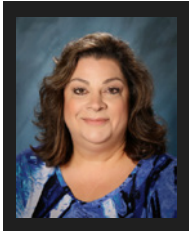


HAWKEYE



Hello Hacienda families,
My gracious, it's February already! Last week, many students recently celebrated the 100th day of

school, and we 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 am confident that they walked away feeling amazed and excited about Hacienda, and are eager for their children to attend here.

This week is Valentine's Day. Your child's teacher will communicate with you regarding any special plans for that day. Please do not send in any special treats without checking with your child's teacher first, and as always, do not send anything that contains nuts, or that has been processed with 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.

Also, on Valentine's Day, our 3rd grade chorus and 4th grade recorder performances will be taking place in the cafeteria. I'm sure that these performances will be, as usual, an absolute delight!

February is a short month, and with the President's Week break from the 19th-23rd, it seems even shorter. After school interventions for our English

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Sprouts – Gardening in Science

BY HEATHER STENSHAMN, PARENT VOLUNTEER

January and February are tasting months for grades Kinder through 2nd as they explored the gardens and "Eat the Rainbow". In Lesson #4, students built a rainbow salad by harvesting vegetables of different types and colors. Vegetables from Hacienda gardens always taste yummy!

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 looking and smelling! Also, Spring is early in our gardens and the pollinators have arrived: hummingbirds, bees, ladybugs and other insects. These are friends of the Hacienda gardens and we hope you treat them all with respect so they stay. If you see a bee, just duck as you are in their way of a busy job of collecting pollen and traveling up to 6 miles a day. We appreciate no touching to ensure our gardens' continued growth.

Wednesdays afternoons are garden days! From 2:30pm to 3:45pm during February and March, look for a wheelbarrow in the primary garden area near the first and second grade classrooms. Please join us for general garden maintenance. Join the Konstella social group: Science, for more details and information. No green thumbs necessary and we would love to reward your work with a small harvest to take home.

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GARDEN CORNER

Did you know, there are four parts of a broccoli plant that are edible? Take a look at the yellow flowers on the broccoli plants and your child may share that you can eat: the stem, leaves, fruit and flowers! May your palate enjoy!!



LETTER FROM MRS. LOY

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Learners students will begin on February 26th, and we are also heading into assessment season. Primary students will begin taking the CPAA this week, and in early April we begin state assessments for our 3-5th grade students.

It already feels like Spring with the beautiful weather we have been having, and before you know it, our school will be bustling with special activities such as Earth Day and Kids in Motion. Although we need the rain, I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and blue skies.

Lastly, please join me as we welcome Mr. Jesus Miramontes as the newest addition to our Hacienda family. Mr. M will be taking over Mrs. Burgess' kindergarten position in Room 4. Welcome, Mr. M!

Happy Valentine's Day,
Hacienda families!

CARMEN LOY

HACIENDA PRINCIPAL

Silent Auction Donations Needed

- 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, Sharks, etc.
- Donate a few hours of your 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?

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

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If you have contacted a business for a donation and obtained one, please contact Michelle Scripoch at [HaciendaSilentAuction@gmail.com](mailto:HaciendaSilentAuction@gmail.com), as soon as possible.

# Mark Your Calendar

Add HIPS calendar to your device, visit [hips.rocks/calendar](https://hips.rocks/calendar). Submit important dates by email to [newsletterhacienda@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterhacienda@gmail.com).

## FEBRUARY 14

Third Grade Chorus  
9:05 - In the Cafeteria

## FEBRUARY 14

Fourth Grade Recorder Performance  
2:15 - In the Cafeteria

## FEBRUARY 16

Box Tops Contest Concludes  
Last day to bring in Box Tops for \$\$\$

## FEBRUARY 16

Sports Day  
  
It's the one day of the year that students are invited to wear sports-themed clothing to school.

## FEBRUARY 16

Fun Buck Store  
  
Bring those fun bucks.  
  
The store is open 9 - 11:30am  
  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
  
We need volunteers to help run the Fun Buck Store during this time.

## FEBRUARY 19 - 23

NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess

## MARCH 9

Star Party, 6 - 8:30pm



## FEBRUARY 28

Events & Fundraising Planning Meeting  
  
(Formerly known as Ways & Means)  
  
9:15 - 10:15, Faculty Dining Room

## MARCH 15

Yogurtland Fundraising  
12pm - 10pm, See Flier in Konstella

## MARCH 15

Outdoor Work Day  
1:30 - 3pm, Early Release Day



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