

HAWKEYE



Dear Hacienda families,

This is the time of year that we pause, reflect on all that we have to be thankful for, eat lots of turkey, and appreciate our family and friends. In my celebration of

Thanksgiving, I thought about how thankful I am for the wonderful children who attend Hacienda, our superb staff, and of course, all of the families and friends who support our school.

The month of December is always a busy time, with music performances, celebrations, and academic challenges such as the winter writing performance assessment taking place before we go to Winter Break.

On December 16, our 1st and 2nd graders are presenting their Holiday Chorus, and on December 21st, our kindergarten students are performing. Each of these performances will take place in the cafeteria. This year, we are asking parents NOT TO RECORD THESE PERFORMANCES. There are two reasons for this change. First, we have a number of students whose families have requested that their child not be photographed, and we must respect their right to privacy. The second reason is that recording (whether it be with a phone or with a tablet) impedes EVERY parents' ability to see their child. Mrs. Ulrich has asked me to include a link to an article that does a great job explaining the rationale behind not recording your child's performance. Here it is...<http://momastery.com/blog/2014/05/23/kids-year-performance/>

We ask that you enjoy the show, and live in the moment. I know that Mrs. Ulrich and Mrs. Thompson will be sure to provide photo opportunities for each of you at the end of the performances.

Finally, I would like to wish each of you a warm and wonderful holiday season. Celebrate with friends and family, and share your traditions with others, whatever those may be! My holiday CD's are already playing, and I look forward to a holly jolly month.:

Seasons Greetings and warm regards,

Carmen Loy
Hacienda Principal



FUN HACIENDA HOLIDAY EVENT that you won't want to miss. Even Santa's coming!

Get in the holiday spirit with hot cocoa, crafts, and pictures with Santa BY DANIELLE A. JENKINS

Please join us for some hot cocoa and adorable crafts to get in the holiday spirit. SANTA is coming! Get your picture taken with Santa. Our very own Marian Henkel will be continuing her wonderful photo sessions. Sign up for an appointment in advance to save time. Please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aafac22a1fc1-hacienda>. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your scheduled time. Walk-ins are still

welcome. Portraits will be delivered to your child's classroom by December 16.

Date: Tuesday, December 6th
Time: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Place: Hacienda Cafeteria

We will also have the Girl Scouts selling their yummy, fresh-baked goods. Yogurtland will be selling frozen yogurt. SELAC will be selling tamales! (We will be accepting cash and checks only.)

Come One, Come All!!

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LETTER FROM HIPS PRESIDENT

Season Greetings,

The magic of season is upon us and I hope you have opportunity to enjoy the simple things. I truly enjoy all the time I am fortunate enough to spend at Hacienda. I love watching the kids sing holiday songs, run around and giggle about silly things. I also love to see all the adults light up, when the kids recognize their faces.

Thank you to all that come to school to lend a hand and help make things happen. I would also like to wish a special thank you to the HIPS board, Jen, Diana, Mary, Michelle S., Michelle M., Tara, Heather and Melissa. These ladies work many hours behind the scenes, to make sure all the magic is possible. We appreciate you and all that you do for the kids.

The year might be coming to the end, but the school year is still going strong. Please, keep a look out for the Buzz emails and Thursday folders for things to come.

Thank you for being apart of this amazing community.

Till next month,

Anna Lilly

HIPS President

Science Lab Notes

BY MS. AUDRA DECKERT,
SCIENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANT

NEWS FROM THE HACIENDA HOMESTEAD

Winter Weather!

We are all so grateful for our recent rains, but none are as grateful as our native plants! Keep a lookout for native wildflowers and ferns emerging in the moist environments in our outdoor classroom, you may even spot a mushroom or two! We also want to give a special shout out to Wayne—a dedicated dad who helped to build the awning that keeps our chickens dry and their food mold free during the occasional downpour.



Chickens

We are adding the left over bales of hay from our Fall Festival to the chicken coop in hopes that it will jumpstart our compost! How are compost and chickens related, you ask? Well chicken manure is world renowned as “liquid gold” when it comes to initiating the decomposition of organic matter. We are periodically adding it to our lunch scrap compost pile to get it’s temperature up! When compost reaches the 110–140 degrees F mark, you know the FBI (fungus, bacteria, invertebrates) are doing their job.

Our chickens are also getting to work on helping cycle nutrients back into the various habitats in our outdoor classroom. Chickens are meticulous scratchers and love to turn soil and leaves over to find the tastiest grubs. They also help by spreading their natural fertilizer throughout our habitats which can catalyze new growth in otherwise dormant areas. This is all in an effort to increase the interconnectedness of our gardens, chickens and natural habitats here on campus.

Farm Stands

You can find our tasty winter veggies and fresh eggs every 2nd and 4th Wednesday after school at the Hacienda Homestead Farm Stand! Last Wednesday, we even had donated persimmons as well as herb bundles for your holiday needs. December 7th and the 21st will mark our last farm stands for the 2016 year!

TULE BOAT RIDES!

In true interconnectedness fashion, our 3rd graders learned from the ultimate environmental scientists—the Ohlone Native Americans. Last week we celebrated the local uses of various plants and walked in the Ohlone’s footsteps by learning how to create a tule boat and finally, ride in a life-size tule boat replica in our school pond!



Mark Your Calendar

Mark Your Calendar dates are collected two weeks in advance of publication. Submit dates for publication by email to newsletterhacienda@gmail.com. Entries may be edited for length and/or clarity.

DECEMBER 6

Ho Ho, Cocoa & Craft with Us! - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for Santa Photos, holiday crafts & more in the cafeteria.

DECEMBER 15

3rd Grade Hickleebee's Chorus - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Hickleebee's Bookstore, downtown Willow Glen

DECEMBER 16

1st Grade Holiday Chorus - 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria

2nd Grade Holiday Chorus - 2:10 p.m. in the cafeteria



DECEMBER 16

**See's
CANDIES**

See's Candy Pick-up - If you ordered See's candy, it will be dropped off at your student's classroom. We

cannot hold any candy for you. Please be prepared to pick it up from your child's classroom.

DECEMBER 20 - 23

5th Grade Science Camp

DECEMBER 23

Winter/Holiday Sing Along - Friday afternoon in the cafeteria

DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 9

NO SCHOOL - New Year Recess

JANUARY 16

NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Day

JANUARY 17

HIPS Meeting - Social time at 6:15 p.m., Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Faculty dining room

*Free childcare available at the on-site YMCA from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at every HIPS meeting for potty-trained children ages 3-12, provided by HIPS!

JANUARY 18

Wildlife Assembly - 1:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15

4th Grade Recorder Concert - 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria

3rd Grade Chorus - 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

FEBRUARY 20 - 24

NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

MARCH 2

Star Party

APRIL 21

Earth Day Celebration - 1:00 p.m.

MAY 5

5th Grade Musical "13 Colonies" - Friday at 2:00 p.m. (parent show) in the cafeteria

MAY 26

Kids in Motion - Friday at 10:00 a.m. on the upper-grade blacktop

GO PAPERLESS!

Did you know that every month parent volunteers make hard copies of the newsletter for over 400 families? At the end of the last school year, the school nearly ran out of paper, and a parent volunteer had to run out to Office Depot to buy more paper for the school.

As an environmental science magnet school, we are asking families to sign up to go paperless here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=QSiAQe57J%2fFEHHR5qorxgw%3d%3d>

[surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=QSiAQe57J%2fFEHHR5qorxgw%3d%3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=QSiAQe57J%2fFEHHR5qorxgw%3d%3d)

You will not only be helping the environment, but also reducing costs. You receive the same information, just electronically. The newsletter will even be in full color! The newsletter and other notices would be received electronically as part of Thursday Family Folders.



Sprouts Corner

December is here – jingle, jingle, jingle....

LESSON #2: UNDERSTANDING SEEDS & SEEDLINGS HAS BEEN DELIVERED!

Thank you to all Hacienda Students and the Sprouts Volunteers!

All the gardens have been planted with seeds and seedlings. With several days of rainfall in the past couple of months, many of the seeds planted thru Lesson #2, along with dormant seeds from the summer, have sprouted. Are you able to recognize what has been planted based on how the seedling looks? Is it a carrot, a radish, a beet, spinach, or chard? With Lesson #2 completed, students have learned about the parts of the seed, the lifecycle phases of “germination,” and “seedling”. They have practiced fine motor skills, by pinching seeds and placing them in the “troughs” or pushing them down into the soil the correct depth, according to the specifications on the seed packets. They are using a variety of measuring methods, such as the “farmer” knuckle method (for kids, a fingernail depth is about 1/4,” 1st knuckle depth is about 1/2,” and 2nd knuckles is about an inch) or with a ruler, to measure the planting depth. Some grades verified the row spacing by measuring the distance between troughs, and the seed spacing by measuring between the red marking sticks. The 5th graders planted the gardens of the Outdoor Classroom via seeds and seedlings. They were introduced to the concept of crop rotation (rotating families of plants from area to the next, every planting season, over a 4-year rotation cycle), which reduces the onset of soil-borne diseases. Soil-borne diseases occur when the same plant family is planted in the same location every season.

NEXT UP, LESSON #3 UNDERSTANDING PLANT GROWTH AND PLANT PARTS

December, into January, we will be delivering Lesson #3. This is all about plant growth and plant parts, and how seedlings and mature plants compete for resources, such as water, air, sunlight, and nutrients in the soil. They will also be reviewing from where the plant gets its’ food. For example, “germinating seeds” get their food from the cotyledon, which is the food source in the center of the seed. When the young plant enters the “seedling” phase, the food will come from the process called “photosynthesis”. Our garden activity in Lesson #3 primarily focusses on plant spacing, therefore, we are doing “weeding”. Weeding is the activity of pulling out unwanted plants in the garden, while leaving behind the ones we do want. Students will be matching weed cards to what they see in the garden. This lesson, across all grades, teaches students about being observant of small details. Though all grades will be weeding, each grade level will be learning about and focusing on the concepts appropriate for their grade level. For example, fifth graders will connect what they know about photosynthesis with what they are learning in the garden.

GARDEN RULES

We appreciate your support to remind your children about the rules of the garden beds. They can help by:

- **Looking with their eyes, and smelling with their noses, NOT by touching the plants or digging in the soil.** The Sprouts program relies on these gardens to be ready for each of the lessons. All students will have opportunities to touch and taste

during the lessons.

- **Sitting on the edge of the garden beds, NOT by standing or walking on them.** Accidental stepping into the garden beds damages delicate plants, and compacts the soil.

Also, please remind them that the gardens belong to all the students of Hacienda, to be enjoyed and explored by all. Please help to protect these special gardens of Hacienda.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have an hour of time to assist with Sprouts projects behind the scenes during the month of January at home or on campus? The core team is looking for assistance with a variety of tasks, such as: preparing bins and presentation boards for upcoming lessons, packaging seeds that were harvested in May by the students in small bags for the Hacienda on-campus “farmers stand,” replacing pages in garden journals, starting grade-level gardening activity options. If “yes,” please contact Heather (hsten@me.com). We appreciate any assistance to ensure the Hacienda gardening program is sustainable this year and for many future years!

Let’s Sprout!!

— HACIENDA’S “SPROUTS” COORDINATION TEAM: HEATHER STENSHAMN (“SPROUTS” CO-COORDINATOR), LIEKE VLASVELD-COPPOOLSE (“SPROUTS” CO-COORDINATOR), AUDRA DECKERT (SCIENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANT)



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Holy Haunted Mansion Werewolf!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in the H.M. so others could enjoy the spooky stroll!

BY PENNY SISLEY

Thank you so much to all of the wonderful Hacienda families who helped out with the Haunted Mansion this year. Lieke Vlasveld and Debbie Wiseth crushed set up and go it done! Thank you both for meeting ahead of time to make sure it was all under control. Thanks for your spirit the whole evening! Lieke, thank you for helping me the following Tuesday to get everything into storage! Thank you Michelle Scripoch for clearing the stage, like you didn't have 5 million other things to do!

Jim Busche and Garret Wiseth, you guys were absolutely driven with a hold no prisoners, get it done attitude! We loved it!! Thank you!! Thank you to Janis for all the costumes and for your very special touches. Thank you to the whole Hirai family for doing crowd control and owning that Witches Parlor! Thank you to Marjene Louie for all of your great donations and your Halloween spirit! Thank you to Meredith Stotzner for the super



awesome make up! Thank you to Garrett Brisbee and Adrian Romero for your excellent guidance! Thank you to Kaiden Wiseth for being so excited to be a part of this event! Your desire to be involved, and an amazing werewolf, kept us motivated! Thank you to all the middle schoolers (Ben, Reid, Tyler, Zach and many more!) and elementary volunteers (Lauren!) for bringing your hearts, and for hanging out all evening! Thank you to Helen Berhe for your infectious smile and your wonderful spirit! Thank you to **everyone** who volunteered in the H.M. so others

could enjoy the spooky stroll! Thanks a million times to all the motivated folks who stayed late and helped clean up. What a big awesome crew we had!! Because you cared, we all got home at a reasonable hour! I know there are so many more peeps, and please forgive me for not naming you all, but please know that you made a huge difference for all the kids that night, and for all of us big kids too!

Smooches! XO,
Penny Sisley

Volunteer Spotlight



"I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better

place for all people." –
Maya Angelou

BY DIANA WILSON

Hacienda community is so lucky to have such amazing superheroes...

- SELAC
- Box Tops Coordinator Corie Potter and helpers
- Hicklebees Coordinator Melissa Belur
- Art Vista Mentor, Team, Docents, & Classroom assistants
- See's Candy Sales Coordinator Larissa Ramos

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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you Melissa Belur & Michelle Scripoch for a SUCCESSFUL and FANTASTIC Fall Festival!!! Your leadership, perseverance, and passion were evident in each little detail of the event. Thank you for bringing our community together and inspiring others to volunteer for a SPOOKTACULAR night.

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.
It is hard work, perseverance,
learning, studying, sacrifice
and most of all, **love** of what you are doing.
- Pele

Musical Notes

BY MONICA ULRICH,
MUSIC TEACHER

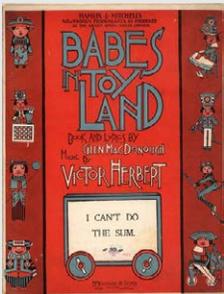
MUSIC ROOM THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the Crespin family (Drew-5th) for donating a much-needed bass bar mallet and an adorable music book called *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield from the Amazon music room wish list. Thank you also to the anonymous book donor! We don't know who you are, but we thank you for getting a book off our Amazon wish list.



COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In December, Hacienda students will be listening to "March of the Toys" from the operetta named **Babes in Toyland**, which was composed by Victor Herbert with a libretto by Glen MacDonough. The operetta wove together various characters from Mother Goose nursery rhymes into a Christmas-themed musical extravaganza. "March of the Toys," the most famous instrumental piece from the operetta, occasionally shows up on Christmas compilations.



FIRST AND SECOND GRADE WINTER/HOLIDAY CHORUSES

On December 16th, 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. 16th at 9:15 A.M. Second grade will perform on Dec 16th 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. Students hope all families will be able to attend the performances!

THIRD GRADE HICKLEBEE'S CHORUS

On December 15th, 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!



With our upcoming musical performances, we are reprinting a blog post from Momastery by Glennon Doyle Melton from May 23, 2014 to remind parents to mind their manners as an audience member.

WHAT NOT TO DO AT YOUR KID'S END OF THE YEAR PERFORMANCE

BY GLENNON DOYLE MELTON

There were 150 kids at the concert today- but I could only see a few of them. This was my view most of the morning.



PHOTO CREDIT: <http://momastery.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/rude2.jpg>

Please don't do this. There is no stadium seating in school cafeterias. And so when you do this - when you sit in a chair and hold your device above your head for the entire performance - you are blocking the view of many, many parents behind you.

What you are saying to every parent behind you when you do this is:

MY RIGHT TO SEE AND RECORD MY KID IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR RIGHT TO SEE YOUR KID AT ALL.

What you are saying is:
MY LATER IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR RIGHT NOW.

We can't have it all at these end of the year concerts and plays - but we can each have one important thing. If we are each respectful - we can each see the kids perform. That can happen. Unless you decide that this *one important thing* is not enough for you because you want **THREE THINGS**: 1. To see your kid perform 2. To record the entire event and 3. To remain sitting comfortably in the audience.

I just don't think you can have all three of those things without stealing part of the experience from everyone behind you.

Cornerstone Corner

I know you love your kid, *but the thing to remember is that everyone in that audience loves their kid exactly as much as you love yours.*

Listen – this goes deep – I know. I know this is all *so hard*. They are growing up. It's awful, really – this time of year when all of our hearts break open because another year is ending and those babies we used to hold in our arms are growing relentlessly and time is flying by and we just want to grab today and hold it tight and keep everything exactly as it is forever. We want the power to freeze time and we get these devices and we think they are the answer. But they aren't. You can't freeze time. Not even with that device.

What's happening is that you are not stopping time – you're missing it. You're missing them NOW. Look at them. Feel it all. BE HERE WITH US. Take some pictures, record special moments, sure – but also trust that you don't need to freeze every moment of today's "brutly" because tomorrow will have its share as well. These little people are still going to be excruciatingly "brutiful" tomorrow. They will be a different kind of beautiful, sure – but beautiful nonetheless. And that's why you HAVE TO BE HERE NOW because today's beauty – how they are TODAY – will never happen again. And the only way to MISS them growing up is to be so busy saving today for tomorrow that you don't sink into TODAY AT ALL.

I know you don't want to miss a thing – and nobody behind you wants to miss a thing either. We came to see TODAY'S BEAUTY. So just be here with us today. Remember the rest of us- behind you- doing the best we can to honor time and love our babies and watch them grow up and away with just a teeny little seedling of grace.

We're in this together.

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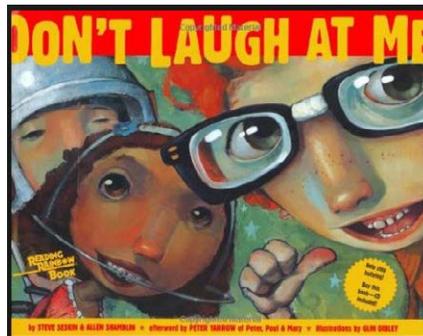
Reprinted from a blog post by Glennon Doyle Melton, founder of Momastery.com: <http://momastery.com/blog/2014/05/23/kids-year-performance/>

When you “catch” kids modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!

BY CATHERINE LAVIN

GRADES 1-5

The November/December book for grades 1-5: *Don't Laugh at Me* by Steve Seskin promotes acceptance and understanding of individual differences.



Goals of lesson:

1. Students **learn to express tolerance** for others.
2. Students learn how to **perform intentional acts of caring and peaceful conflict resolution** in order to create a school where every student feels accepted, valued and safe.

We hope you will talk with your child tonight about *Don't Laugh at Me* to reinforce the message at home:

- **Brainstorm ideas** to do intentional acts of caring for family, friends and neighbors. Choose one or two to do together.
- **Questions to discuss** with your child:
 1. How do you feel when you are treated unfairly by others? Why?
 2. Which injustices in the world bother you most?
 3. Why?
- As a family, discuss your views about equality and social justice. Consider choosing a cause to follow and help. Research shows that children benefit from a sense of empowerment when they successfully address societal

issues that might otherwise seem overwhelming.

KINDER

The Kindergarten book for November/December, *Talk and Work it Out*, helps kids understand and practice how to work out problems by stopping to think, talk it over and work out a plan.

The idea is to promote peaceful conflict resolution. In class they are talking about tools and strategies to help them avoid conflict with others. They learned that *it's OK to have different ideas and opinions* because these tools and strategies help them agree to disagree. Here are the *steps to resolve conflict*:

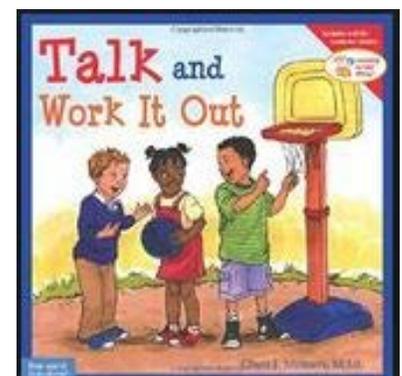
1. Talk about the problem.
2. Listen to understand.
3. Think of ways to solve it.
4. Choose the best plan.

Ask your child if they know some ways to deal with their feelings when they're mad or unhappy with a friend's actions. Their answers may include:

- Counting to ten
- Taking a walk
- Doing something active
- Drawing how you feel
- Telling a stuffed animal or pet
- Talking to an adult
- Taking a deep breath

In fact, *taking a breath is one of the best ways to stay calm*. Practice taking a deep breath with your child by inhaling and exhaling slowly—this is a good one to practice during a teachable moment!

Help them practice the above activities when they are feeling in control. This will help them internalize the skills and be able to use them when feeling upset.



Year-Round, Easy Fundraising

There are programs available that make it really easy to earn money for Hacienda, without requiring you to spend any additional money

BY ELINA HUE

Are you looking for an easy way you can give back to the school? Fundraising is a year-round endeavor, as many of the exceptional school-wide programs rely completely upon money raised by HIPS. There are programs available that make it really easy to earn money for Hacienda, without requiring you to spend any additional money.



ESCRIP

eScrip is a program that allows you to register your debit/credit/loyalty cards, and every time you use them at participating retailers (local and online), the retailers will send a percentage of your purchase total to Hacienda. Simple and effective! Through eScrip, 10% goes back to Hacienda!

All you need to do is log on to <http://www.escrip.com> to register. Select Hacienda (account number is 136926341), and register your debit/credit/loyalty cards to start earning funds for Hacienda the easy way! Some schools have even earned \$25,00 in one year!

Shop online and locally, dine out, and even book travel. The rebates happen automatically; there's no extra card to carry. Local participating merchants include Lunardi's, Una Mas, Kohl's, Willow Glen Frozen Yogurt & Ice Cream, Mojo Burger, Layla's Bistro and many more!

Joining eScrip is easy, and it's not limited to Hacienda parents. Anyone can register so encourage family, friends and neighbors to support Hacienda as well!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Do you buy groceries? Or maybe you prefer eating out at restaurants? Do you buy clothes? Gas? Use Scrip gift cards to pay for these purchases and earn money for Hacienda!

The Scrip concept is very basic and costs you nothing extra. Retailers sell their gift cards to Hacienda at a discount. Then families buy the gift cards at full face-value and redeem them for full face-value. If you need a \$25 gift card, you pay \$25, you get a \$25 gift card. Simple!

For example: HIPS buys a \$100 Macy's gift card from Scrip for \$90; You need to buy something from Macy's, so you purchase the gift card from HIPS for \$100, and you have \$100 on the gift card to spend. Hacienda keeps the \$10 difference as revenue.

What's the catch? The only catch is that you may have to plan your purchases a little bit. If you know you will be going grocery shopping, or you are going to need a special occasion gift or maybe you're going to Disneyland, you can order your Scrip gift cards ahead of time.

How convenient is this going to be for busy families to participate? You have two options for ordering:

1. **Complete the paper form here:** <http://www.sjUSD.org/hacienda/docs/Scrip-Order-Form-1.8.16.pdf>. Return it to school with your payment securely attached.
2. **Place your order online at ShopWithSCRIP.com and use**

PrestoPay. This makes Scrip shopping unbelievably fast. When you use it to pay for online orders, your Reload orders will process overnight and your ScripNow! eCards will be available in just minutes!

So how do I get my gift cards? HIPS keeps a limited supply of popular retailers and restaurants on-hand. If we have it in stock, you can get it from the Scrip Table right away. If your gift card(s) need to be ordered from our supplier, then it will be ready within 5 days. Thus, the beauty of ScripNow! and ReLoad - no waiting!!!

The first step is to create your free account by clicking on the green Family Sign Up box on ShopWithSCRIP.com. Follow the simple registration instructions. When prompted, enter the enrollment code 92954BF433L76. With your account, you'll be able to shop for Scrip gift cards, check account activity, run history reports, and more. You will also be able to place Reload and ScripNow! orders. Reloading allows you to add funds to physical gift cards you previously purchased on ShopWithSCRIP. You can also order ScripNow! eCards that you can download and print right from home, or cut and paste the certificate code for online shopping. You don't have to wait for a physical card to arrive in the mail. Perfect for last-minute purchases!

COMPANY DONATIONS FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Are you already volunteering your time at Hacienda? Some of you may not realize it, but a lot of companies have a program that allows them to contribute funds to non-profits when their employees volunteer a certain number of hours. Typically, you just need to log your volunteer hours with your company, and, for example, for every 10 hours you volunteer, they will make a \$200 donation to a non-profit of your choice. Check with your Human Resources department if your employer offers this benefit. Most employers are happy to provide community support. Please use this program to maximize your contributions to our school. It does not cost you anything extra.