



Hacienda News

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE

Student Council had our first meeting in December. And now we will be contributing an article in the newsletter every month, updating you on what's going on in Student Council.

Our first service project is the Second Harvest Food Bank food drive. There will be more information coming soon.

-Conner Lavin, student council secretary

SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP!!!

On Tuesday January 27th Hacienda students will have **HEARING TESTS**. Parent volunteers are needed to assist our school nurse and the hearing testers from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Shifts available. (One day only & EASY)



Hacienda will be hosting **ORIENTATION TOURS** for prospective families. Volunteers are needed to lead the small groups. A brief tutorial will be provided. The tour dates are 1/21 Wed, 1/23 Fri, 1/27 Tue, and 1/29 Thu. You will be needed from 9:30 - 10:45 am. (One day only & EASY)

To volunteer for either or both of these activities please contact Michelle Scripoch at mscripoch@sbcglobal.net.

HOSPITALITY NEEDS A FIRST GRADE PARENT AND A KINDER PARENT

*to lead the monthly staff treat. March is assigned to 1st grade and April is for Kinder. At least one parent from each grade needs to step up and lead. Typically this occurs on the 2nd Tues of the month. Decide what the treat will be (simple or elaborate--it's up to you), set up / clean up, gather others to contribute or do it all yourself. There is a lot of flexibility. Contact Gary Butera for more information at garbutera@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE HACIENDA'S ANNUAL STAR PARTY

An evening of space exploration through telescopes, space-themed art projects, hot chocolate and more!!!
Thursday, February 26, 2015
6:30-8:30pm at Hacienda

VOLUNTEERS 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.



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

**Coming Soon... The Star Party Flyer (with evening details)

WANTED: SPRING FLING HELPERS

On Saturday, April 26th, we'll be "Blazing New Trails" at our annual Spring Fling walk-a-thon and silent auction.

Before we get there, we have a lot of behind the scenes preparation and could use your help!

Our magnificent Food Chair, Gary Butera is looking for an assistant to help with shopping for the menu items.

Our fabulous Auction Chair, Alison McClellan can use some help (see her article for more details).

Our wonderful Registration chair for the walk, Molly Bratton-Gardner can also use some helpers to prepare the registration materials for teachers and walkers.

Contact the Spring Fling Chair, Catherine Lavin: catlavin@sbcglobal.net to get involved!

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Hello Hacienda families, and Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that it is January of 2015, but here we are, in the middle of a serious cold snap. I hope that you have managed to stay warm and cozy during the Winter Break.

January is the perfect time to begin setting new goals, which often take the form of New Year's resolutions. For some, this might be changing old habits to new ones, such as healthier eating or exercise, for others it may be reading more, or watching less television. Whatever your goals are, be sure to include your children in your goal setting efforts. It's never too soon to learn that planning for positive outcomes is the first step to success.

As we move into the second half of the school year, we begin to think of the future. Hacienda school tours are scheduled to take place January 21st, 23rd, 27th, and 29th. This is the time when new families pay a visit to our wonderful school to see the amazing opportunities here, including all of our wonderful students, staff, and family volunteers. Please feel free to send them some positive vibes when you see them on campus. Thank you to Annabelle Evert for her efforts in helping to coordinate our school tours.

I would like to close with a reminder to please drive slowly and safely around the school. With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, please remember to slow down, and pull all the way to the front of the drop off zone, so that your children can exit your vehicle safely from the passenger side. Thanks so much for your help.

Warm regards, and please do stay warm!

Carmen Loy



HIPS LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break with friends and family. My 1st grader keeps reminding me that the 100th day of school takes place in January, and then we will be more than half-way through the school year. Every year seems to fly by faster!

As Mrs. Loy mentioned in her letter, Hacienda school tours will take place later this month. If you know of San Jose Unified families who are looking for an excellent elementary school for their child(ren), please let them know about these tours. They are a great way to learn more about our fabulous school!

Speaking of fabulous, huge shout-out to Hacienda's Traffic Safety Committee! A small but dedicated group of volunteers is keeping our students safe in the mornings at drop-off by helping them exit their vehicles in the front parking lot. Please help them in turn by pulling all the way forward in the drop-off lane and by complying with their instructions. A smile, wave and "thank you!" would be greatly appreciated as well. These selfless volunteers are doing an amazing job keeping our students safe during one of the most hectic times of the day. Thank you, Traffic Safety Committee!

If your New Year's resolutions include getting more involved at school, I encourage you to come to our next HIPS meeting on Tuesday, January 20th, at 7 pm in the faculty dining room (FDR). January is relatively quiet, but come find out what we've got planned for the upcoming months. Spring Fling, anyone? :-)

Until next month,

Melissa Belur

Happy New Year!



Science Lab Notes

NEW YEAR OF SCHOOL-WIDE COMPOSTING AND TRASH-FREE FRIDAYS

It's a new year, so challenge your favorite youngsters to build a "trash-free" lunch every Thursday evening to bring to "Trash-free Fridays." Bring food in reusable containers, so no wrappers or trash is left behind. On days they don't bring a trash-free lunch, discuss ways they can neatly bring home any recyclable containers you sent in their lunchbox (like ones from yogurt, pudding, and applesauce). This will allow them to clean and recycle or reuse the containers at home, so they don't have to go in the trash at school.

Please remind your kids to bring home any uneaten food, including apples and oranges, so they are not wasting food in the garbage or compost bin. Food costs money, and this helps you know if your kids are wasting food. Let's help our community grow greener, every day, Hacienda!



FEBRUARY OUTDOOR WORKDAY

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

Sunday, February 8th

9:30-12:00: Work time (Please arrive by 11:00)

12:00-12:30: Lunchtime snacks (Or bring your own)

12:30-1:30: Crayfishing (For kids who worked at least an hour)

1:30-2:00: Clean up

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

STELLAR STAR PARTY

Thursday, February 26, 6:30-8:30 PM

Travel through space and time at Hacienda's family-friendly Star Party! Peer through amazing telescopes shared by volunteer astronomers from the San Jose Astronomical Association. Look for the gibbous moon high in the sky, as well as Venus and Mars setting early. Amateur astronomers will have their scopes pointed at Uranus and Jupiter, the Orion Nebula, the Seven Sisters star cluster, the galaxy in Andromeda, and more as conditions permit.

Create out-of-this-world, space-themed art projects to take home. Bundle up and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies at this much-anticipated, annual event. Please remember to make our party "green" by bringing your own mug for cocoa and a reusable bag to carry home your spacey art projects!

Come join the universal fun, rain or shine. **Please volunteer your talents!**

Find out how you can help by contacting Star Party Lead Coordinator, Anna Lilly: acilly50@gmail.com

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

Musical Notes

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In January we are listening to “Lullaby” (Op. 49, No. 4 Wiegenlied) by Johannes Brahms.

- The lullaby’s melody is one of the most famous and recognizable in the world, used by countless parents to sing their babies to sleep.
- The Lullaby was dedicated to Brahms’ friend, Bertha Faber, on the occasion of the birth of her second son.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO VIDEO PERFORMANCES



Ms. Fennern and Ms. Ulrich are still looking for a parent volunteer who would be willing to operate the video camera for future performances. Some parents are not able to attend the performances during the school day so they

rely on watching the DVD recording at home with their child(ren). The teachers will provide more information and instruction for the volunteer. HD video camera will be provided. This is not a call to help make the DVD’s, just a request to help record the show. If you can help the music department offer this courtesy to the Hacienda community, Ms. Fennern and Ms. Ulrich would be very glad to hear from you!

UPDATES BY GRADE

Kindergarten students are starting off the new year with “Instrument Exploration” time in music class. This month they will have their first opportunities to explore the various instruments that are on the tables and along the walls in the music room and learn the different sounds each makes. Kinders will also be continuing to learn new songs and dances.

First and Second graders are focusing on improving their skills playing classroom instruments this month. They will be learning several new songs and accompanying their singing with hand percussion (drums, rhythm sticks, triangles, etc) and playing the barred Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels).

In the meantime, the 3rd-5th grade students are preparing for their grade level musical performances. All performances will take place in the school cafeteria. A recording of each performance will be sold for \$5/DVD, and proceeds will go back to the Hacienda music program. DVD order forms will be sent home and will also be available on the day of the performance.

Third graders will be singing a medley of songs and share informational facts about the planets and space at their performance on Wednesday, February 25. With the Hacienda Star Party taking place the night after the third grade performance, excitement will be growing about looking through telescopes to see stars and planets with the San Jose Astronomical Association. The third graders will perform for parents and families at 9:15 AM in the cafeteria on Wednesday, February 25.

Fourth graders have been practicing their recorders for the 4th grade recorder “concert.” A variety of songs will be performed combining singing and recorders. The performance for parents and families will take place at 9:15 AM on Tuesday, February 24. Mark your calendars.

Fifth graders will introduce some of the great composers of the past in this humorous, yet educational musical revue called “Compose Yourself”. Fifth graders will perform in the cafeteria on Wednesday, March 18. They will perform for Hacienda students with assemblies beginning at 11:15 AM and 12:55 PM. The parent/family performance will be at 2:05 PM. All performances will take place in the school cafeteria.

SAVE THE DATES

If you are updating your new 2015 calendar, here are some additional “musical” dates you will want to make note of:



Earth Day/Arbor Day Program

Friday, April 24 – 1:00 PM (all grade levels, outside on primary blacktop)

Kids In Motion – Dance & Movement Performance

Friday, May 22– 10:00 AM (all grade levels, outside on upper blacktop)

1st Grade Metamorphosis Chorus

Thursday, May 28 – 9:15 PM

~ Andrea Fennern



Mark Your Calendar

Jan 19	No School/YMCA Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 20	HIPS Meeting 7:00pm. Childcare provided
Jan 21, 23, 27, 29	Hacienda Tours 9:30 - 10:45 am
Jan 27	On-site Hearing Tests
Feb 8	Outdoor Workday 9:30am - 2:30pm
Feb 16-20	No School - President's week
Feb 24	HIPS Meeting 7:00pm. Childcare provided
Feb 26	Star Party @ Hacienda! 6:30pm - 8:30pm

SCRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE ALL SCHOOL YEAR

As of 1/8/2015 the Scrip Gift Cards Fundraiser has raised only half of its goal. Every gift card purchased gets us closer to the **goal of \$5,000**.

If you are **GOING ON VACATION** during the February break, check out the participating hotels, gas stations, restaurants, and Disney gift cards available on ShopWithScrip.com

The Scrip Gift Card Table will continue to be open on the primary playground Tue & Thur 2:45–3:15pm. Currently we have a variety of retailers on hand, but as the year goes on we are going to concentrate on keeping only the most popular ones in stock. It's not practical to keep every store and gift card denomination handy as there are hundreds of choices. **You are strongly encouraged to submit order forms.** Find order forms online at <http://www.sjusd.org/hacienda/hips/scrip/>
Questions : HaciendaScrip@gmail.com

There are so many ways to use Scrip in your life & earn \$ for Hacienda!

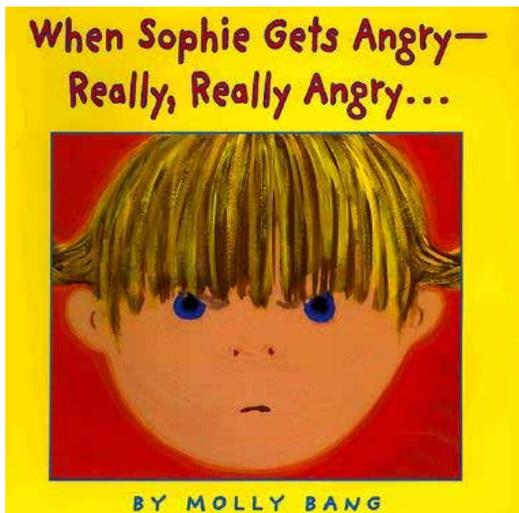
- **Grocery & household shopping:** Safeway, Lucky, Food Max, Nob Hill, Raley's, Whole Foods, Sprouts, CVS, Walgreens, Target, Wal-mart
- **Gas:** Arco, Chevron, Shell, 76, BP, Texaco
- Buying **Gifts** or give as a gift (birthday, baby shower, wedding or just because)
- **Sporting goods:** REI, Big 5, Bass Pro, Sports Authority, Golfsmith
- **Restaurants:** Chili's, Red Robin, Yard House, Outback, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Cheesecake Factory, Denny's, Coco's, Applebees, Black Angus, California Pizza Kitchen, fast food places, Dominos, Little Caesars, Buca di Beppo, Panera Bread, PF Chang, Maggianos etc.
- **Fashion, Clothing, Make Up:** Sephora, Macys, Gap, Old Navy, Dress Barn, Lane Bryant, Ross, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Kohls, Sears, Payless Shoe, Men's Warehouse, Burlington Coat & more
- **Birthday Parties:** Chuck E Cheese, Century Theatres, AMC Theatres or Build a Bear
- **Amazon.com, iTunes**
- **Haircut:** Great Clips, Regis Salons, MasterCuts, SuperCuts, etc.
- Printing pictures from **Shutterfly**
- **Crafts:** Michaels & JoAnn Fabric
- **Home Repairs, Furnishings:** Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace Hardware, The Container Store, Bed Bath & Beyond, Crate & Barrel
- **Appliances & Electronics:** refrigerator, washer, dryer, dishwasher, oven, tv, computer – Best Buy, Home Depot, Sears, Lowes
- **Vacation:** Disneyland, Hotels, Gas, Restaurants, Cruises, Car Rental
- **Groupon, Toys R Us, Buy Buy Baby, Claire's, American Girl, etc.**

FILL OUT YOUR ORDER FORM TODAY!



ABC PROJECT CORNERSTONE Champion Year, Lesson 4

When Sophie Gets Angry-- Really, Really Angry
By Molly Bang



What happens when you shake a can of cola? Can you feel the pressure build up? Do you ever feel that way, like you're going to

E-X-P-L-O-D-E?

This month in your child's classroom, The ABC Project Cornerstone program will be reading the book *When Sophie Gets Angry-Really, Really Angry* by Molly Bang. In the book, Sophie becomes very angry one day and releases her angry energy by removing herself from the situation. This story helps children understand that anger is one of many emotions that everyone experiences.

Feelings help us relate to others and feel good about ourselves. This lesson focuses on acknowledging and choosing how to behave when we feel complicated emotions. It is normal to experience a wide variety of feelings. But when we have difficult and out of control feelings, we need to acknowledge them and choose safe ways to react and handle them.

When you notice signs of escalating feelings, remind your child and others in a calm, neutral voice that they have the power and the control in how they respond to those feelings. Finding safe and constructive ways to deal with powerful emotions is an essential life skill.

Thank you for taking the time to help your child practice these skills at home.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

I hope that your new year will be filled with exciting adventure, fascinating facts, whimsical poetry and poignant prose all from the comfort of a favorite reading spot. Books are a wonderful vehicle for the above. And to that end, I'd like to take this opportunity to reintroduce you to our ebooks. The eBook portion of our library, FollettShelf, can be accessed from most internet enabled computers and devices wherever you are.

How to access Hacienda's ebooks:

From a computer:

- visit <https://destiny.sjUSD.org>
- Click on the Hacienda Elementary link
- Click the catalog tab
- Click the FollettShelf button on the bottom left
- Log in using SJUSD username (student number: s#####)
- Password is SJUSD password (student birthdate: 010101)

From a mobile device:

- visit App Store or Google Play
- Download "Follett Brytewave" app
- Enter SJUSD username (student number: s#####)
- Enter SJUSD password (student birthdate: 010101)
- Enter FollettShelf URL (wbb43474)
- Click Log in

I hope that you and your child have a chance to investigate our eBook collection some time soon.

Happy new year and happy reading,

Cindy Jacobs
Library Lady



**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:
MICHELLE CRESPIN**

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

Michelle and her husband, AJ, have been married 10 years. Their son, Drew, is in 3rd grade. Michelle has been in the Bay Area all her life, except for a couple years she and AJ lived in Dallas, Texas. They couldn't resist coming home to California to be near family, friends, beautiful weather, beaches and Tahoe.

Hacienda has been so lucky to have Michelle. Look at how she has spent countless hours volunteering over the last several years....

- Thursday Family Folders Coordinator
- Traffic & Safety Committee Member and patrol lady
- Spring Fling Prize Coordinator & Volunteer
- Fun Bucks Store Coordinator



- Animal Adoption photography helper
- Class Room Mom, party helper
- Sprouts volunteer
- Fall Festival volunteer
- Yard Duty
- Field trip chaperone
- Yearbook page contributor
- Hospitality Committee Member
- Box Tops helper

When Michelle is not on campus she enjoys scrapbooking, watching movies, and Sharks games. Her favorite things about Hacienda are Spring Fling, Kids in Motion, the great staff, and the Outdoor Classroom especially the tule boat ride in 3rd grade. She says, "I like that Hacienda makes it easy for me to contribute to the school and to be part of the 'happenings'."

Michelle, you are always a willing volunteer. Your helpful spirit is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU for being a BIG part of Hacienda!

ESCRIP

Shop at Safeway? Make sure your rewards card is registered on escrip.com and that you don't pay with a credit card. Safeway no longer counts credit card purchases towards the program.



LuckySHARES Program

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

HACIENDA ROBOTICS PROGRAM

Hacienda Robotics Program will be selling Mixed Bag

Designs from February 2-13, 2015.



Have you heard? Plastic bag ordinances are sweeping the country!



Stock up on reusable bags & more!



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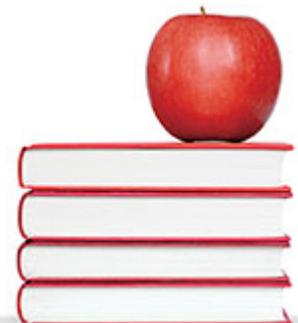
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