's rules. When your playing is done, go to the redemption center for fun prizes.
- Bring a flashlight. There will be plenty of light on campus but a flashlight will be handy on your way back to your car.

Come have a GREAT time!

There will be so many fun activities this year, including a giant inflatable slide, bounce houses, football toss, soccer shoot-out, face painting, glow-in-the-dark nail polish, haunted house, cake and pumpkin walk, the bake sale and the ever-popular glow booth and photo booth. Also, we are looking forward to having a delicious plate of homemade Hispanic food courtesy of our SELAC families! It's going to be awesome! Come early and stay for the whole event!

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Ticket info: Michelle Unger mrtunger@gmail.com

All other questions: Michelle Scripoch mscripoch@SBCglobal.net, Anna Lilly acilly@sbcbglobal.net

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Dear Hacienda families,

Wow! Fall Break has come and gone, and we are heading into that busy season that includes Fall Festival, performance assessments for students, and the holiday season. I hope you all enjoyed some time over the break to rest and relax.

It truly takes a tremendous effort from so many people to coordinate a successful membership drive. Hacienda is lucky to have such generous families, who contribute not only their financial support, but their time and energy in so many ways. Sprouts gardening is just one example of a program that would not be possible without parents. We love our Hacienda families!

Recess 101 is in full swing now. This week, Coach Ariel will be training Recess Leaders to help facilitate games at recess, and to help students resolve conflicts during play. She will also start PAC (Physical Activity Classes), in all classrooms. These will take place twice per month for each class. PAC will help her get to know every student, and build relationships with them, as well. We are seeing good results so far with Recess 101, which in the long term, should help students feel safe on the playground, as well as provide fun, consistent, and structured games for students to play. Recess 101 helps set clear rules and expectations for students during recess. Another important aspect of the program is that it teaches students leadership and social skills. I will update you again soon as implementation progresses.

Fall Festival is coming soon, and will be here before you know it. October 23rd is just around the corner, and it's an exciting time to come out and play some games, dress up in your costume (if you have one) and taste some delicious food. We usually have some spectacular weather, and of course, the children love all of the games.

On a final note, please be sure that your child does NOT get dropped off at school before 8:30, as we do not provide supervision before that time. I know that you would not leave your child unsupervised anywhere else, and school is no different. We want to be sure that all children are safe, and we cannot do that if they are dropped off between 8:00 and 8:30. Also, school begins at 8:51 for 4th and 5th grade, and 9:00 for all other grades. It's important that they arrive a

few minutes before school starts, so that instruction can begin promptly when the bell rings.

Thanks so much for being such a wonderful community!

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy



CORNERSTONE CORNER

Our second ABC book: “**Simon’s Hook**” by Karen Burnett is a colorful story that compares teases to fishing hooks and tells the tale of how the fish learned *not to bite*.

One goal of lesson is to help students **feel empowered** and in control of their responses to hurtful teases and put-downs- to learn to “*swim free*.”

If you are curious, once your student has had their Cornerstone lesson and activity, ask them about the 5 strategies that Simon’s neighbor, Grandma Rose, offers to help Simon avoid *taking the bait*:

1. Do little or nothing—don’t react!
2. Pretend to agree with the hook.
3. Change the subject to distract the bully.
4. Laugh at the hook and make a joke of it.
5. Stay away from the hooks and swim in another part of the sea.

Perhaps you can relate to one or more of these scenarios from your life experiences- you can share those with your child as well.

As **caring adults in the lives of youth**, we can help develop and nurture skills to navigate the rough patches in life. Our ultimate goal is for youth to be able to handle these bumps and ruts on their own!

As always, remember: when you “catch” kids modeling positive behaviors...**Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!**

To learn more about **Project Cornerstone**, contact Catherine Lavin at catlavin@sbcglobal.net

HIPS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RESULTS: AWESOME JOB, HACIENDA!!

The 2015-2016 HIPS Membership Drive was a monumental success!! Thanks to the support of you, our Hacienda family, we received over \$85,000 in support of our wonderful school. That is \$15,000 more than our original goal!

Here are some of the stats from this year's Drive:

- 496 families joined, allowing us to reach 78% participation
- 33 teachers and staff members joined
- Platinum Donors (\$1,000+): 16 families (last year 14)
- Gold Donors (\$500+): 46 families (last year 38)
- Silver Donors (\$400+): 10 families (last year 18)
- Bronze Donors (\$300+): 76 families (last year 48)
- 51 Donors used the PayPal option (\$11,007 in PayPal donations)

Here are the class contest results:

- Congratulations to Mr. Hayes' and Ms. Friedman's classes for reaching 100% participation!! They are the top 2 classes and winners of the pizza parties. They will also enjoy an all-natural-fruit popsicle party. Way to go, everyone!!
- There were 15 classes with at least 75% participation! The following classes are being treated to all-natural fruit popsicle parties:

Foshay	Lombardo	Wickersham
Roth	Unze	Dolan
Pecchenino	McClure	Ravizza
Hoogerwerf	Selfridge	Seymour
Marer	Bjornkjeld	Pacheco
- The "Top 3" teachers – each spot was tied – so the "Top 6" teachers will receive SCRIP gift cards of their choice. The winners are:
 - 1st place – Hayes & Friedman
 - 2nd place – Ravizza & McClure
 - 3rd place – Foshay & Selfridge

A great big "Thank You!" to our "Top 3" and all of the teachers and staff for supporting this year's Drive!

The Membership Drive Committee will continue to work hard setting-up parties, preparing the HIPS Directory, ordering and distributing "thank you" gifts, organizing crayfishing parties, and finishing up the final details to close out the Drive. Special thanks to Keith Flemming who, once again, created an amazing large mural near the front office, and to Anna Given for helping with the company Matching Gifts.

Thanks again to the Hacienda Community for coming together in support of our school!

Best Regards,
Michelle Crespin
Membership Drive Chairperson

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The library is up and running with class visits now part of the weekly routine. Now that books are coming home from the library, please encourage your student to take responsibility for their books. It may help to have a designated place where they keep their school library books so that they can find them easily on the day they are to be returned. Some find that it helps to always keep them in their backpack when not being read. Whatever routine works is a good one. Also, please avoid fixing any "well loved, but damaged" books at home. If you or your student find that a book has been damaged, please have them bring that book to me for repair.

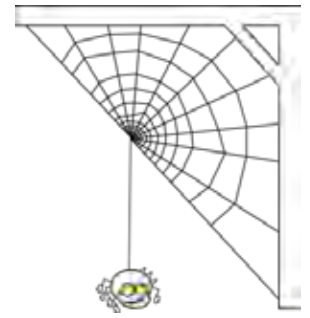
The library is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The students are always welcome in the library during morning recess and almost always during lunch recess. Some of the activities that students enjoy at lunch recess include browsing books, working puzzles, coloring, visiting quietly with friends, and, sometimes, working on the computers. I've been designating some days as "screen-free" days in the library during lunch. On those days, students are welcome in the library, but the computers are unavailable.

A favorite activity in the library during lunch recess is chess. So far, students have been playing against each other or the computer using computer chess. I would love to offer them the opportunity to play with actual chess sets. To that end, if any of you have an old chess set that is complete, but that you no longer use, it would be put to good use in the library.

Keep a lookout for information about the upcoming book fair. The book fair is a great place to purchase inexpensive books for your students or as a gift for the upcoming holiday season. Since the book fair will be held in the cafeteria, the library will operate as usual during the week of book fair.

Happy Reading,

Cindy Jacobs
Library Lady





Science Lab Notes

LAST CHANCE TO “ADOPT” AN ANIMAL TO SUPPORT SCIENCE

Hacienda’s animals are feeling the love! Thank you to everyone who has already supported our Hacienda’s animals and science program



by “adopting.” You still have time to adopt through October 15th if you missed the first letter. **Look for an adoption form in the October 8th family folder. Extra adoption forms are available in the office.** Adopters will have their photos taken with their chosen animal in November. **Furry thanks go to Rebecca Rountree, Laura Turner Prijatel, and Wendi Lopez for coordinating animal adoptions. Dutch gives a big squeeze to Anna Lilly for her help too.**

JOIN HACIENDA OUTDOOR WORKDAY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Come join us for a brilliant morning of community weeding, native seed planting, campus clean up, and more. Older students needing volunteer hours are also welcome. **If you have children in K-2nd grades, we recommend you arrive around 10:30, so the work time doesn’t feel too long, for them or you!** Here is the schedule for the day:



- 9:30 - 12:00 = **Work time (Please arrive by 11:00.)**
- 12:00 - 1:00 = Lunchtime snacks
- 12:30 - 1:30 = Crayfishing (for students who worked an hour or more)
- 1:30 - 2:00 = Clean up

- 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 timeframes above.
- **Wear sunscreen, closed-toe shoes, and work clothes that can get dirty.**

THANK YOU ACCOLADE PAINTING

Our appreciation goes to Al and Tom of Accolade Painting for donating the cost of labor to power-wash the outdoor classroom shade structure, before resealing it from the elements. If you use their services, please let them know you are a Hacienda parent and appreciate their donation to our outdoor science environment. You can contact Accolade Painting at www.accoladepainting.com or call for a free estimate at 408-225-1700. Thank you to Monica Ulrich for providing the contact for this long overdue job.



KIDS AND LIVE CREATURES

Every year, enthusiastic young scientists-in-training (You probably have at least one exploring around your house!) come bearing “gifts” to the science lab—their latest discoveries! This sharing of wonder and excitement is what every science educator loves. There is, however, an exception to this: live animals—often NOT so alive by the time they arrive at Hacienda.

If your child finds some fascinating live creature—and wants to bring it to school, remind them that scientists prefer to study animals where they find them, so they can learn what that animal does in its natural environment. Ask them to observe it carefully so they can describe its behaviors, habitat, size, and appearance. If you have the materials nearby, take a photo or have them draw the creature so they can bring it to show. This will not only develop their scientific observation skills, but also, it will allow them to return another day to check on their creature again. Plus, no harm will come to the animal, and Mr. Keedy, Mrs. Weissahn, and Ms. Deckert promise to be even more thrilled to see their drawings, pictures or observations.

**AUDUBON WILDLIFE EDUCATION DAY
OCTOBER 17TH**

Bring the family to enjoy live animals along with nature-themed arts and crafts at the annual Wildlife Education Day on Saturday, October 17, from 10 AM-3 PM, now at Blackberry Farm in Cupertino. The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and local nature and environmental organizations put on this great event. For details, visit www.scvas.org or call (408) 252-3747.

**THANK YOU, SEPTEMBER WORKDAY
VOLUNTEERS!**

We extend a huge thank you to all who joined in preparing the Sprouts garden beds at our September outdoor workday. While one mighty crew transferred soil into the new garden beds in the outdoor classroom, another impressive crew loosened and amended the soil in the primary beds. Lunchtime snacks and crayfishing were welcome rewards for our hard-working volunteers of all ages. Additional thanks go to Bill Nakamura and Chris Clayton for sawing up and moving countless rotting railroad ties from the old garden beds. Special thanks go to Preethi Linga and the Paturi family for organizing and preparing the delicious lunchtime food... and cleaning up the dishes. Wow! Our awesome volunteers were...

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| Addy K. | Charlotte C. | Gary M. |
| Aidan K. | Chris C. | Heather S. |
| Alexander M. | Christian H. | Henry W. |
| Allison P. | Ciara M. | India M. |
| Alondra U. | Craig J. | Jeremy P. |
| Andrew M. | Dan R. | Jessica F. |
| Andrew R. | Elisa C. | John M. |
| Anna R. | Ella R. | Jonathan U. |
| Bill S. | Ernest W. | Julia S. |
| Brooklyn Q. | Eva R. | Julian J. |
| Cassie I. | Evan G. | Katie S. |
| Cecilia U. | Evangeline Q. | Ken S. |
| Cera S. | Frank C. | Krista T. |
| Charlie P. | Gabriel C. | Kyle O. |

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| Lia D. | Peri K. | Sophia O. |
| Lieke V. | Phil K. | Stella T. |
| Lily O. | Preethi L. | Sunitha G. |
| Lucy E. | Que-Tran N. | Susan H. |
| Lur D. | Quyen L. | Suzanne H. |
| Madeline R. | Rebecca T. | Tara M. |
| Maya H. | Richard O. | Tara R. |
| Melissa Q. | Riley M. | Tiffany O. |
| Michael E. | Sadie R. | Troy W. |
| Michael V.D.B. | Sam S. | William V.D.B. |
| Miles P. | Samita G. | Yukki W. |
| Neil R. | Sean R. | Zoey E. |
| Olivia H. | Sofia H. | |



Thank you to our September outdoor workday volunteers



Workday volunteers filled the new garden beds with soil

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

SPROUTS CORNER



Thank you to all the parents and students who helped 'turn the soil' in the garden beds at our Outdoor Workday on Saturday, September 19! With your help we were able to prepare most of the primary grade garden beds and our new upper grade garden beds in the Outdoor Classroom. Now our garden beds are ready for delivering our exciting new Sprouts lessons!

A number of classes have already delivered their first Sprouts lessons. The theme for Lesson #1 is soil. Kindergarten and First grade are using their senses to explore the soil in their garden bed. Second and Third grade are creating a potting mix using a 'Perfect Soil Recipe' to plant seedlings for all the school gardens. Fourth and Fifth grade are using chemistry to test the composition (soil-type test) and fertility (pH+ test) of their soil. The next lesson will focus on plant parts and planting in the garden beds.

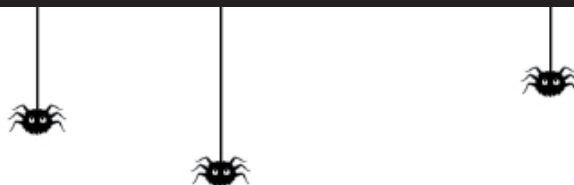
Sprouts parent volunteers, teachers and students are enjoying the new structure of the program, especially the pre-written lessons and bin material readiness. All are having a wonderful time getting their hands dirty! Thank you to all the Docents and Helpers for coming to the trainings and being proactive about scheduling and delivering these lessons with your classes. It has been fun to watch you all in action!

We're looking for a few more helpers and waterers, so if you are interested please contact Heather Stenshamn (hsten@me.com) or Lieke Vlasveld (liekevlasveld@yahoo.com) for more information.



Mark Your Calendar

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- Oct 15** *Hacienda Animal "Adoptions" Forms Due*
- Oct 17** *Audubon Wildlife Education Day
Blackberry Farm in Cupertino
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*
- Oct 20** *HIPS Meeting, Faculty dining room
6:45 p.m. Social
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Meeting
(childcare provided at YMCA by HIPS)*
- Oct 23** *FALL FESTIVAL!!!
5:30 - 9:00 p.m.*
- Oct 27** *Make Up Picture Day*
- Oct 30** *Halloween Parade & Sing-Along
2:00 p.m. on upper blacktop*
- Nov 2 - 6** *Early Release 1:06 p.m. - Conferences*
- Nov 8** *Sunday Outdoor Workday
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*



Hacienda is Green

Trash Free Fridays: Aim for a trash-free lunch by using only reusable containers and drink bottles every Friday!

Go Paperless! Thursday Folders are Hacienda's way of sending flyers, information, newsletters, etc., home each week. Reduce paper waste by signing up to receive your Thursday Family Folder electronically.

- Use the link below to sign up for E-Thursday Family Folders: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P7639GN>
- You will receive a weekly email each Thursday with links to all of the week's handouts.

As an environmental science magnet, it is our responsibility to cut down on waste and paper use at Hacienda. Thank you!!

Musical Notes

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

October's composition is "Totentanz" by Franz Liszt. Franz Liszt's Totentanz is a concerto for piano and orchestra, filled with dark, dramatic energies. This piece features pure Lisztian moments of intense, storm-like fury as well as light-hearted, even beautiful passages. The piano part is rough, almost violent in some sections. For its day, this was extremely modern and bound to have jarred the ears of first-time listeners!

Enjoy Valentina Lisitsa and Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale della Rai perform Totentanz at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScqeArnDoaE>

THANK YOU'S!

Thank you to the following families who donated buckets for our 5th grade bucket drumming unit: the Teddy family, the Scripoch family, the Unger family and the Ostrov family.

Thank you to the following families who purchased items from our music room wish list at <http://tinyurl.com/lynq935>: the Jenson family and the Hodges family.

HACIENDA HALLOWEEN CHARACTERS

Created by Hacienda Music Teacher Kathy Haydel

Here is a list (and spelling) of the Halloween characters students learn about in music class. These characters all have stories and songs, most woven with musical themes. Students may like to write about them or create their own at home. You can listen to the Halloween songs at our annual school PARADE that will take place during the last hour of the school day on the upper blacktop on Friday, October 30.

-Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Ulrich

1. **ESMERALDA** – a witch who is a wonderful friend and fantastic cook; she is famous for her brew.
2. **BONES** – a skeleton who is afraid of everything.
3. **BATHOVEN** – a bat who plays a grand piano; named after Ludwig van Beethoven.
4. **FRANKFOOTER** – a jazzy monster invented by a mad scientist who is always trying to invent the perfect monster. He sings "scat" jazz and loves to dance even though he has two left feet.
5. **COUNT BACHULA** – Count Dracula's baby brother who plays a pipe organ and has a bit of a temper; named after Johann Sebastian Bach.



6. **GHOSTY GIRLS** – a jazz singing trio from New York City. Frankfooter loves the Ghosty Girls.
7. **INVISIBLE STAN** – the one man band who comes from the islands. He sings/plays calypso music. He plays an instrument from each family: violin, clarinet, trumpet, and steel drum.
8. **SPINELOPE** – a spider who lives in the corner of Esmeralda's dining room and spins spooky, spidery splendors.
9. **JACKIE JACK-O-LANTERN** – a boogie-woogie pumpkin who sits on Esmeralda's porch
10. **MAESTRO SPOOKOWSKI** – a scarecrow who is the conductor of the crow chorus
11. **DR. FRANKELHAMMERSTEIN** – a mad scientist always trying to create the perfect monster. He loves Rodgers & Hammerstein musicals. His favorite musical is Oklahoma and his favorite song is "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning."
12. **GIUSEPPE VULTURIO** – an opera-singing vulture from Italy
13. **MIMI MUMMY** – ballet dancing mummy who's a little ballet and a little bit rock and roll.
14. **SCARY POTTER** – a pot of flowers that is turned into scary flowers after Harry does a disco dance
15. **THE BUTLER** – grouchy neighbor of Esmeralda who only smiles when he hears a fugue
16. **HERMEOWNIE** – ragtime kitty cat that attends "Dogwarts." She was placed (with sorting hat) into the House of Ragtime.
17. **IMPRESARIO** – an Italian manager of an opera company who discovers Giuseppe on a farm



SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

- Halloween Combined Parade and Sing-Along - Friday, October 30th at 2:00 p.m. on upper blacktop -- NEW! this year -- The parade and sing-along will be combined this year. Students will parade in costumes outside on upper blacktop area during the last hour of the school day while singing Ms. Haydel's special Hacienda Halloween songs.
- 1st Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 12th at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria
- 2nd Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 12th at 2:05 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Winter/Holiday Sing Along - Friday, December 19th (Check with your child's teacher for his/her assembly time. Again, seating for parents is limited at these sing along assemblies.)

~ Monica Ulrich

HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR UNIFORMS?

UNIFORM SWAP

Bring your **CLEAN & USABLE** Hacienda-approved uniforms to school for the **FREE** Uniform Swap!



Donations accepted in the HIPS room Monday, October 5th through Tuesday, October 13th.

The SWAP will begin Wednesday, October 14th and run through Friday, October 16th.

WHERE: Outside the Cafeteria (where the Book Fair will be!!)

WHEN:

- Wednesday, October 14th in the evening from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15th & Friday, October 16th from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Any remaining items will be donated to charity.

Contact Michelle Scripoch at mscripoch@sbcglobal.net

LUCKY S.H.A.R.E.S.

Do you shop at Lucky Supermarkets? How about SaveMart, FoodMaxx or S-mart Foods? Do your friends or family members frequent these stores? If so, please get your S.H.A.R.E.S. card(s) today! Contact Monica Ulrich (monicaulrich@sbcglobal.net) for get your card!



Hacienda will receive a quarterly check for 3% of all qualified purchases simply by swiping your S.H.A.R.E.S. card every time you shop at one of these participating locations! There are absolutely **NO** fees or hidden charges to you! Hacienda benefits

from your usual grocery purchases, but don't forget to swipe your S.H.A.R.E.S. card! That's the only way Hacienda receives credit. If you want more information about the S.H.A.R.E.S. program, go to <http://www.luckysupermarketsshare.com>

TARGET RED CARD

Use the REDcard, and through the Take Charge of Education program, Target will donate 1% of your REDcard purchases made at Target and Target.com to Hacienda. Be sure to designate our school so we receive this benefit. Encourage family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to designate Hacienda too!



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MATCHING GIFTS/FUNDS PROGRAMS

Some of you may not realize it, but a lot of companies have "Matching Gifts" program that allows them to contribute funds to the charities their employees choose. Another thing you might not know is that last school year HIPS received over \$13,000 in Matching Gifts donations from companies. All you need to do is ask your Human Resources if your employer offers this program and how you can access it. Most employers are happy to provide this program as it allows them to contribute to charities and provide community support. Please use this program to maximize your contributions to our school. It does not cost you anything extra and it doubles your donations to school. Email Anna Given (annagiven@comcast.net) with questions or for more information.

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