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Hello Hacienda families,

Happy New Year!

Well, for the first time in a very long time, I can actually say I may have had my fill of rainy days (at least for a couple of weeks). With these chilly weather

conditions, please be sure that your children are dressed warmly. Recess and lunch are indoors when it's rainy, but whenever possible, if it's cloudy or in between drops, we try to make sure that students have some time to play outdoors, and if it's cold, having a jacket handy is a must.

Coming up in the near future are our Hacienda school tours. This year, they are scheduled to take place January 24th, 26th, 30th, and February 1st. This is a time for new families to visit our school to see all of the fabulous opportunities here, including our science and music programs, as well as our community. Please feel free to share your own positive experiences with them if you see them on campus.

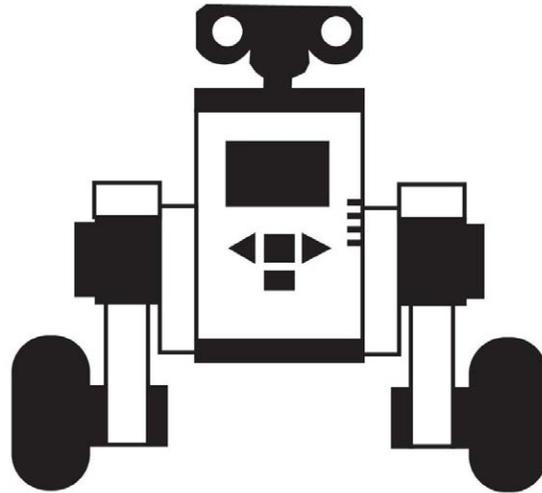
One of our most beloved Hacienda event, the Star Party (as in constellations, not Hollywood), is just around the corner. Bring your family and join us on March 2, from 7-9:00pm. Drink some hot chocolate, watch as your children create some beautiful astronomical themed artwork, and enjoy some fabulous star gazing (courtesy of the San Jose Astronomical Association).

This news is noteworthy (although a bit delayed), and I want to share the results from the regional Lego Robotics Tournament that Hacienda hosted on November 19th. Hacienda had multiple teams participate, and I'm proud to announce that our Piranhas team won the Project Award and will advance, and the Thunder Dragons won the Up and Coming award. Kudos to all of our students who participated and did an outstanding job!

Valentine's Day is on Tuesday, February, 14th. Please communicate with your child's teacher regarding any special plans for that day. We want to implore you to please not send in any special treats without checking with your child's teacher, and as always, do not send anything that contains nuts, which can present a significant health risk for some children.

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ROBOTICS

Congratulations to all six Hacienda Lego Robotics Teams BY ANNA LILLY

Congratulations to all six Hacienda Lego Robotics Teams that competed in the First Lego League competitions on November 19, 2016. All of our teams demonstrated remarkable teamwork, commitment, perseverance as well as a tremendous amount of spirit.

- **Lego Dragons** – William, Bryant, Ebin & Amelia
- **Lego Thunder Dragons** – Josh, Azeem, Abhiram, Logan, Sonia, & Halleigh

- **Master Bricks** – Ethan, Parker, Jacob, Bryce & Alexander
- **Piranhas** – Grace, Frank, Victor, Purich, Senai & Domink
- **Robot Monkeys** – Ian, Bonnie, Sarah, Paul, Dylan & Maxwell
- **Robo Hawks** – Zach, Logan, Julian & Griffin

A very special THANK YOU to all the coaches and parents for their time, energy and dedication to our students.

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

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On Wednesday, February 15th, our 3rd grade students will perform their "Animal Jamboree" in the cafeteria at 9:15am. Later that same day, our 4th grade recorder concert will take place at 2:15.

Spring is around the corner, but for now, enjoy our wet and wintry weather. Drive safe, and as always, be sure to pull all the way up to the blue gate when you drop off students in the morning.

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy
Hacienda Principal

Volunteer Spotlight

BY DIANA WILSON



The Hacienda community is so lucky to have such awesome volunteers...

- Room parents
- Yard Duty helpers
- Yearbook page designers
- Classroom volunteers

THANK YOU for helping to make Hacienda an amazing community!!
Thank you Danielle, Stephanie, Rob, Jeff, Lorin and all the

volunteers that made the HoHo, Cocoa, and Crafts event delightfully delicious and spectacular. Your team's Hacienda holiday spirit created a wildly successful winter wonderland event. Thank you for your time, hard work, and amazing attention to details.



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.

FEBRUARY 15

3rd Grade Chorus - 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria

4th Grade Recorder Concert - 2:15 p.m. in the cafeteria

FEBRUARY 20 - 24

NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

MARCH 2

Annual Star Party - 7:00 - 9 p.m.

Don't miss this fun night of star-gazing, space-themed art projects, and hot cocoa & cookies!



APRIL 10 - 14

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

APRIL 21

Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration - 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy performances by students, explore Earth Day projects, and more!

MAY 5

5th Grade Musical - 2:00 p.m. parent show in the cafeteria

MARCH 16 - 17

Early Release / Parent Conferences

MAY 26

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

Get your cameras ready for Hacienda's school-wide dance event! Each grade performs a group dance for the audience to enjoy during Kids in Motion. Some are folk dances from other countries. Others are more contemporary dances. You may even catch the Hacienda staff taking a spin on the dance floor!

MAY 29

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

JUNE 8

Last Day of School

Science Lab Notes

BY MS. AUDRA DECKERT,
SCIENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANT



Chilla was our wonderful Chinchilla that lived here at Hacienda for many years. He was loved by all, students, parents and staff alike, for his gentle nature, soft fur and overall cuteness. Most chinchillas don't really care much for human interaction and prefer to socialize with other chinchillas, but Chilla was always willing to put up with

getting his photo taken with many, many students during Animal Adoptions and sometimes seemed to even enjoy his "celebrity status". He would go to visit the students in kindergarten and first grade with Mrs. Weisshahn while they were learning about mammals, and students were always amazed at how soft his fur felt. He was always a favorite at animal holding sessions throughout the year. I personally always enjoyed watching children's faces light up when they touched him and they would often tell me "he feels like a cloud!!". I will miss his cute little face and his itty-bitty paws on the cage as he said hi to me every morning. Chilla was cared for well and loved very much during his time here at Hacienda and his presence will be greatly missed.

Sprouts Corner

Garden Corner - Did you know: radish leaves are edible! Radish leaves taste similar to a radish root and add a nice spice to your salad or make a stir-fry that much tastier. The smaller the leaf, the less spicy it will be. The bigger leaves have a more bitter taste. May your palate enjoy!!

In December and January, with Sprouts Lesson #3: "Weeding out the Competition," students were identifying "weeds" and weeding them out of the gardens. We were comparing leaves of various plants and further understanding the important role leaves have to provide food to plants. Ask your student what they did and learned about leaves and weeds.

February is tasting month. In Lesson #4, students are building a rainbow salad by harvesting vegetables of different types. This lesson does require additional helpers so contact your classroom docent or

teacher to join us in the harvest.

The gardens are flourishing and we encourage you to view the gardens with your child! Try to identify some of the plants, noting differences and similarities between them. Please only use your senses of sight and smell when viewing the garden! We appreciate no touching to ensure our gardens' continued growth.

Kudos to our docents, helpers, and waterers who are key contributors to the gardens' success (and we are thankful for the additional rain). We always encourage your feedback and assistance.

SPROUT IT!!

THE SPROUTS TEAM (LIEKE VLASVELD, HEATHER STENSHAMN, MS. DECKERT)

LETTER FROM HIPS PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda Families,

Happy New Year, and welcome back! I hope all of you enjoyed a restful and relaxing holiday break with family and friends.

January is typically a quiet month as we get back into the swing of things, but very soon, our campus will be buzzing with school tours. The school Tours have been scheduled January 24, 26, 30 and February 1. If you know of San Jose Unified families who are looking for a fantastic elementary school, be sure to tell them to sign up for a tour! As with any Hacienda event, we are seeking energetic tour guides (parents) to help show families our beautiful campus. If you are available to help, please contact Kendra Braun (kendra.braun@hpe.com).

Please keep a lookout for the weekly buzz, Facebook and Thursday folders to stay up to date with current events. I am always available for questions, feedback and concerns. Email me at HIPSPresident@gmail.com.

Till next month,

Anna Lilly

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Musical Notes

BY MONICA ULRICH,
MUSIC TEACHER

December was full of musical performances! The first and second graders impressed audiences with their energetic singing at their holiday chorus performances on Dec. 16th. Also, two third grade Hicklebee's choruses represented Hacienda in downtown Willow Glen by spreading some holiday cheer. Inside the bookstore they sang a nice array of holiday songs, much to the delight of attending family members and Hicklebee's patrons. Last but not least, Hacienda could not go to break without some school-wide sing-alongs! The faculty and staff demonstrated their own musical talents with their performance as the Singing Reindeer, which had them singing, playing hand bells, ukuleles and using jingle bells much to the delight of the students!

Thank you to the following individuals who helped create video memories for our 1st and 2nd grade families! Charlie Hodges recorded and edited the video of the 1st grade holiday performance. Raul Lopez recorded the video of the 2nd grade holiday performance and Jorge Villalobos finished the job by editing and creating the master DVD of the 2nd grade show. Great teamwork, parents! The memories you helped preserve will be treasured for a lifetime.

DVD's of the 1st and 2nd grade holiday chorus are still available if you missed your chance to purchase one. They cost \$5 each and can be ordered through Mrs. Thompson in the music room.

HELP WANTED

Parent volunteer to create DVD of third grade performance "Animal Jamboree." Please contact Monica Ulrich at mulrich@sjusd.org if you have experience editing video and rendering video to DVD format and can help with this task in February. Without this crucial role filled, we will not have a recording of the 3rd grade performance available to parents.



COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

In January, Hacienda students are listening to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Rondo From Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat Major."

Here are a few facts about the piece.

- Mozart finished writing the piece in 1786 when he was 30 years old.
- This concerto is one of Mozart's two horn concerti to have horns included in the orchestra besides the soloist.
- Written as a rondo, the first melody that occurs in the piece repeats itself at various points throughout the song. (Writing a piece in rondo form helps the composer organize the music and also allows listeners to have a good balance of music they recognize and music they haven't heard before.)

Listen to this composition being played by a youth orchestra from South Africa at Mozart - Horn Concerto No. 4 in E flat: III. Rondo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZgmfGBpGyM>



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