



# Hacienda News

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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### LAST DAY OF HIPS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: SEPT. 11TH

This Friday, Sept. 11th is the last day of the 2015-16 HIPS Membership Drive. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it is designed to raise as much money as possible at the beginning of the school year to pay for the inspiring and unique programs at Hacienda. Joining HIPS simply means that you make a donation to support our HIPS-funded programs. HIPS spends at least \$300 per student per year to provide classroom supplies and programs such as Art Vistas, Music, Science, field trips, etc. Please consider donating to support the many HIPS-sponsored programs that go above and beyond what most public schools are able to provide.

complete coach training in October and November, and be at all lessons during the season (February 29 through mid-May).

If you are interested in becoming a coach, please contact 2015 Girls on the Run Coach Julie Hering at [julieherning@gmail.com](mailto:julieherning@gmail.com) or Girls on the Run Program Coordinator Denise Pang at [denise@gotrsv.org](mailto:denise@gotrsv.org).



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COACH THE GIRLS ON THE RUN TEAM AT HACIENDA!

Girls on the Run is a 10-week after-school program for 3rd-5th grade girls. Girls will learn

life skills such as confidence, how to be a good friend, how to stop bullying, and how to live joyful, healthy and confident lives. They will train for a 5K (3.1 mile) walk/run.

The team meets twice a week after school (days and times TBD) in late-February to mid-May 2016.

The cost for girls to participate is \$210 per girl for the early-registration program fee.

We are looking for volunteers (male OR female, 18+ years old) to continue this program at Hacienda! You don't have to be a runner or athlete in order to volunteer as a coach—just someone who is interested in health and wellness and wants to make a difference in a girl's life! Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley will train you to become a coach, provide all curriculum, full lesson plans and materials needed for the season, and support you throughout the season.

To volunteer, you need to **submit a coach application by September 21** (available at [www.gotrsv.org](http://www.gotrsv.org)),

### HACIENDA FALL FESTIVAL 2015

Friday, October 23rd, 5:30pm-9:00pm

One of Hacienda's biggest community events is coming and we need your help to make it a success!

This is a great opportunity for you and your family to mingle with other Hacienda families and staff in a fun setting. The best way to get to know people and to feel like you are part of your school is to get involved!

Don't miss this night of fun!

- \*GAMES
  - \*FACE PAINTING
  - \*PRIZES
  - \*FOOD
  - \*CAKE / PUMPKIN WALK
  - \*GLOW BOOTH
  - \*BAKE SALE
- And much more!

We are asking every family to volunteer for at least one booth shift. Donations of drinks and baked goods will be much appreciated! And if you have a cooler we can borrow for drinks that would be great too! Volunteer forms will be sent home soon. Be sure to fill yours out ASAP!

See you there!

Contact Michelle Scripoch ([mscripoch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mscripoch@sbcglobal.net)) or Anna Lilly ([aclilly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aclilly@sbcglobal.net)) if you are interested in helping make this the best Fall Festival ever!

## MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Hello Hacienda families,

The school year is in full swing, and students are already hard at work learning about fascinating topics such as close reading, author's purpose, area and perimeter, and volume, just to name a few. This year we will continue to teach the Common Core State Standards, which will then be assessed (in grades 3-5) in the Spring. Speaking of the assessments, the results from the first year's assessments, given this past Spring, were released by the state of California, just yesterday. The results of these will be shared next week ((Wednesday, September 16th) at the Principal's Coffee in the faculty dining room (at 9:15am).

Our Recess 101 coach, Ariel Valdez, is hard at work implementing structure and games for students at recess. Students are learning the map of the yard, and where specific games can be played. For example, the use of jump ropes and hula hoops can only be used on the blacktop. This is leading to a much safer experience for students during recess. Next steps for Recess 101 are to teach students how to resolve conflicts with their peers, establish a recess leadership program, and set up physical activity classes for every classroom.

On another note, if you haven't yet joined HIPS, the membership drive continues through tomorrow, and you are encouraged to become a member. HIPS offers many ways for you to volunteer to support our school. From the Traffic/Safety Committee, to participating as a Sprouts docent, the opportunities are nearly endless.

Although it seems as though school just started, believe it or not, Fall Break is only two weeks away! It runs from September 28-October 2nd, and school is back in session on October 5th. I hope that you all enjoy the lovely, soon-to-be Fall weather, and I hope to see each of you at the Coffee next week!

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy



## HIPS LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda families,

On behalf of our parent-teacher group, Hacienda Involved Parents & Staff (HIPS), I'd like to welcome you to the 2015-16 school year. I've been really excited to meet many new families in the past few weeks. We are very glad to have you join us, and we hope you can already see what a special place Hacienda truly is.

Many thanks to our volunteers who put in countless hours to support our school. After kicking off the school year with Kinder Social, our amazing HIPsters are already hard at work on our annual HIPS Membership Drive, Movie Night planning, Hacienda's wonderful Art Vistas and Sprouts programs, and Fall Festival, just to name a few.

As of this writing, we have one week to go in our HIPS Membership Drive. Our goal for the Drive this year is to raise \$70,000 to help fund our full-time music program, our unique outdoor classroom, Art Vistas, Sprouts, classroom supplies, technology, Recess 101, and more. Our goal is to have every Hacienda family join HIPS. Please consider making a donation before the Membership Drive ends on September 11, and don't forget to check if your company offers to match charitable donations!

There are many ways to find out what's happening at Hacienda. You can keep up with HIPS in several ways: subscribe to the HIPS Weekly Buzz, like Hacienda Elementary HIPS on Facebook, and attend HIPS meetings, usually held on the third Tuesday of each month in the faculty dining room.

We've got lots of ways to help you get involved at school this year. Please feel free to email me with any questions or comments about HIPS.

Wishing you and your family a fabulous school year,

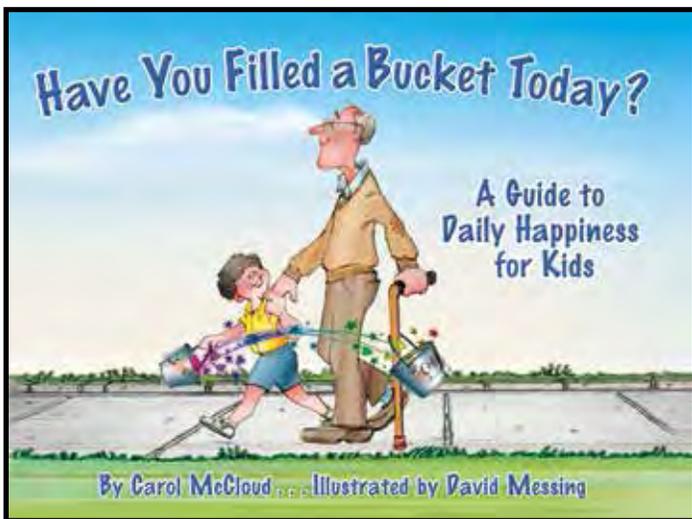
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HIPSPresident@gmail.com

## CORNERSTONE CORNER

Let's do our part to fill Hacienda students' lives with moments where they feel valued, respected, and known.

Each month, our Cornerstone volunteers and teachers read a special book to their students and engage the class in discussions and related activities. The topics of the books covered focus on tolerance, respect, friendship, identifying bullying behaviors and how to respond in a strong and positive way.

This month's ABC book: "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud is about expressing daily kindness and appreciation to others.



"Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" uses a bucket to symbolize our need to be filled everyday with positive experiences. The power of *affirming words* is captured by the simple concept of bucket filling. By *expressing and doing acts of kindness and appreciation*, we create warm fuzzies that fill our bucket and the buckets of others. Students and adults will learn to use the strong visual imagery of bucket filling as a tool and bucket filling language to *build friendship skills and campus-wide respect*.

After your child has had the lesson in class, ask your child to tell you more about:

- Warm fuzzies-What are they? (sending good feelings to others)
- Bucket fillers-How can you fill your own bucket and the buckets of others?
- Bucket dippers-How can you keep a lid on your bucket and how can you help bucket dippers fill their bucket?

When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it! Have a wonderful

day- and know that when we do something kind for others, they feel good and so do we.

To learn more about Project Cornerstone and how you can get involved, contact Catherine Lavin: [catlavin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:catlavin@sbcglobal.net)



## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



It's wonderful to have the students back in the library! Our first week of check out is behind us and all the rules and procedures have been reviewed. The pictures are from the first day of school. I'm always impressed with the kids' enthusiasm for books. Happy reading!





# Mark Your Calendar

- Sept 11**      **Last Day of HIPS Membership Drive**
  
- Sept 15**      **Sprouts Gardening Training: Soil Lesson 1, 9:15-10:30 am**
  
- Principal's Coffee**  
**9:15 am, faculty dining room**
  
- HIPS Meeting, faculty dining room**  
**6:45pm Social**  
**7:00-8:30pm Meeting**  
**Childcare provided at YMCA by HIPS**
  
- Sept 17- Oct 15**      **Hacienda Animal "Adoptions"**
  
- Sept 19**      **Saturday Outdoor Workday**  
**9:30 am - 2:00 pm**
  
- Sept 21**      **Girls on the Run**  
**Coach Applications Due**
  
- Sept 28 - Oct 2**      **Fall Break - No School**
  
- Oct 23**      **FALL FESTIVAL!!!**

## HIPS COMMUNICATIONS



### HIPS Weekly Email "The Buzz"

There is a weekly email from HIPS that lists upcoming events and school news: "The HIPS Weekly Buzz". (The Buzz is not the same as the Sunday night

message from Mrs. Loy.)

Sign yourself up to The Buzz email list: Send an email to [hacienda-parents-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:hacienda-parents-subscribe@yahoo.com)

### Thursday Family Folders

Thursday Folders are Hacienda's way of sending flyers, information, newsletters, etc., home each week all at

once and generally begin in Sep./Oct. These folders will go home with the youngest student in each family - ensuring that each family only gets 1 copy to reduce paper waste.

To further reduce paper waste, sign up to receive the fliers electronically. 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 paper use at Hacienda. Thank you! Use the link below to sign up for E-Thursday Family Folders: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P7639GN>

### Facebook

We put some photos or late-breaking news on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/HaciendaHIPS>



### Website

From the school website, click on the HIPS tab to see the HIPS handbook, meeting notes, and event information. <http://www.sjUSD.org/hacienda/>



### Have an idea for the Newsletter?

Articles, ideas, and photos are welcome! No flyers, or pre-formatted "articles" that cannot be manipulated/split into columns please. The editor does not write articles, so no "put something about the next fundraiser". Submit grammar/spell-checked articles to [NewsletterHacienda@gmail.com](mailto:NewsletterHacienda@gmail.com)

The October newsletter will go out on Thursday, October 8th. **Articles are due on Friday, September 25th.**



# Science Lab Notes

## SEP. 15TH SPROUTS GARDEN TRAINING: SOIL SCIENCE LESSON #1

We have truly remarkable, new Sprouts garden lessons to share this year. Lieke, Heather S., and Ms. Deckert have been hard at work on these incredible garden-based lessons that will bring “Next Generation Science Standards” to life for our kids and volunteers. Thank you to all of you who attended the Sprouts orientation last week. The theme of our first lesson is “soil,” and the training takes place at the science office (Room 34, by the outdoor classroom) starting at 9:15 (Please arrive by 9:10, so we can start on time). On-line video clips of the training sessions will be available for those unable to attend the training in person. Questions? Please contact Sprouts coordinators, Heather Stenshamn at [hsten@me.com](mailto:hsten@me.com) or Lieke Vlasveld at [liekevlasveld@yahoo.com](mailto:liekevlasveld@yahoo.com). We look forward to a bountiful year ahead!

## COME HELP AT HACIENDA OUTDOOR WORKDAY: SATURDAY, SEP. 19TH



Join in what makes science at Hacienda so special! We need lots of help preparing the soil in our garden beds, especially our newly constructed garden beds in the outdoor classroom. Alumni students needing volunteer hours are welcome. 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 and work clothes that can get dirty.**

## BOY SCOUTS BUILD NEW GARDEN BEDS

Thank you to Andrew Keller and his Boy Scout volunteers for building new raised garden beds in the outdoor classroom over the summer. Andrew, a Hacienda alumnus, organized this major undertaking for his Eagle Scout Project. The new, raised beds replace the old railroad tie beds that were



*Come see the new garden beds build by the boy scouts.*

decomposing. Come to our September 19th outdoor workday to check out the cool beds, and help fill them with soil and compost for our Sprouts gardening.

## “ADOPT” YOUR FAVORITE HACIENDA ANIMAL

Look for the animal adoption letter in your family folder in mid-September. Help support our science program, including the cost of feeding, housing, and caring for Hacienda’s many animals, by “adopting” a favorite critter today. The animals stay at school, but students in K-5th grade who donate **ANY portion of the cost to care for an animal** enjoy special holding sessions, a photo with their adopted animal, their name on the animals’ tank and on a poster in the science lab. Thanks for your support!



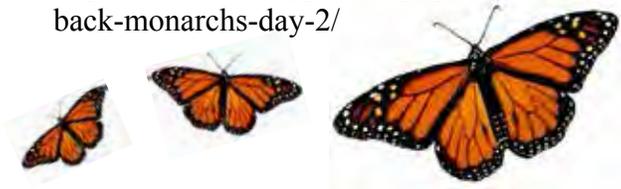
## OHLONE OUTINGS & MONARCH-MANIA

Travel back in time and celebrate the ancient ways of the native Ohlones. These are great, family-friendly events, especially recommend for families of 3rd grade students...

- Ohlone Day at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Felton  
Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
<http://www.thatsmypark.org/cp-calendar/ohlone-day-2/>
- Gathering of Ohlone Peoples at Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont  
Sunday, October 3, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
[https://apm.activecommunities.com/ebparks/Activity\\_Search/gathering-of-ohlone-peoples/9462](https://apm.activecommunities.com/ebparks/Activity_Search/gathering-of-ohlone-peoples/9462)

Also, migrate over to the over-wintering habitat of monarch butterflies to enjoy a variety of craft activities, games, “monarch” (pumpkin) ice cream, and a day at the beach. Recommended for kindergarten and 1st grade families, especially!

- Welcome Back Monarchs Day at Natural Bridges State Beach, Santa Cruz  
Sunday, October 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
<http://www.thatsmypark.org/cp-calendar/welcome-back-monarchs-day-2/>



## MARVELOUS MAY WORKDAY WORKERS!

Thanks to our awesome Hacienda volunteers who helped wrap up the school year with some work and fun in Outdoor Classroom last May.

A.J. R.	Allison P.	Cecilia U.
Aadirya P.	Alondra U.	Connor C.
Abby H.	Amy L.	Cylis C.
Abhiram P.	Anaida C.	Dan K.
Addison C.	Andrew K.	Dan R.
Alex H.	Aylin M.	Danielle J.
Alex H.	Bella H.	Dominik F.
Alexa C.	Camila C.	Dylan F.

Elina H.	Josh N.	Preethi L.
Ella R.	Kasey C.	Rick P.
Ellie H.	Keith F.	Ryan M.
Ellie N.	Kevin H.	Ryan P.
Eva R.	Kyle M.	Sarah L.
Evangeline R.	Laura P.	Shawn C.
Frank C.	Liam P.	Stephanie R.
Grace W.	Lieke V.	Tara M.
Henry W.	Madeline R.	Troy W.
India M.	Marcos C.	Uriel U.
Jeff M.	Miranda P.	Yasmine K.
Josh C.	Nathan P.	Zoe C.



*Thank you to our outdoor workday volunteers last May!*



~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

# Musical Notes

## NEED ROLLING STANDS BUILT

We are repeating this request from last year. The music teachers are looking for a handy person to build wooden rolling stands for our tone bar instruments (xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiel). Our current stands do not offer the stability, storage, and portability that we need. We hope to find a home improvement store that would be willing to donate lumber, screws, and casters to this project. This could be an ideal project for a Boy Scout ready to start an Eagle Scout project. Do you know of any eligible Boy Scouts looking for an Eagle Scout project?



If you have the skills to build rolling stands or someone you know does, please contact one of the music teachers, Mrs. Thompson or Ms. Ulrich. We are excited at the possibility of having sturdy stands that can withstand lots of Hacienda musicians for years to come. To give you an idea of the project, the rolling stands would be similar to the one in the picture. Let us know if you can help! We look forward to hearing from you.

## MUSIC ROOM THANK YOU'S!



Thank you to parent Samantha Christiansen for knitting mallet covers over the summer! They are colorful and fun and will extend the life of the instruments in the music room!

Thank you to parent Rebecca Edelman for replacing the elastic in all the finger cymbals! Ching-ching-ching!

Thank you to Hacienda “aunt” Serena Joshi for donating one electric guitar and one acoustic guitar to the music room. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all the parents who have donated items through the Hacienda Music Wish List on Amazon.com: Tisha Fathi, Gary Butera, and Melissa Quinn.

## COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH



This year the students at Hacienda will continue to be exposed to a “Composition of the Month.” At the very least, they will listen to the composition or to an excerpt from it, but often they will delve deeper while learning facts about the piece of music and the composer who wrote it. In August students learned about “Rhapsody in Blue” by George Gershwin. Ask your upper grade students what inspired Gershwin to write this concerto. This month Hacienda students are learning about “Water Music” by George Handel.

## AMAZON WISH LIST



Did you know that the music teachers have an online wish list you can access at Amazon? Check out the wishlist at: <http://tinyurl.com/lynq935>

The QR Code shown here should also take you to the wish list.



~ Monica Ulrich

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### Fall Festival October 23, 2015

Lead or be a part of the Set-up Crew, Clean-up Crew, or Games Crew. Contact Anna at [aclilly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aclilly@sbcglobal.net) or 408-307-3658.

### Book Fair Volunteers October 12 - October 16

Volunteers needed to assist with set-up, classroom visits and after school. Contact Susan at [Sguslick@yahoo.com](mailto:Sguslick@yahoo.com)

### Hospitality Committee

Assist the Hospitality Lead as needed with cooking and/or baking for Hacienda events.

We are seeking a Shadow for Hospitality Lead or Salad Bar Chairperson. The Hacienda Salad Bar NEEDS a chairperson. The Chairperson will schedule volunteers and assist with organization.



**SALAD BAR WILL BE DISCONTINUED IF WE DO NOT HAVE A CHAIRPERSON!**

Contact Anna at [aclilly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aclilly@sbcglobal.net)

### SCRIP PROGRAM

Hey Hacienda!

Looking for other ways to help raise funds for the many wonderful programs that HIPS sponsors? How about something that is easy to do, doesn't involve finding time to be at school and something you do every day anyway? Did you know that something as simple as your everyday shopping, morning lattes or tankful of gas can raise money for HIPS and your students? How, you ask? Simple – by using Gift Cards that HIPS sells through their Scrip program. There are many cards available through our provider: Great Lakes Scrip Center, just go to their website to see what they have to offer: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

HIPS purchases these Gift Cards at a discount and then

sells them to you at full cost. The difference goes back to HIPS as a rebate to help support the various programs on campus. For example... say you go to Starbucks every morning and get a Tall White Mocha (my favorite drink)... that's \$3.65 a day. And you pay with your Starbucks card. If you purchased your Starbucks card from Hacienda, guess what? We get 7% of your purchase. It may be pocket change for one drink but if you have a piggy bank, you know that the pocket change adds up over time. And if even 100 families did that for 1 month, 7% adds up to over \$700! And all without much effort.

Say Starbucks isn't for you? How about Peet's? We get 8%. There are a wide variety of retailers available through the Scrip program – Safeway, Target, Arco, Lucky, SaveMart.... All with different rebates back to Hacienda.

Another great aspect – Scrip has a feature available where you can pay for your Scrip online, by linking it to your bank account and purchases are deducted automatically. And some cards are reloadable – once you receive your order from Scrip you register the card and next time, you can reload the card by paying with your linked account. Simple and easy and you don't have to wait for your order.

Prefer to pay by cash or check, we can do that too. Don't have access to the online order form? There are always order forms available in the front office.

Thanks for your support!



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### FARM FRESH TO YOU

Farmigo is an online farmer's market where you can shop for fresh, delicious food and pick up your order at Hacienda on Wednesdays between 2:00-4:00 p.m. Order by midnight on Sunday and pick up your order when you pick up your kids. Late pick up can be arranged. Check out their website, then plan your shopping list!

[www.farmigo.com/hacienda](http://www.farmigo.com/hacienda)

For more information, contact Michelle at 408-802-9556.

