

# HAWKEYE



Dear Hacienda Hawk families,

Welcome back from our February break! As you are reading this, perhaps you are getting ready for the Star Party, taking

place this evening, Thursday, March 2nd . I'm looking forward to an evening of astronomical delights, from stargazing, to hot cocoa and crafts. Hopefully, I will see you all there!

Conference week runs from March 6-17 th . Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is needed. Thursday and Friday, March 16th and 17th , are early release days. School is out at 1:00 for grades 1-3, 12:55 for kindergarten, and 1:06 for upper grades. Report cards will be sent home during the conference window.

Spring is only a few short weeks away, and with it comes Spring Fling, Walkathon, Earth Day, and Kids in Motion. Each of these special events are important to the culture of our school, and they celebrate Hacienda, the diverse communities of our families, and of course, Mother Earth. Join us as we kick up our heels at Kids in Motion, or check out our students fabulous science projects on Earth Day. And of course, Spring Fling and walkathon are a great way to support our school and get fit.

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 12th , at 1:00am, so remember to "Spring" your clocks forward one hour, and enjoy the extra hour of sunshine (well, we can at least hope for the sunshine).

Wishing each of you warmth and sunshine this Spring,

**Mrs. Loy**

Hacienda Principal



## 20th Annual Spring Fling

**WALK-A-THON** For many Hacienda families, the *SPRING FLING* event has become an annual tradition and a time to both celebrate and give back to our school community by volunteering as well as a time to collect pledges and generously contribute towards our fundraising efforts.

### Hacienda Hawks Celebrate a 20 Year Fling with Science, Music, Arts and a Passion for a Strong School Community BY MURIEL MAWDSLEY

**A**s you walk around our campus, you may have noticed the signs. From sprouting vegetables in the community gardens, birds' nests in the trees, green grass in the fields, to the water puddles on the blacktop, it is apparent that spring is very much around the corner! There are fragrant roses along the front walkway and even some big old mushrooms claiming ground under the shade of the Redwood trees!

If you look closely enough you might even notice a special breed of bees buzzing on campus. The species is of

the HIPS family and is easily identified by a badge, or perhaps a sticker on their chest. They are always smiling, their heads filled with great ideas, and often offering a helping hand. This season, the dedicated HIPS bees can be observed working on the 20th *SPRING FLING ANNUAL FUNDRAISER*.

Spring Fling is our biggest annual fundraiser; it is a fun-filled family day that financially supports the HIPS-funded programs and activities that make Hacienda your school of choice. From our movie night, our outstanding Science Program, >2

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20TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING

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the interesting and enlightening school field trips, the first-class Library/Technology and Media Center, and our beloved Music Program. And let's not forget our many assemblies and school community building activities, the Movie Night, the Star Party, the Art Night, the Publishing Lab, Art Vistas and our enriching Sprouts Gardening Program. HIPS also provides every teacher with financial support for their classrooms.

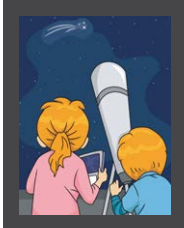
This year the Hacienda Hawks will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Spring Fling Event with a whole lot of FUN-IN-THE-SUN on Sunday April 29th. The event will consist of a walk-a-thon, a silent auction, delicious food, and many fun activities. Like in any celebrations, we have planned a few big surprises that you will not want to miss! So, mark your calendar, watch closely the Weekly Buzz, the HIPS Facebook Page, the Thursday Folders and the Newsletters for your up to date information.

As you enjoy our beautiful budding and buzzing campus this month, please take the time to consider how you can volunteer for the event and be part of the HIPS hive of special Spring Fling dedicated-bees. HIPS members work hard, but they also have a lot of fun. Helping out is a great way to meet your fellow parents while directly benefiting your kids, and we would love to help you find a role that allows you to use whatever skills you have to offer, and give as much or as little time as you're able.

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# 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.



## MARCH 2

Annual Star Party - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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

## MARCH 16

Outdoor Workday: 1:30 - 3:45 p.m.  
See Science Lab Notes for details.

## MARCH 16 - 17

EARLY RELEASE DAYS - School ends at:  
• Kindergarten: 12:55 p.m.  
• Grades 1-3: 1:00 p.m.  
• Grades 4-5: 1:06 p.m.

Parent Conferences - Your child's teacher will contact you if a conference is needed.

## MARCH 24

International Art Night: 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Don't miss this fun night, immersing yourself in different cultures and connecting with art and crafts from other countries. Questions? We still need Volunteers! Contact Gabriela Avalos at gabyavalosbri@hotmail.com

## APRIL 10 - 14

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

## APRIL 21

Hacienda's Earth Day Celebration - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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

## APRIL 22

Going Native Garden Tours: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (last tours start at 3:15 p.m.)

See Science Lab Notes for details.

## APRIL 29

One of Hacienda's largest fundraisers, the 20th annual walk-a-thon and silent auction will be a fun-filled day for all! If you're able to help, please contact Spring Fling Coordinator Muriel Mawdsley at mcburneau@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



# Science Lab Notes

BY MS. AUDRA DECKERT,  
SCIENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANT

## COME HELP AT A SHORT HACIENDA OUTDOOR WORKDAY: THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Join in what makes science at Hacienda so special! We need lots of help preparing the outdoor classroom for the upcoming Going Native Garden Tour. Come by for as long or short as you can in between conferences! Parents must supervise their children. Alumni students needing volunteer hours are welcome. Here is the schedule for the day:

- 1:30-2:45 = Work time
- 2:45-3:45 = Crayfishing (for students who worked an hour or more)
- 3:45-4:00 = 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.

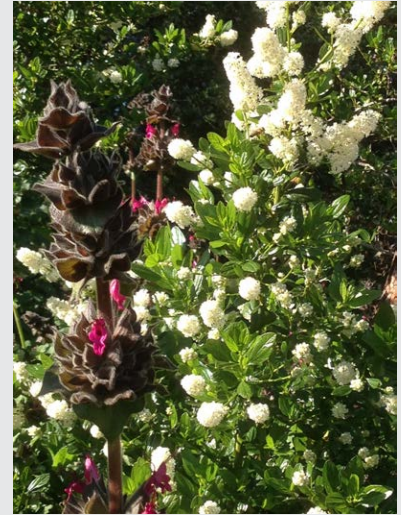
- Wear sunscreen and work clothes that can get dirty.

## GOING NATIVE WITH HACIENDA STUDENTS

Hacienda's fourth and fifth grade students have the chance to enjoy a special opportunity to lead tours of the Outdoor Classroom for the annual Going Native Garden Tour on Saturday April 22. This prestigious tour features the beauty and benefits of California native plants in home gardens and community gardens from Hillsborough to San Jose. Hacienda has one of the premier native gardens in San Jose. See details about the tour at: [www.goingnativegardentour.org](http://www.goingnativegardentour.org). Invite your family members, friends and

neighbors to come take a tour led by Hacienda Students! Tours start at 10am and the last tour starts at 3:15pm. Come by anytime throughout the day to get inspired by nature's beauty!

Parent help is needed on the day of the event. Contact Ms. Deckert ([adeckert@sjusd.org](mailto:adeckert@sjusd.org)) if you are interested.



**BEAUTIFUL BLOOMING CEANOTHUS AND HUMMINGBIRD SAGE FROM THE ODC**

*Just 2 of the amazing native plants you will learn about at the Going Native Garden Tour*

# Volunteer Spotlight

Hacienda is so lucky to have dedicated volunteers doing so much for our community

BY DIANA WILSON

Lucky us, to have the following programs and events run by teams of volunteers!!!

- Sprouts
- Art Vistas
- Project Cornerstone
- Fun Buck Store
- Animal Adoption
- Membership Drive
- PEST
- Library Support
- Thursday Folders
- Yearbooks
- Robotics
- Outdoor Workdays
- Logo Wear/

- Uniforms
- See's Candy
- Science Camp
- Kinder Kick Off
- Girls on The Run
- Traffic & Safety
- Book Fair
- Fall Festival
- Star Party
- International Art Night
- Spring Fling
- Etc...

But we still have important roles that need to be filled:

- **Sprouts Co-coordinator** - as soon as possible
  - **Membership Drive Coordinators** - as as possible
  - **Traffic & Safety helpers**- 10-30 minutes, M-F from 8:30-9:00am...just stop by and help
  - **Spring Fling volunteers**- any and all help is needed
- Contact [HIPSVolunteerVP@gmail.com](mailto:HIPSVolunteerVP@gmail.com) for more information.



# Sprouts Gardening Corner



## “THE GARDEN WORKERS”

**W**ho are our “Garden Workers”? This month, we would like to thank two groups of garden workers. First, those alive in nature, such as insects, worms, birds, and butterflies. Secondly, all the “garden workers” who dedicate their time, support, and energy to the Sprouts program, with a special thanks to Ms. Lieke Vlasveld.

One key to our successful Hacienda gardens is we ensure there are beneficial “Garden Workers” by never using pesticides. Statistics show that beneficial insects are less resistant to pesticides than are typical “pest” insects. Look around campus for these key beneficial “Garden Workers” and treat them kindly to ensure they remain here “working” for us:

- Ladybugs are fun to watch crawl and fly, but the key to being part of the Hacienda campus is the fact that they each eat 50 aphids (a common pest that eats our vegetables) a day!
- Farmers have valued ladybugs since the medieval times for their beneficial qualities and control of pests.
- Bees are pollination workhorses and increase plant production plus we all love the honey we can harvest from their bee hives.

- Praying Mantises are such a large insect that they can eat a variety of pests of different sizes such as aphids, mosquitoes, and beetles. The nymphs (babies) are born in spring, so look for these tiny insects soon, but you may need a magnifying glass.
- Butterflies pollinate our plants as they search for nectar. This ensures that the plants they visit will produce seeds for future generations.
- Earthworms and Red Wigglers are amazing composters and ensure our soil is rich with nutrients. Please help earthworms find the garden if they are lost on the playground by carefully scooping the worm in the palm of your hand or use a spoon and carry it to the garden.

Be kind to and help protect our “Garden Workers” so they stick around in our gardens and help our plants!

Kudos to our “Garden Worker”, Ms. Lieke! Hacienda is very fortunate to have a special gardener who creates and enhances lessons, keeps the garden areas tidy, trains parents and teaches our students. Lieke has been engaged in the Hacienda gardens for the past 6 years. Look for her in the 5th grade area or in the gardens to say “Thank You” as this “Garden Worker” will graduate in 3 months when her child moves up to middle school. The gardens will miss you, Lieke!!

There are several other “Garden Workers” who continue to ensure students’ garden experience is amazing. With HIPS funding it, teachers supporting the lesson delivery process, Docents and Helpers delivering the program, students enthusiastically participating, Waterers ensuring the

gardens are hydrated, 5th Grade Garden Club doing garden support tasks (e.g. building trellises and frost structures and planting seeds), and the core team enhancing and creating the lesson plans and presentation boards and organizing the delivery, the integrated Sprouts program is sustainable for years to come.

## THIS MONTH'S GARDENING TIP - IT'S PLANTING TIME

March and April is a good time to plant a second crop of greens (collards, spinach, lettuces) and roots (carrot, radish and beets) before the summer crop timeline approaches in May for tomatoes, corn, squashes and peppers. February and early March is a great time to start planting tomato seeds to create strong seedlings for transplanting to your garden or pot by the end of April or May. Also, start planning your pots if you are to sow summer crop seeds to later plant outside.

## IT'S TIME TO BUILD A SPROUTS TEAM FOR 2017-2018

The core team seeks 4-5 parents/grandparents who can volunteer 1-2 hours a month to keep Sprouts growing. The program is running smoothly in our second year of a new model, and more engaged persons will ensure efficiency and success. We have a few program committee lead positions available for you: lesson enhancement and training, bin preparation, garden guardian, water coordinator, communication coordinator and more.

### HAPPY GARDENING!

HEATHER STENSHAMN, LIEKE VLASVELD, & MS. DECKERT



WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

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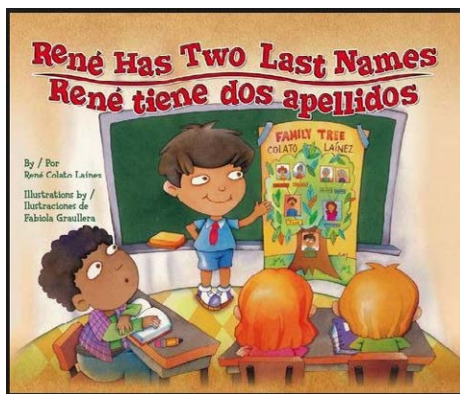


# Cornerstone Corner

BY CATHERINE LAVIN

## GRADES 1-5

The Cornerstone book for grades 1-5 in March is new in our rotating series: **René Has Two Last Names** by René Colato Laínez. This is a story drawn from the author's own personal immigrant experience. The focus of the book is to help students learn to respect different cultural customs and traditions, and to have an inclusive mindset.



### Goals of lesson:

1. Understand and learn about different cultures and how diversity makes us stronger.
2. Identify and celebrate individual's personal identities.
3. Use positive personal power to stand up for traditions and beliefs.
4. Be inclusive and accepting of differences.
5. Learn to pronounce names correctly.

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

- Has anyone made fun of you because you were different? How did that make you feel?
- Would you ever want to change your name? What name would you choose?
- Have you ever helped a new student or neighbor feel more comfortable?
- What is the story of how you got your name?
- What foods are from your culture? Do you eat foods from other cultures?

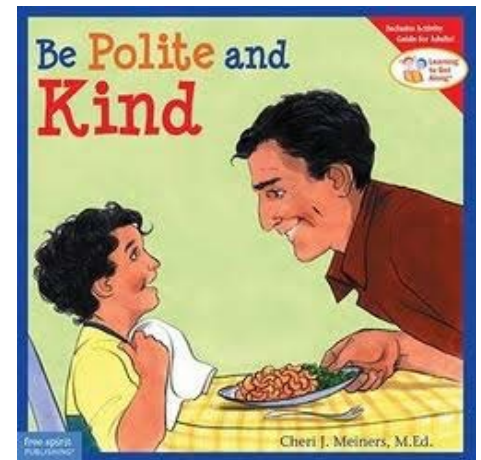
## KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Cornerstone book for March is **Be Polite and Kind** by Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed. Once again, the topic is instructive to the students and an important reminder for the rest of us! This book discusses good manners and the importance they play in getting along with others. At home if you "catch" your child using the following "magic words" at home, you can give him or her positive reinforcement. "Magic Words":

- please
- thank you
- you're welcome
- excuse me
- I'm sorry
- may I
- hello
- good job

The book lends itself to a discussion of what it means to be kind and how important it is to treat one another with

respect. Look for ways you can do acts of kindness together as a family. For example, if you make a meal for someone, involve your child in the cooking, have them make a card and help with the delivery.



At home, you can play a game with your child that will encourage them to use their magic manner words or do acts of kindness. Make a chart with the magic manner words and acts of kindness. Every time you hear or see the manners used, reward your child with a hug, or words such as "I heard you say 'thank you' to your friend at the end of your play date." Or, "I saw you share your jump rope at the park with the little girl. That was an act of kindness. You are being polite and kind."

## UNIFORM SWAP

### FREE UNIFORMS

Has your child outgrown their uniforms? Bring your clean and usable Hacienda-approved uniforms to school for the FREE uniform swap. This is not a true swap/1:1 exchange. It's a chance to pass along uniforms, and for others to pick up what they need.

Simple place donations in the designated box by the school office beginning Wednesday, March 22nd.

Then stop by at International Art Night on March 24th at 6 p.m., or after school in the primary playground.

- **WHERE:** ART NIGHT and after school in the primary playground
  - **WHEN:** FRI 3/24 @ 6:00 p.m., and MON 3/27, TUE 3/28, WED 3/29 @ 3:00 p.m.
- Remaining items will be donated to charity.

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# Join the 2017-2018 HIPS Board

Are you passionate about making Hacienda great? Are you looking to make a bigger difference at school? Then consider joining the HIPS Board next school year!

Joining the board is a great way to support the school beyond the classroom. It's also a way to build community and really volunteer for our amazing school. You'll get to learn a lot

about what happens behind the scenes to provide all the special programs we have at Hacienda. Be a part of a fun-loving, hardworking, and passionate team. If you are interested, please chat with our HIPS President Anna Lily, or contact Diana Wilson at HIPSVolunteerVP@gmail.com for more information.



# Go Paperless!

As an environmental science school, let's do our part in making Hacienda a green community. If you are still receiving the paper version of this newsletter, Principal Loy and HIPS strongly encourage all families to go paperless for HIPS communications. As of February 15th, 183 families have chosen to go paperless. However, we still have 422 paper folders going home each week.

Last year, the school nearly ran out of paper at the end of the school year. A parent volunteer actually went out to Office Depot to pick up more paper for the school. It also requires time for HIPS volunteers to make enough copies for 400+ families on the one copy machine available for HIPS use.

If you have not gone paperless, please sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P7639GN>. You'll receive an email each Thursday with a link to the information being sent home that week, and the newsletter each month.

If you already requested to go paperless but you are still receiving the paper copies, check your email for the Yahoo Group invitation and remember to click "join".

And for those families that have already gone paperless, thank you!!

## St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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