



Hacienda News

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER



Come one!!
Come all!! Get
you holiday See's
candy goods
delivered right
to you and raise
money for our
awesome school

at the same time.

Sales runs from 11/2-11/16. Candy will be delivered to your child's classroom on Monday 11/23. Delivery will be made before Thanksgiving this year, as to accommodate your Thanksgiving and Holiday needs. We cannot hold any candy for you, so please be prepared to pick it up from your teachers that day!! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Larissa Ramos at 408-531-7187 or via email at mamiramos71@yahoo.com!!



SAVE THE DATE: SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BINGO NIGHT ON NOV. 18TH

Put November 18th on your calendar and give yourself a night off from cooking! Join the Hacienda community for a social evening out at the Spaghetti Dinner and BINGO Night, hosted by the San Jose chapter of the Elks, at their lodge at 444 W. Alma Ave. The crowd pleasing food will be available for \$10 per adult and \$6 per child, and then you and your family can have some fun playing BINGO. The members of the Italian Men's Club have generously volunteered to run the games for us, and we'll have prizes including home-baked goods and "free dress" vouchers for the kids! \$3 per card or \$5 for two, and all money raised goes to HIPS! See you there!

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 21, 2015

9a.m. to 6p.m.

Location: Hacienda Environmental Science Magnet

Hacienda Robotics Program will be hosting 16 teams at the FLL Qualifying Tournament. Teams will compete in the Robot Game using a Mindstrom Kit and will also be judged on: Core Values, Project and Robot Design.

We need...Event Volunteers: Judges, Referees, and Logistics

For more information, Contact Anna Lilly at aclilly@sbcglobal.net / 408-307-3658



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

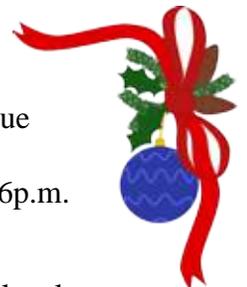
Mark your calendar!!!

Hacienda's Annual Holiday Boutique

Is coming

Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 2p.m. to 6p.m.

Hacienda Cafeteria



Have fun shopping and supporting our local vendors. Unique and creative gift ideas, raffles, Santa photos and more!

Are you a vendor or do you know one?

Join in the fun, while becoming involved in our Hacienda community and meet other families while making some money on your unique hobby or craft. Vendor sign-ups will happen soon, contact aclilly50@gmail.com

As a vendor, you may purchase a six-foot individual table space for \$45. There is no percentage of sales back to the school; we only ask that you donate one item, of your choice, for the Boutique raffle on that day.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Dear Hacienda Families,

We are moving into this beautiful autumn season, and as I look outside my office window, I am crossing my fingers for some rain! Our Fall Festival last week was just phenomenal, and I hope that all of you enjoyed it as much as I did. We had plenty of delicious food, beautiful weather, and games and activities galore. I heard from numerous students that the haunted house was SUPER scary this year, which of course made it even more exciting! Thank you to HIPS and all of our wonderful volunteers for your many hours of effort in organizing this special event for our community.

Recently, we completed our Scholastic Book Fair, which was such a resounding success that we will be having another one in May. That one will be a bit smaller, and will take place the week of Open House. Thank you to Susan Herrera and Chris Jelesky for coordinating the book fair(s).

Traffic seems to be flowing pretty smoothly around Hacienda, and it's always appreciated when drivers take care 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 gates before your child exits the vehicle.** And of course, ALWAYS have your child exit only from the passenger side of the vehicle to ensure their safety.

Next week we will be finished with conferences, and will move right into Veteran's Day, which falls on Wednesday, November 11th. Please enjoy a midweek day off with your children.

Before closing, I would like to give you all a brief update regarding Recess 101. Coach Ariel is now teaching Physical Activity Classes with all grade levels, training has begun for our Recess Leaders, and overall the structure at recess and lunch continue to show improvement. Students have learned the parameters for the various games played during these times. We have created zones for the 1st through 3rd grade lunch area, and are working to improve the flow of, and expedite 4th and 5th grade students as they transition from play to lunch. We continue to ensure that all students have enough time to eat and play.

Finally, I would like to encourage all parents to attend part II of Unwrapping the Common Core: Math Practices, taking place on Monday, November 16th, at Reed Elementary (on Jacob). This is a great opportunity for parents to experience a common core math lesson at the grade level of their choice. Lessons will be taught by teachers from Reed, Hacienda, and Schallenger, and you may ask all the questions that will help you, parents, support your children as they learn math the common core way. I hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy



LETTER FROM HIPS PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda families,

Some sprinkles of much-needed rain, cooler temperatures, the smell of pumpkin spice everything... fall is nearly here! Are you still buzzing from our amazing Fall Festival? This year's event was bigger and better than ever. I hope you and your family had a great time — it's definitely one of our favorite community events of the year!

It takes a lot of volunteers to pull off such a fun and fabulous event. Did you see your teacher volunteering at Fall Festival? Many of our wonderful teachers and staff (including Principal Loy!) gave their time Friday night to help us build community and to raise money for our school. How cool is that?! Many thanks to all our volunteers for making this the best Fall Festival yet.

Our awesome co-chairs, Michelle Scripoch and Anna Lilly, do a lot for our school and they're not ones to take credit for all their hard work. So if you see them around campus, give them a high five and a thank you and tell them how fantastic they are!

Coming up in a couple of weeks, we have a brand new community event: Spaghetti and Bingo Night! We haven't had a spaghetti feed for several years, and I can't recall a bingo event in the past 5+ years. Bring the kids, hang out with friends, meet new people...and maybe win some prizes, too!

HIPS is all about building a strong community and support network for our school. We want everyone to feel like part of our Hacienda family. I'd love to hear your feedback on how you feel the year is going!

Until next month,

Melissa Belur
HIPSPresident@gmail.com



Mark Your Calendar

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| Nov 2-16 | See's Candies Fundraiser |
| Nov 8 | Sunday Outdoor Workday
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. |
| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day - No School |
| Nov 16 | Part II of Unwrapping the Common Core: Math Practices
5:30 p.m., Reed Elementary cafeteria |
| Nov 17 | HIPS Meeting, Faculty dining room
6:45 p.m. Social
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Meeting
(childcare provided at YMCA by HIPS) |
| Nov 18 | Spaghetti & Bingo Night
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., San Jose Elks Lodge |
| Nov 21 | First Lego League Qualifying Tournament, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov 25 | Minimum Day, dismissal at 1:36 p.m. |
| Nov 26-27 | Thanksgiving Break - No School |
| Dec 1 | Holiday Boutique
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria |
| Dec 3 | 3rd Grade Chorus at Hicklebee's
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| | Willow Street Pizza Fundraiser |
| Dec 11 | 1st Grade Holiday Chorus, 9:15 a.m.
2nd Grade Holiday Chorus, 2:05 p.m. |
| Dec 18 | Winter/Holiday Sing Along |

SPRING FLING POSITIONS - YOU CAN DO IT!

Fall Festival was awesome, but it needed YOU to make it so and you're feeling proud and confident about what you did! Now take that feeling a step further and commit to Spring Fling. No experience necessary. On-the-job-training provided!

Spring Fling Chairperson

Work with an amazing group of volunteers and organize Hacienda's largest fundraiser. Guidance will be provided.

Walk-a-thon Chairperson

Works with the Spring Fling Chairperson to oversee the pledge information, registration, prizes and the walking course.

Please contact Anna at Acilly@sbglobal.net or 408-306-3658 for more information.



RED ROBIN

Help our school raise money all year long with Burgers for Better Schools™! It's free to join and easy to participate. All you have to do is become a Red Robin Royalty member, select our school, and Red Robin will donate 1% of all purchases you make at participating locations. Learn more at redrobin.com/betterschools



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The library is humming right along. Thank you to the families that sent in the two chess sets, they are being put to good use by our students during lunch recess. If you missed last month's newsletter, I put a call out for chess sets that aren't being used at home to be donated to the library. If you find that you have a chess set lying around the house that isn't getting used, consider sending it in for our budding chess wizards.

November marks the beginning of the holiday season. This time of year can be extra crazy with events, travel, and visiting of all kinds. Even when life gets extra busy, it is important to set some quiet reading time aside for your children (and yourself, too!). If your holiday involves travel to a relative's home, encourage your student to bring along reading material. If that reading material is a library book, be sure to bring it home when you return.

And finally, this time of year reminds us of how much we have for which we are thankful. Inevitably, I will have the prompt "For what are you thankful?" on my white board awaiting student response. Well, here are a few things for which I am thankful: interested and interesting students, all the great books donated to the library from the book fair, and the tireless efforts of my library volunteers. Life is good.

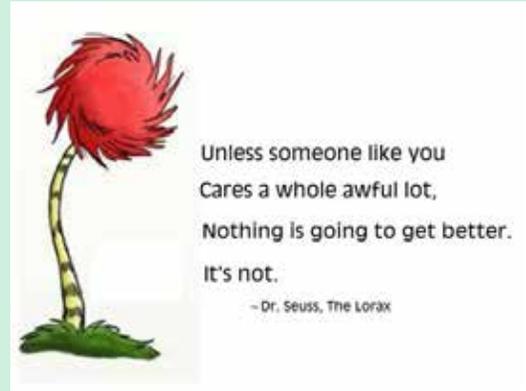
Happy Reading,

Cindy Jacobs
Library Lady



HICKLEBEE'S AND DINNER NIGHT

Join your Hacienda friends for a night out in Willow Glen on Thursday 12/3/15! Have dinner at Willow Street Pizza then watch the 3rd graders sing Holiday songs at Hicklebee's at 6:00 and 7:00. 10% of all purchases made at Hicklebee's that day will go to book credit for our library! Willow Street Pizza will give back 20% of their proceeds to HIPS and you can dine in or take out any time between 11:30 and 9:30.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful beyond measure, that we have so many people that care an *awful lot*.

Amazing Dedicated Teachers

Membership Superhero Michelle and her team

Traffic Volunteers

Salad Bar organizers Shanti, Cristina and everyone that came to help feed the kids

Sprout Leader Lieka and her crew of dedicated parents

Art Vista creative-minds Stephanie, Penny and their talented art leaders

PEST Lead giver Laura and all the giving families that help spoil our staff

Movie Night organizer Astrid and her team

Scholastic Book Fair booklovers Susan, Chris and their team

Animal Adoption organizers Rebecca, Wendi and Laura

SELAC members that share their diversity and home cooked food

Boxtop Leader Corie and everyone that saved Boxtops for our school

Keeping the kids in uniforms is Larissa and Michelle

Fall Festival Wicked Crew that showed up and gave their all!!!

A very special THANK YOU to Corie & Jen for organizing all the Fall Festival volunteers.

THANK YOU for helping to make Hacienda an amazing community!!



Science Lab Notes

JOIN HACIENDA OUTDOOR CLASSROOM WORKDAY ON SUNDAY, NOV. 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.**

IT TAKES A VILLAGE... OF VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to the many Hacienda volunteers who have gone above and beyond by donating their time and skills to a variety of science program projects...

During our recent Ohlone studies, third graders were thrilled to build their tule boat models and paddle a tule boat around the pond. Special thanks go to volunteers who helped Mr. Keedy with harvesting tules at Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge over fall break: **Bill Nakamura, Dana Mattsson, Lieke Vlasveld, Heather Stenshamn, Allison Pruitt, and volunteers from San Jose Water Company.** Current and former Hacienda students who helped with the harvest included **Frank C., Josh N., Samuel S., Sarah M., Emma M., Jamey Mc, and Liam P.** Hacienda alumni who helped cut tules for the miniature tule boat models were **Joseph M. and Bryan D. An Kang** and **Dana Mattsson** helped Ms. Deckert build the large tule boat for students to paddle. Thank you to **all of the parent volunteers** who helped students to build their mini-boats and who assisted with tule boat rides,



Students and parents helped harvest tules over fall break.



Third graders experience tule boat paddling.



Buoyant tules and good balance keep you dry.

during science labs. **If you know someone who works at San Jose Water Company, please let him or her know how much Hacienda families appreciate their assistance to enrich our kids' learning experiences.**

Science is a messy business, so thank goodness for **Tara Murphy, Elisa Crosby, and Nanang Gloria**

Villaluz. They keep the science lab stocked with clean rags and containers.

Appreciation goes to the **Murarka family** for providing a grant to help fund the raised garden beds in the outdoor classroom. The talented **Dana Mattsson** put her artistic skills to work to create a plaque to thank the Murarka family for their gift to the science lab.

On a weekly basis, **An Kang** helps with all kinds of behind-the-scenes jobs in the science office, while **Ann Shiba** continues to be invaluable as our super science shopper

Our volunteers contribute so much to make amazing science lab experiences for Hacienda students. **We are truly grateful!**

TRY THE TRASH-FREE FRIDAY CHALLENGE



Every Friday at Hacienda is a “Trash Free Friday,” just one way we can make a positive difference. Challenge your kids to help build a trash-free lunch so that nothing has to go in the trash on “Trash Free Fridays.”

Build a lunch with reusable containers that your kids to bring back home. It’s a great way to develop good habits that add up to a healthier environment for all.

For more information on what can be recycled in your bins at home, go to: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=1545>

ANIMALTASTIC DONATIONS

Furry and scaly thanks go to our many families who supported the Hacienda science program by “adopting” an animal. Your generous donations are truly appreciated. Students who adopted animals will have their first animal photo/holding sessions during November and December.

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

SPROUTS CORNER -- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, LESSON #2, AND MORE

A huge **Congratulations** and **Thank You** goes out to all the Docents and Helpers who delivered “Lesson #1” to our students! And, a special “**Thank You**” goes out to all the teachers who are supporting the program by giving the students the time to interact with the gardens.

All grades engaged in their first Sprouts lesson learning about the building block of gardening/agriculture...The Soil! K/1 used their senses, 2/3 used a “recipe” to make potting soil and started all the school’s seedlings (80x 6-packs), and 4/5 applied scientific methods to test the soil’s composition/texture and its acidity. When you have the chance, please thank your classroom Sprouts Docent(s) and Helpers for all their efforts.



Lesson #2, to be completed by end of November, is all about planting the gardens according to garden plans. Students are sowing seeds, and/or planting seedlings. By the time December rolls around, our gardens will be in full gear. To ensure our gardens are growing to their capacity, our watering team has been watering the gardens 3x per week (MWF) in the mornings. You may have seen them busy before or after drop off time. If it wasn’t for them, our gardens would not be growing. Please stop by and thank them for their efforts.

Most beds have sections labelled for “Experimental/ Extra Plantings” which are intended for use by the teachers as they see fit and those parents who would like to get involved on an adhoc basis. If you have an experiment or other idea, feel free to discuss with your teacher, make a plan, and get the final “ok” from either Audra Deckert or Kevin Keedy.

We encourage all the families to take a minute or two to walk about the gardens seeing what the students are growing. Please remind the young ones to observe the gardens, and refrain from picking anything from the gardens or digging in the dirt (there may be seeds there!).

We are in “continuous improvement” mode with the program and have been incorporating feedback as we go to close gaps and further enhance the program. We have received valuable, critical feedback from the Docents and Helpers regarding Lesson #1 and the trainings, and encourage all involved with the program (or not) to submit feedback either verbally or written. All feedback is considered! Please help us make this program even better!

The students are looking forward to a great harvest when the right time comes, which we estimate early February. If you would like to be a part of the planning and delivery of the harvesting activities, please contact Heather Stenshamn at hsten@me.com.

The Sprouts Team (Audra, Heather, & Lieke)

Musical Notes

MUSIC ROOM THANK YOU'S



Thank you to the Scripoch family for donating MANY items on the music room Amazon wish list. Also, thank you to the anonymous donor who purchased the "Who Was?" series of books about musicians during the Scholastic Book Fair.

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In November we are listening to "Baby Elephant Walk" by Henry Mancini.

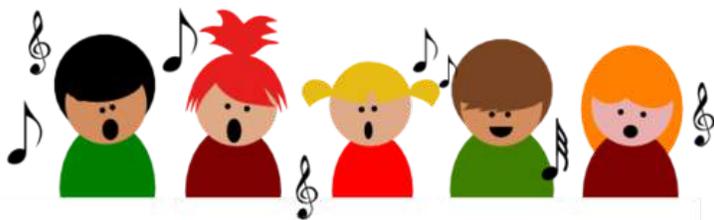
"Baby Elephant Walk" was a piece of music written in 1961 for the 1962 release of the movie *Hatari!*

The composer combines brass instruments (including repeated blasts from the tuba) and woodwind elements to convey the sense of a toddler that is large and plodding, but nonetheless filled with the exuberance of youth.

The catchy, jazzy simplicity of the tune has made it one of Mancini's most popular works.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE WINTER/HOLIDAY CHORUSES

On December 11th, the first grade and the second grade will each present their separate holiday chorus performances led by Mrs. Thompson. The students have already started learning some of the songs, and they will be working hard during November to finish preparing for their performances. First grade performs on Dec. 11th at 9:15 A.M. Second grade will perform on Dec 11th at 2:05 P.M. First and second grade students are excused from wearing uniforms that day and are encouraged to wear their "holiday best" for their performance. Families are encouraged to attend the performances!



THIRD GRADE HICKLEBEE'S CHORUS

On December 3, many third grade students will be performing holiday songs led by Ms. Ulrich at

Hicklebee's Bookstore in downtown Willow Glen. Participation is optional for all third grade students but many have signed up to perform that evening. Students from Mrs. Hoogerwerf, Ms. Miner, Mrs. Selfridge and Mr. Seymour's classes will be divided into two performance times, one at 6:00 P.M. and one at 7:00 P.M. Come to Hicklebee's, listen to some holiday singing, and support Hacienda by doing some holiday shopping that night!

While you are in Willow Glen that evening, visit Willow Street Pizza for appetizers or a full meal to benefit Hacienda! Willow Street Pizza will be giving Hacienda 20% of all sales that are made when presenting a flyer, so enjoy a dinner night out while supporting our school!



SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

- 3rd Grade Hicklebee's Chorus - Thursday, Dec. 3 between 6-7:30 P.M. at Hicklebee's Bookstore, downtown Willow Glen
- 1st Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 11 at 9:15 A.M. in the cafeteria
- 2nd Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 11 at 2:05 P.M. in the cafeteria
- Winter/Holiday Sing Along - Friday, December 18 (Check with your child's teacher for his/her assembly time. Parent seating is limited at the school-wide sing along assembly. Both assemblies will take place after lunch.)



~ Monica Ulrich



SCRIP PROGRAM: FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP!

Hi Hacienda Families,

Before you know it, the Holidays will be around the corner. Are you like me, starting to get your lists together of gifts you will give others (or gifts you would like to receive)? Are you planning on giving Gift Cards to your loved ones? Do you or your company buy Gift Cards to give as gifts to your employees during the holidays? If so, buy your Gift Cards from the Hacienda Elementary HIPs Scrip Program. It's a great way to get your shopping done early and easy way to help HIPs raise funds.

When you order gift cards through our school's scrip program, you receive the full value of what you paid, and HIPS will earn an immediate rebate percentage of what you spend – typically between 3% and 15%, depending on the retailer. Something as simple as a family dinner at Chili's - not your typical fundraising activity - would earn 11% of your spending for our school. HIPs uses these proceeds to support the many amazing programs at Hacienda.

Our Scrip program offers Gift Cards for most of the most popular stores used by our families and friends,

and new ones are being added throughout the year. You can use scrip to pay for gas, groceries, restaurants, home improvement, clothing, and entertainment.

There are a few simple ways to order scrip:

- Place your own orders on ShopWithScrip.com. (our organization is listed as: HIPS Hacienda Involved Parents and Staff)
- Orders can be paid by Cash, Check or PrestoPay (see the website on how PrestoPay works)
- Order on-the-go with MyScripWallet, the mobile scrip experience.
- Paper orders, available in the office and on PDF

Planning any holiday travel or thinking ahead to Spring Break? We have Gift Cards to many hotels, car rental companies, gas companies and hotel chains such as Best Western International, Chevron, Budget Car Rental, Comfort Suites, Delta Airlines and Royal Caribbean, to name a few. Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of available Gift Cards.

Order forms will be sent home soon to help you see what we have. There are many denominations available so if you don't see what you want, let us know and we will see how we can help you out. If you have ordered before using the paper form, we have condensed it to 2 pages so what you ordered may not be in the same spot as it was before.

Thank you for your support!

Go Paperless!

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

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.
- You can subscribe using several email addresses, so each parent can access the information from home, work and even your smart phone!

Thank you!!