

HAWKEYE



Hello Hacienda families,

It's hard to believe it's February already, and our youngest students recently celebrated the 100 th day of school! We also wrapped up our school tours. Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers for

leading the tours, and sharing our school with prospective families. I don't doubt that they walked away with a powerful desire for their children to attend here.

Last month, I mentioned Valentine's Day is on the horizon. The message that was included is one worth repeating. 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. Often times, even a chocolate treat comes with a (very tiny) warning that it was manufactured near nuts. This is enough to cause a severe allergic reaction for some students.

Our 3rd grade students are ready to perform their "Animal Jamboree" in the cafeteria at 9:15 on February 15 th , and later that same day, our 4th grade recorder concert will take place at 2:15pm. It's always such a treat to see our students perform, whether they are playing recorders or singing, the music they make is magical. Parents, I know that you will treasure the sweet sounds of these performances.

February is a short month, and with the President's Week break from the 20-24th , it seems even shorter. After school interventions have begun, and we are also heading into assessment season. Primary students will be taking the CPAA again, and near the end of March we begin state assessments for our 3-5 th grade students.

Spring is around the corner, and it's a busy time of year at our school. Soon the days will be getting longer, and the weather will (hopefully) warm up just a little. Finally, I think we can breath a sigh of relief at having had a wonderful, rain filled Winter. Thank goodness!

Happy Valentine's Day, Hacienda families!

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy

Hacienda Principal



Fun in the Sun
HACIENDA SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

Celebrating our 20th year of Spring Fling

2017

20TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION AND WALKATHON Walk or jog along the fun marked course, bid on some fabulous auction items, and enjoy some delicious food & refreshments! ARTWORK BY KEITH FLEMMING

Donate an item or service for the auction to help raise money for our school BY MICHELLE SCRIPPOCH

Do you have a donation for the Spring Fling Silent Auction? We have some ideas...

- Donate lessons for kids & adults (Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Ice Skating, Cooking, Dancing, Music, etc.)
- Donate professional services (Financial Advice, Photography Session, Tutoring, Personal Training,

Massage, Gardening, Housekeeping, Auto Detailing, etc.) Set your own restrictions; time and date.

- Host a Party (Ladies Night, Poker, Game Night, Wine Tasting, Ice Cream Party, etc.)
- Donate a pair of your season tickets to the Warriors, Giants, A's, Earthquakes, 49ers, Raiders, etc.
- Donate a few hours of your

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Spring Fling Silent Auction Database Manager Needed!!!

Spring Fling Silent Auction needs tech savvy volunteer to manage Access database for silent auction

BY MICHELLE SCRIPPOCH

We need a computer savvy volunteer. This is a vital position for the Silent Auction. Contact Michelle Scrippoch at HaciendaSilentAuction@gmail.com

Job description:

- Must know how to use Microsoft Access
- Create a new database for the 2017

auction (can use past year's database as a template)

- Update receipt form with the current year's logo and date
- Upload the auction items from Excel into Microsoft Access
- Print out bid forms for the auction items
- Perform a test run of winning bids and receipt printing before the auction, troubleshooting any problems with the database.
- Oversee the entry of auction numbers (people), winning bids, and receipt printing (may need to set up computers with local LAN on the auction day)
- Run reports from the database including outstanding items, total sold,



etc.

- When? A few hours 4/24-4/28 and ALL day on Saturday 4/29/2017

Volunteer Spotlight



Hacienda community is so lucky to have volunteers with such heart

BY DIANA WILSON

5TH GRADE PARENTS WITH HEART

- Tie Dye -Stephanie Flemming & Mary Stottlemeyer and their team of helpers
- Welcome Home Reception - Holly Harrison

THANK YOU for helping to make Hacienda a loving community!!

THANK YOU, LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the library open and running while our librarian, Mrs. Jacobs is on leave. Without our library helpers, our students wouldn't have access to the library. Special thanks to An Kang, who has volunteering in the library for 5 years. Lena Hernandez has been helping out every day with checking out the books for the kids. JaWen Hernandez has been dropping by once a week to fix the books in the book hospital. Here is a humble and grateful thank you to An Kang, Lena Hernandez, and JaWen Hernandez. If you would like to volunteer in the library with this amazing group of people, contact Hipsvolunteervp@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many programs at Hacienda would not be possible without our awesome volunteers. We have 4th/5th grade parent volunteers that will be ready to move on soon, so please consider volunteering!

- Sprouts Co-Coordinator - ASAP
- See's Candy Coordinator Shadow - ASAP
- Traffic & Safety helpers - 10-30 minutes M-F 8:30-9am...just stop by and help
- Spring Fling volunteers - any and all help is needed

Contact Hipsvolunteervp@gmail.com for more information.

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 14

HIPS Meeting - 9:00-10:30 am

FEBRUARY 15

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

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

FEBRUARY 17

Articles due by the end of day for next month's newsletter.

Please submit grammar/spell-checked articles and related images to newsletterhacienda@gmail.com.

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!



MARCH 16 - 17

Early Release / Parent Conferences

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!

APRIL 29

Spring Fling - One of Hacienda's largest fundraisers, the 20th annual walkathon and silent auction will be a fun-filled day for all! We still need auction donations and volunteers! Contact Michelle Scripoch, Silent Auction Coordinator at HaciendaSilentAuction@gmail.com

MAY 5

5th Grade Musical - 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

MAY 29

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

JUNE 8

Last Day of School

AUCTION DONATIONS

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- time for babysitting, dog walking, or pulling weeds
- Who loves FOOD? Deliver Fresh Baked Bread, Cookies, Dessert, Meals (once or a few times)
- Create an assortment of Meals-in-a-Jar, Cookies-in-a-Jar, Soups-in-a-Jar
- Could you Scrapbook someone's vacation photos, soccer team pictures, etc?
- Donate a weekend rental to your vacation home
- Ask your favorite restaurant for a gift certificate donation
- Plants are always great auction items. Could you create an attractive potted plant?
- The possibilities are endless. Get creative!!!

We have very skilled and talented Hacienda Parents; please consider a donation for a great cause.

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Contact Michelle Scripoch, Silent Auction

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Musical Notes

BY MONICA ULRICH,
MUSIC TEACHER

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In February, the students at Hacienda are listening to and learning "Follow the Drinking Gourd," which is an American folk song. Folklore has it that fugitive slaves in the United States used it as a point of reference so they would not get lost. According to legend, the song was used by a conductor of the Underground Railroad, called Peg Leg Joe, to guide some runaway slaves. Taken at face value, the "drinking gourd" refers to the hollowed out gourd used by slaves (and other rural Americans) as a water dipper. But here it is used as a code name for the Big Dipper star formation, which points to Polaris, the Pole Star, and North. Polaris is a circumpolar star, and so it is always seen pretty close to the direction of true north. Hence, according to a popular myth, all slaves had to do was look for the Drinking Gourd and follow it to the North Star (Polaris) north to freedom.

Children's books that go with our February Composition of the Month:

- Follow the Drinking Gourd by Jeanette Winter
- Follow the Drinking Gourd: An Underground Railroad Story by Cari Meister and Robert Squier
- The Drinking Gourd: A Story of the Underground Railroad (I Can Read Level 3) by F. N. Monjo and Fred Brenner
- Follow the Drinking Gourd, A Story of the Underground Railroad by Bernardine Connelly and Yvonne Buchanan

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THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!!!

As of February 1, 2017, the following businesses have generously donated to Spring Fling! Thank you!!

Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center
Adventure City
Airborne Gymnastics Training Center
Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation
All Natural Day Spa
Amici's East Coast Pizzeria
Apex Gymnastics
Aqua Adventure Waterpark
Aquarium of the Pacific
Aqui Cal-Mex Restaurant
Athena Camps
AVAC
Bagel Guys Bakery
Bay Area Discovery Museum
Bill's Café
Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad
Bowlmor Lanes
Children's Creativity Museum
Children's Musical Theatre
Chipotle Mexican Grill
CuriOdyssey
Dan Chan Bay Area Dinner Show
Exploratorium
Funderland Park
Gilroy Gardens
Go Kart Racer
Hearst Castle
Hiller Aviation Museum

Hobee's California Restaurants
Honig Winery
Jake's of Willow Glen
Kyoto Palace
Laser Quest
Lawrence Hall of Science
Lee's Martial Arts
Lindsey Wildlife Experience
Martinelli's
Mtn View Center for the Performing Arts
Nicole's Classes
Niles Canyon Railway
Paintball International
Planet Granite
Poor House Bistro
Railtown 1897
Ross Stores
San Diego Model Railroad Museum
San Francisco Symphony
San Jose Museum of Art
San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History
Scandia Family Center
Sky High Sports
Sonoma Train Town
The Garret
Turtle Bay Exploration Park
Winter Lodge
Yard House
Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad

Congratulations to our Robotics team!

Congratulations, Hacienda Piranhas! One of our fabulous 5th grade robotics team has made it to the Silicon Valley Championships.

Thank you, Coach John & Coach Lieke for your time and dedication to the students. Piranhas team members are Grace, Frank, Victor, Purich, Senai & Dominik.

— BY ANNA LILLY



Sprouts Corner

What a bout of rain we have had in January! After the rains, come lots of weeds and other great things in the gardens! Lots of plants growing and harvesting to be enjoyed by all the kids!

Lesson #4 "Exploring Edibles," being delivered in February, teaches our students about classifying the edibles they are harvesting according to the colors of the food rainbow chart (sources: Kaiser Permanente's Thrive program, and MyPlate.gov). The lesson emphasizes learning about the vegetables using their senses. Additionally, the 4th and 5th graders will think about the significance of those colors in terms of health benefits, and the nutrients and minerals provided by those colored vegetables. For example, "green"

vegetables, such as kale, broccoli, and spinach, contain chlorophyll, magnesium, folate, and other nutrients which improve vision, builds strong bones and teeth.

Be sure to ask your student about what they learned in the garden this month.

If you have time to help out with a Sprouts lesson, we welcome you to contact your student's teacher to find out the planned lesson delivery date(s) of upcoming lessons. Not only will your help be appreciated, you may even learn something you didn't know before.

Until next time...

— **THE SPROUTS LEAD TEAM (LIEKE VLASVELD, HEATHER STENSHAMN, AND AUDRA DECKERT)**

YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISING: Support our school!

Did you know there are various, year-round opportunities for you to support Hacienda's fundraising efforts? Take advantage of some of these easy ways to give back to our school!

OFFICE DEPOT GIVE-BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide Hacienda's school ID **70014283** at checkout and the school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies! It's a small act that can make a huge difference. Check it out at a local Office Depot, or online at <http://www.officedepot.com/a/content/back-to-school/5percent/>. Labels for Education



BOX TOPS

Clip box tops off of participating products and return to your child/ren's teacher or to the HIPS room. Check out the list of participating products here: <http://www.sjUSD.org/hacienda/docs/Coupons-image.pdf>. As a Box Tops member, you also have access to coupons to save YOU money on Box Top products! For questions, contact Corie Potter at candcpotter@gmail.com.



EMPLOYER PROGRAMS

Many companies have a "matching gifts" program and will make a contribution to charities to match a donation an employee has made, or where an employee has volunteered at. Contact your Human Resources to find out if your employer offers this, and how you can access it to maximize your contributions to Hacienda.

Science Lab Notes

BY MS. AUDRA DECKERT,
SCIENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANT

NEWS FROM THE HACIENDA HOMESTEAD!

CHICKENS

We are now proudly feeding our chickens an Omega 3 supplement in their feed, which makes their eggs rich in Omega 3 fatty acids. Eggs enriched with Omega-3 fatty acids boast health benefits such as reducing symptoms of ADHD in children, fighting autoimmune diseases, may help prevent cancer and can reduce asthma in children! To get your Omega-3 enriched eggs, stop by our next Hacienda Homestead Farm Stands on February 22nd.

VEGGIES

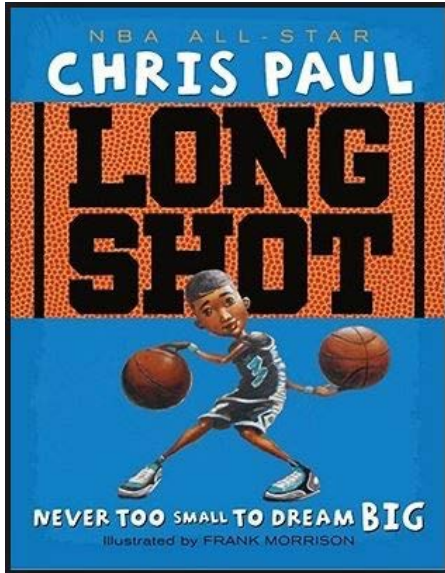
Our winter veggies are thriving in the abundant winter weather we are having! Keep an eye out for kale, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage ripening and flourishing in our garden beds.

INSECTS ON CAMPUS

Our environment and campus health depend on the interactions between plants and animals. Many of those interactions occur between insects and plants! We are so lucky to have an abundance of insects living on our campus, in our garden beds, in the outdoor classroom and even on the playground! If you find an insect, please remember that it is playing a vital role in our community ecosystem—leave it in a safe place, look but don't touch and treat the insect with respect and admiration for all of the hard work it is doing! Take on the role of an entomologist (a scientist that studies insects) and observe the insects you find around school. What plants do you see them on? What colors are they? Do you see insects mostly at recess or at lunch when the sun is higher? Remember that these insects rely on us to be gentle and kind to them so they can continue to do their jobs.

Cornerstone Corner

BY CATHERINE LAVIN



GRADES 1-5

The February Cornerstone book for grades 1-5: **Long Shot—Never Too Small to Dream Big** by Chris Paul is an autobiography of an NBA All-Star. As a child, he is one of the shortest players on his basketball team, but with hard work, determination, and the support of his family he is able to realize his dreams.

Goals of lesson:

1. Help students **explore and discover their sparks** (interests, dreams, passions, etc.)
2. **Identify their spark and goal champions.** (People who will help.)

3. **Set a GPS—short and long term goals,** steps to get there, and shifting of gears to achieve their dreams.
4. Reflect upon and identify the support students receive from their peers, family, and community.
5. **Empower students to provide support to their peers,** family, and community.

Questions to ask and discuss to reinforce this lesson at home:

- What is your biggest dream?
- What matters to you? What sparks your interest?
- What is your favorite thing to do, and how can I help you do it?
- What help do you need to reach your goals?
- Who will be your spark or goal champion (helps with taking steps to achieve a dream)?

- When you read books, look at the pictures and talk about how the person is feeling.
- Focus on a different emotion every week. Post a picture on your fridge of a person showing an emotion. Discuss what it is and write the name of that emotion. Talk about when you or your child might have felt the same emotion or seen the same expression in someone else.

Please reinforce the lesson at home by practicing these skills:

1. Watch and listen to the person.
2. Remember when you have felt the same way.
3. Imagine how you might feel.
4. Ask what the person is feeling.
5. Show you care.

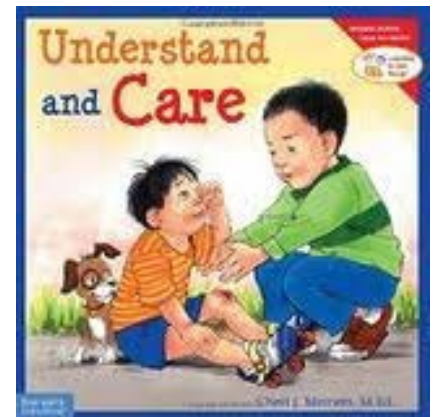
As always, the lessons offered as part of Cornerstone are wonderful reminders for grownups too!! Take time to take stock of how you are feeling, accept it as how things are right now, then find your best way to move forward to help yourself or someone else.

KINDERGARTEN

In February the Kindergarteners will hear the book, *Understand and Care*. This book helps children identify feelings, notice how someone is feeling and express empathy.

To express empathy, we need to start with an ability to recognize and name feelings. At home, you can help your child label and acknowledge how they feel and how others might be feeling.

- When you see your child feeling sad, say: Your mouth is showing me that you might be sad.
- Label your feelings for your child to hear, "Mommy is excited to be going to the zoo with you!"
- Play a guessing game where you act out a feeling and your child needs to guess what it is.



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