



Hacienda News

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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SPRING FLING

If you are new to Hacienda this year, you may be wondering what Spring Fling is all about. Spring Fling is an all day event held at the school that combines a walk-a-thon and a silent auction both of which raise money for our school. Students raise and collect pledges for the miles walked, and while they walk/run the course, parents can bid on items set out over the course of the day. We also have food and drinks for sale as well as some side line activities to keep everyone entertained.

Spring Fling this year will be held on Saturday, April 25th, and if you would like to be a part of the prep work or just learn more, you are welcome to attend our upcoming meetings at 2:15 in the HIPS room: 3/16 and 4/20. Also, look for the registration packets that will go home on 4/2 with a lot of information about the day as well as the registration and pledge forms and volunteer sign ups.

For more information please contact Catherine Lavin at catlavin@sbcglobal.net or 408-833-6141

Any questions, please contact Larissa Ramos at 408-531-7187 or via email at mamiramos71@yahoo.com!!

THE INTERNATIONAL ART NIGHT FESTIVAL IS ALMOST HERE!

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH 6-8 P.M.

That's right Hacienda, we are having our very own International party! The art we'll be creating with our community this year is so exciting! Art includes Indo Shadow Puppets, Day of the Dead Masks, Rangoli Chalk Art, Denmark Paper Weave Hearts, African Necklaces and more! Every student will be given a passport to stamp at each station, which will also be full of interesting facts about the countries we are exploring.



We are bringing back face painting, art from our own collection and of course Global Music! We're really excited to share such a fun and inspiring night with our Hacienda friends!



As with all events, it takes heartfelt involvement to be truly successful! There are a few ways to get in on the fun! We will need help with prep, set up, manning stations during the event and clean up. Stephanie Learmonth and Lynne Bryan will send out more on that as we get closer.

We are searching for people who can write names in other languages for our "American" project. Please contact Michelle Unger at mrtunger@gmail.com if you can help.



We are also looking for donated goodies from around the world, so if anyone can bring a dessert from their

favorite country (besides America of course, I'm sure we'll have plenty!), we would be so thrilled and grateful. Oh and for our dear hearts, please label "peanut free" or "has peanuts" – or any nut for that matter! We want to take care of our peeps! If you have any questions, just email Penny at psisley@sbcglobal.net.

Come out for some fun, creativity and cheer! Hope to see you there!

Hacienda is Green

Go Paperless! Get your Thursday Family Folder electronically:

1. Send email to michellecrespin99@yahoo.com and INCLUDE: child(ren)'s FULL name(s) AND Teacher(s) name (include all children).
2. Send email to hacienda-parents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com - to get the electronic version.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Dear Hacienda families,

Welcome back from our February Winter break! I hope that you all were able to enjoy some relaxing time off with family and friends. As I write this March newsletter, I am reflecting on February...

February brought forth an abundance of prospective Hacienda families, who joined our sensational group of volunteers as they led the way through our amazing school. A special thank you to all of those who generously offered their time and knowledge of Hacienda as tour leaders. And thank you to our teachers, for welcoming these potentially new families as they peeked into your classrooms. I know that they were thoroughly impressed with the wonderful instruction and learning that they saw as they walked through your doors.

Our new board trustee, Paymon Zarghami, paid a visit to Hacienda on Friday, February 6th. We sat down to chat about our school, and then visited several classrooms, our science lab and outdoor classroom, and our music room. Mr. Zarghami asked many questions, and was WOWED by our school. He will be sure to visit us again soon (and he has a full calendar of our events to choose from).

The Spring conference window runs from March 2-13th. Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is needed. March 12th and March 13th, Thursday and Friday, are early release days. School is out at 1:06. Report cards will be sent home during the conference window.

Well, folks, it's hard to believe that March is here, and Spring is right around the corner. That means Spring Fling, Earth Day, and so many reasons to celebrate! Remember, daylight saving time begins on March 8th, so "Spring" your clocks forward one hour, and enjoy the extra hour of sunshine.

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy



HIPS LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda Families,

Can you believe that Spring Fling is less than two months away? Spring Fling is one of our two biggest fundraisers each year. Students collect pledges from family and friends and then walk (or run) to raise money for our beloved school. I'm not saying the kids are competitive, but we do see more and more 20+ mile runners each year. Last year, we even had a couple of students who completed a full marathon!

There will be many other attractions as well, including our exciting Silent Auction, Teacher Time raffles and auctions, class baskets, food and drinks, and much, much more. Spring Fling is a great way for our Hacienda community to spend a Saturday together. Look for more information in this newsletter to find out how you can help make this year's Spring Fling the best one yet.

Later this month (March 20th), HIPS will be sponsoring a fantastic community event, The International Art Night Festival. There will be many different kinds of art that students can make, including Indonesian shadow puppets, African necklaces, Rangoli chalk art and more! Stay tuned for ways you can help with this amazing event, including donating yummy desserts from around the world for our families to sample.

As we head into spring (without really getting a winter — boo!), take time to stop and enjoy the California native wildflowers. The arroyo lupine meadow in the outdoor classroom is particularly gorgeous right now!

Until next month,

Melissa Belur



Science Lab Notes

MARCH 12TH: MINI-OUTDOOR WORKDAY



Come help for 30 minutes or more in the outdoor classroom, after the early release (1:06) on Thursday, March 12th. Help us prepare our “nature acre” for the spring bloom by weeding, pruning, and general clean up

on campus.

- 1:30-2:45= Work time. (Please arrive by 2:00, no later!)
- 2:45-3:45= Crayfishing for students who worked 30 minutes or more.
- * 3:45-4:00= Clean up (adults put away and organize tools)
- Parents are responsible for directly supervising their children, the whole time!
- Wear shoes that can get dirty, and work clothes.
- Bring your own work gloves, if you have them. Otherwise, we have loaners.

Don't miss out on the fun. Thanks to Hacienda's families who help maintain the outdoor classroom that makes Hacienda so unique. In the event of rain, this workday will be canceled. Questions? Contact Ms. Deckert at adeckert@sjsud.org.

NEW GARDEN BEDS BUILT ON FEB. 7 WORKDAY

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers that braved the passing showers to help prep and build two raised garden beds in the southwest corner of the outdoor classroom. The workgroup included many high school students, proud Hacienda alumni. Special thanks go to the Lucas family for renting a trailer and hauling the many cinder blocks to Hacienda, in the rain! Wow!

Here are the hard workers who helped build the beds...

Ali T.	Cameron J.	Jessie P.	Max H.
Allison P.	Danika L.	Joanne R.	Michael Y.
Ally L.	Dennis H.	Julie P.	Michelle T.
Arya T.	Ellen D.	Kira R.	Nathan C.
Blake H.	Jeannie L.	Marc L.	

THANK YOU ADULT WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, January 24, a small but mighty group of Hacienda volunteers trenched and installed a new PVC line and found a long-buried water shut off valve. We cut up rotten railroad ties and prepped for the new replacement garden beds. Many thanks to Dan Keller, Ryan Pruitt, Rick Prijatel, Bill Nakamura, Darren Wallace, Alejandro Alvarado for their great help and dedication to Hacienda. Additional appreciation goes to the Prijatel family for donating a cover for the new water shut off valve and to the Keller family for towing the ditch digger rental.



Adult volunteers installed a new PVC line in the outdoor classroom.



February workday volunteers build raised garden beds in the outdoor classroom.

ANIMAL ADOPTION PHOTOS SENT HOME

Thanks to all who adopted animals for the 2014-15 school year. Photos were sent home with students before the winter break in February, so look in those backpacks, if you never got it. Questions? Please contact Rebecca rountree@gmail.com or Shanti shantijane@comcast.net.

SUMMER HOMES FOR LAB ANIMALS



Are you interested in taking care of one or more of the Hacienda lab animals over the summer months? If so, please contact Ms. Deckert, science program assistant, for information at adeckert@sjusd.org or come find her in science lab after school. First come, first served.

of Haciendans. Special thanks go to Anna Lilly, Susan Herrera, and Elizabeth Hirai for a great job coordinating the event. Nancy Davenport once again organized fun and educational space crafts. Thanks to Jim VanNuland and volunteers from the San Jose Astronomical Association for bringing their telescopes, and willingness to share their love of the great outdoors... at night!



TINKER TOYS FOR SCIENCE

Have your kids outgrown their tinker toys? Please donate them to the science lab for use with engineering activities. You can drop them off with Ms. Deckert in the science office, Room 34. Thanks!

UNIVERSAL SUPERSTARS!

Infinite thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to another stellar star party enjoyed by hundreds

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher



HAVE YOU EVER BOUGHT A Groupon?

Guess what!!! There is SCRIP for it. Available as a physical \$25 gift card or you can order ScripNOW from \$20 - \$200 (in \$10 increments). Our rebate from Groupon Scrip is 7%! That means if you buy \$100 of Groupon Scrip then Hacienda earns \$7. How awesome!

GROUPON™

SCRIP GIFT CARDS ARE SO EASY!!!

You must give it a try! Remember gift cards are sold at face value. Do you want a \$25 Target gift card? Then you ONLY pay \$25. It is the same as buying a gift card from a store except the beauty of SCRIP is that Hacienda gets a percentage of the gift card sale. Hope to see you all stop by the SCRIP table soon or send an email to HaciendaScrip@gmail.com

shopwithscrip  .com

To print your own order form and to find more information about this fundraiser, please visit <http://www.sjusd.org/hacienda/hips/scrip/> Please enclose a check payable to HIPS with your order form.

ORDER FORMS DUE ON MONDAY MARCH 16TH

THE SCHOOL COORDINATOR WILL PLACE THE NEXT SCHOOLWIDE SCRIP GIFT CARDS ORDER ON TUESDAY MARCH 17TH

(Your gift cards will be ready for pick up by 3/20)

Musical Notes

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In March we are listening to *The Celebrated Chop Waltz* (a.k.a. *Chopsticks*) composed by Euphemia Allen.

- Published in 1877 when Euphemia was 16 years old using the pseudonym “Arthur de Lulli”. This is her only published composition.
- The original sheet music included instructions to play “with both hands turned sideways, the little fingers lowest, so that the movements of the hands imitate the chopping from which this waltz gets its name.”

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN CLASS?

The primary students have had a blast this winter singing new songs and playing rhythm sticks, drums, xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, handbells, and more! In addition to all the instrument play going on, kinder and 1st grade each learned a folk dance in February; 2nd graders have been enjoying singing Freddie the Frog songs including “The Metronome Blues” and “Here On Treble Clef Island”.

This month, students in all grade levels will begin to learn the music for our annual Earth Day celebration. The Earth Day program will take place on Friday, April 24th at 1:00pm outside on the primary grade blacktop. Families are encouraged to attend this event!

JOLLY GOOD SHOWS!

Congratulations to Hacienda’s 3rd and 4th grade students for successfully entertaining parents and guests during their grade level performances last week.



3rd grade Chorus (Photo credit: Holly Harrison)

The 3rd grade students had an amazing performance about the planets! Students sang with enthusiasm, acted

with emotion, spoke with clarity, played their recorders with pizzazz, and danced with energy. Audience members left the cafeteria feeling revived and happy! It was a “stellar” show.



4th grade recorder concert (Photo credit: Sherry Johnson)

The 4th grade students charmed the audience with their recorder playing and singing. From folk songs to patriotic tunes, the students did an excellent job demonstrating all they’ve learned on their school instruments. Starting the performance with one of the first songs they learned on the recorder and concluding with a lovely duet, everyone was impressed with the students’ musical abilities. Great job, students!

DVD’s of both performances are still available for \$5 in case you want to send a copy to the grandparents. Please see Ms. Ulrich for details.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

5th Grade Musical “Compose Yourself”

Wednesday, March 18 11:15 AM & 12:55 PM (assemblies) and 2:05 PM (parent show)

Earth Day/Arbor Day Program

Friday, April 24 – 1:00 PM (whole school, outside on primary blacktop)

Kids In Motion – Dance & Movement Performance

Friday, May 22– 10:00 AM (whole school, outside on upper blacktop)

1st Grade Metamorphosis Chorus

Thursday, May 28 – 9:15 PM

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The outcome of the food drive was great! We filled four barrels of food! At our last meeting we decided our next project, Pennies for Patients (you will learn more about this project soon). We also made votes for our next projects after that. We made votes on spirit days too (the spirit days will be announced after our next meeting on March 9th)!



SEE'S CANDY SPRING FUNDRAISER

Here comes Peter Cottontail....Get all your goodies for those baskets and spring gifts from our See's candy Spring Fundraiser!!! Please watch for your See's candy order forms.

The See's candy fundraiser will begin on 3/3 and end

on 3/13. The candy will be delivered to your children's classrooms on 3/30!!

Thank you for supporting this fabulous fundraiser!!!



Mark Your Calendar

Mar 2-16	See's Candy Fundraiser
Mar 8	"Spring Forward" Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar 12	Outdoor Workday @ 1:30
Mar 12-13	Early Dismissal 1:30
Mar 17	HIPS Meeting - 7:00-8:30pm. Childcare provided
Mar 20	Art Night Festival!
Mar 30	See's Candy Delivered
Apr 7	Dining Fundraiser: Aqui Willow Glen
Apr 13-17	No School - Spring Break
Apr 18	Going Native Garden Tours
Apr 21	HIPS Meeting - 7:00-8:30pm. Childcare provided
Apr 24	Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration
Apr 25	SPRING FLING!!!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: HACIENDA SPROUTS GARDEN PARENTS

Thank you to all the Sprouts Garden Parents who spend countless hours working in the gardens, assisting teachers, helping our students get their hands dirty while they learn, and making our school campus so lovely.

THANK YOU for being a BIG part of Hacienda!

Welcome

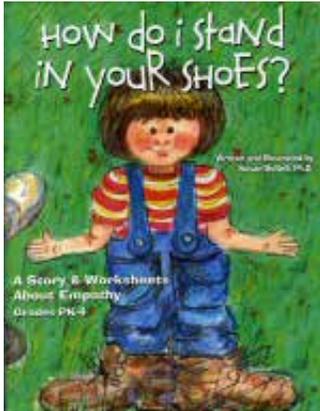


ABC PROJECT CORNERSTONE

Champion Year, Lesson 6

How Do I Stand in Your Shoes?

By Susan DeBell, Ph.D.



Try seeing life through my eyes...

Try walking in my shoes...

The Girl you just called fat?
-- She has been starving herself & has lost over 30 lbs.

The Boy you just called stupid?
-- He has a learning disability & studies over 4 hours a night.

The Girl you just called ugly? -- She spends hours putting makeup on hoping people will like her.

The Boy you just tripped? -- He is abused enough at home.

em·pa·thy [em-puh-thee] noun. The power of understanding and imaginatively entering into another person's feelings. To show empathy you must either think of a time when you felt the same way as another person, or you must pretend to be the person you are trying to understand."

**More happens
in the lives of
people than you
think.**

Our book for this month is *How Do I Stand In Your Shoes*, By Susan DeBell, Ph.D. **THE FOCUS IS TO LEARN EMPATHY.** Understanding the feelings of others is a complex social skill that requires practice. Learning how to stand in someone else's shoes can help prevent unhealthy social behaviors.

THE STORY: Miranda, the main character in the book, does not understand the feelings or difficulties of the other students in her class. In frustration, Miranda responds by being impatient, angry and using put-downs. Following the advice of wise and caring adults to learn to stand in someone else's shoes, she asks her neighbor for help. Her neighbor explains that she needs to show empathy.

As parents, what can we do?

- Take every opportunity to notice, name and celebrate

empathetic behaviors!

- Guide your child as they practice both giving and receiving empathy.
- Help create an environment where your child feels both cared for and cared about!
- Up-standers take a stand against what is wrong. Stand Up for what you believe in!

If you would like to know more about this important program, please contact Catherine Lavin catlavin@sbcglobal.net



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

New books have arrived and are flying out of the library in the hands of avid readers. Keep an eyeopen for new books coming home with your students.

One of the things that makes our library inviting is student projects. Ms. Dolan's second grade class is sharing their "Letters to Readers" project. A student writes a letter describing their favorite character in a book. The letter is matched to the appropriate library book. The next person to check that book out, can choose to read the letter that accompanies the book. If you see a library book come home with one of these envelopes tucked into it, please help your student remember to bring it back when they return the book. In a perfect world, the letters make it back to the library so that they can be read again. I'll keep my fingers crossed and see how many rounds they make!

Also, Ms. Heritier's class has brought in some wonderfully creative works. They have been studying biographies and have created reports and puppets of their chosen person. If you have a chance to drop into the library, you will see puppets and reports on Gabby Douglas to Ludwig Von Beethoven! They are definitely worth your time.

Happy Reading,
Cindy Jacobs
LIBRARY LADY

