

HAWKEYE



Dear Hacienda Hawk families,

April at Hacienda is always teeming with activity, and this month is no different. We will begin state testing for 4th grade students on Monday, April 16th (followed by 5th and 3rd grades). Friday, April 20th, is our annual Earth Day Expo and Celebration. As they did last year, our 4th and 5th grade students will facilitate the special activities that are planned throughout the day.

At 11:45, we will have a whole school lunch period out on the grass. For this event, all students purchasing hot lunches will receive a sack lunch to eat outside. At 12:30, we will join together for a musical celebration of Mother Earth, Hacienda style. And of course, throughout the day, classes will take turns sharing in our annual tree planting.

April also brings Spring Fling, which is just around the corner on the 28th. Please be sure to join us, walk some laps with your children, and donate as generously as you are able in support of our school.

Lastly, we look forward to May and the special activities such as Kids in Motion and other musical performances. The year is already winding down, and yet it seems as though we still have so much to accomplish.

I hope that you all enjoyed a fabulous Spring Break and some time with family and friends.

Kind regards,

CARMEN LOY

HACIENDA PRINCIPAL



SPRING FLING IS COMING!

Dear Hacienda students,

Get your running shoes on and bring your water bottles because Spring Fling is coming up and this year is going to be a blast. We're having hair dye, photo booth, music and arts and crafts for fun activities.

Don't forget about the walk-a-thon going on during Spring Fling. Try and beat your highest score from last year for a challenge. Also if you get tired during the event from the beaming hot sun, there is popcorn, cotton candy and ice cones to get your energy back up.

Additionally, if you get the most laps in your class you can get a medal and a certificate. Then you can take a picture

with Mrs. Loy and other people who have won. It's a great honor! But don't forget, if your class gets the most laps over any other grade, your class will win the golden shoe. Also when you spend money at Spring Fling, it allows Hacienda to have programs like the music, PE, science, math club and leadership council programs. Also, teachers get to spend money on making their class great!

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

MELICA A.
GRADE 5

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EARTH DAY MUSIC

The following pair of videos are a great way for students to practice our Earth Day songs at home.

“My Planet, Your Planet”

https://youtu.be/J_63e93XpTE?t=1m37s

“Look Out for Mother Earth”

<https://youtu.be/htqDKozxwPo>



5th grade members from the Earth Day Committee on Hacienda's Leadership Council lead the singing and hand motions for "Look Out for Mother Earth."

HIPS POWERED BY KONSTELLA

Here are some of the ways Konstella has changed the face of communication for the Hacienda community:

- It provides a single location for your child's/children's activities, including class announcements, parties, school events, and volunteer sign-ups.
- Your personalized calendar in Konstella automatically includes all upcoming activities and deadlines for your child's class and Hacienda as a whole. This calendar can be synced to your own personal electronic calendar.
- Parents can communicate with other parents about various topics via a message board. If interested in a topic, you can subscribe to a particular thread and respond directly from each email. This is beneficial in discussing topics such as good summer camps, class-wide

playdates, or finding parents with similar interests.

- Parents will have the ability to communicate directly with other parents for the purpose of planning activities.
- Parents can join a committee or volunteer for a school event with just one click!



[Here is a 2-minute video](#) to help familiarize you with Konstella.

For questions, comments or concerns please email hipsvolunteervp@gmail.com

DONATE FOR SPRING FLING AUCTION

- Host a Party (e.g. Ladies Night, Poker, Game Night, Wine Tasting, Ice Cream Party, etc.)
- Donate a weekend rental to your vacation home
- Donate professional services, Set your own restrictions; time and date (e.g. Financial Advice, Photography Session, Tutoring, Personal Training, Massage, Gardening, Housekeeping, Auto Detailing, etc.)
- Who loves FOOD? Deliver Fresh Baked Bread, Cookies, Dessert, Meals (once or a few times)
- Donate a few hours of your time for babysitting, dog walking, or pulling weeds
- 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?
- Plants are always great auction items. Could you create an attractive potted plant?
- Ask your favorite restaurant for a gift certificate donation
- Donate lessons for kids & adults (e.g. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Ice Skating, Cooking, Dancing, Music, etc.)
- Donate a pair of your season tickets to the Warriors, Giants, A's, Earthquakes, 49ers, Raiders, Sharks, etc.

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

Please contact Michelle Scripoch at
HaciendaSilentAuction@gmail.com

SILENT AUCTION

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In April, Hacienda students are listening to [Richard Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries](#) for the Composition of the Month.

Ride of the Valkyries is the popular tune to the prelude of Act III of Die Walküre, the second of the four operas that comprise The Ring of the Nibelungs. It begins with the image of a rocky mountaintop flanked by storm-driven clouds. Four of Brünnhilde's Valkyrie sisters wait there in full armor, ready to perform their noble duty – the transportation of fallen heroes to Valhalla. What follows for the next eight minutes is the most popular music Wagner ever wrote and is certainly still among the most beloved orchestral excerpts ever written by anyone.



Cartoon of Richard Wagner

The Ride of the Valkyries is most often heard today in its shorter instrumental iteration but the operatic version includes the passionate war whoops of the sisters as they scan the mortal battlefields below, an incredibly exciting listening experience in a live performance.

Though he received many requests, Wagner originally objected to (expressly forbade, actually) the idea of The Ride as a stand-alone concert work separate from the complete opera. According to his wife Cosima he considered it an “utter indiscretion” and complained in writing when it was published that way anyhow in the early 1870s.

The tide of interest was becoming too strong to resist but he managed to hold it back until the full cycle finally premiered in 1876, after which he relaxed his stance on the matter and even succumbed to the temptation himself.

It is impossible to discuss The Ride of the Valkyries without mentioning how frequently it appears in modern popular culture, the most memorable example being the helicopter assault scene of the 1979 film Apocalypse Now.

For more information about Richard Wagner and the Composition of the Month, please visit: <https://goo.gl/8JGJs8> or <https://makingmusicfun.net/>

BY MONICA ULRICH,
MUSIC TEACHER

HIPS ELECTIONS!

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 HIPS 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 or Muriel Mawdsley at HIPSVolunteerVP@gmail.com for more information.

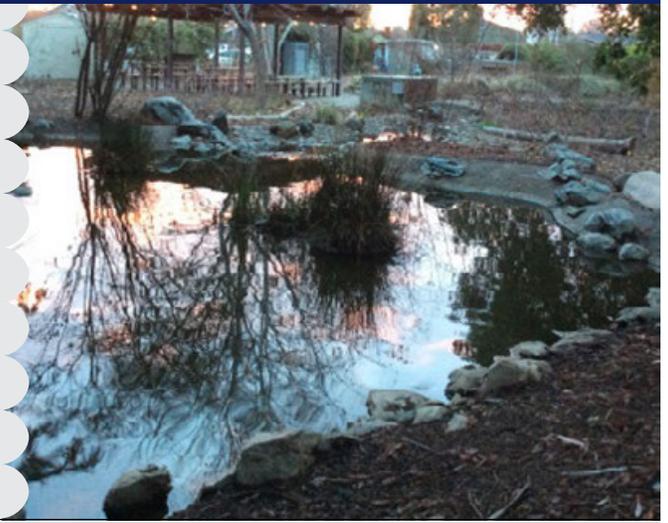
ONLY TWO OUTDOOR WORKDAYS LEFT

Don't miss this last opportunity to help maintain the Outdoor classroom and have fun at the same time! We need all the hands-on help we can get! Please consider joining us for one or both of our remaining outdoor workdays this year:

Saturday, May 5 from 9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday, June 2 from 9:00am-1:00pm

- » 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 or less.
- » Wear sunscreen and work clothes that can get dirty.

Are you interested in taking home a Hacienda Animal for the summer? Contact Audra Deckert (adeckert@sjusd.org) or your classroom teacher (if they have an animal) to get more info.



Mark Your Calendar

Add HIPS calendar to your device, visit hips.rocks/calendar. Submit important dates by email to newsletterhacienda@gmail.com.

APRIL 5

International Art Night
Arts & crafts from around the world, tasty treats, Taekwondo presentation by XMA Victory Martial Arts and a piano performance by one of Hacienda's own students!

APRIL 6 TWIN DAY

APRIL 9-13

SPRING RECESS. NO SCHOOL.

APRIL 17

HIPS BUDGET MEETING
6:30pm - 8pm, Faculty Dining Room
Everyone is invited to this important meeting. Free, on-site YMCA child care for 3-12yr olds.



APRIL 20

EARTH DAY EXPO AND CELEBRATION
Student-led Earth Day Expo Outdoor Classroom. Parents and visitors must check in at the office first.
Picnic lunch on the fiield with Student-led musical celebration after.

Students should wear grade level colored T-shirts:
K: Hunter Green
1st: Navy
2nd: Trout Shirts
3rd: Gray
4th: Red
5th : Science Camp Tie-Dye Shirts

[More Details on Konstella](#)

APRIL 28

SPRING FLING
9am - 3pm
Walk-a-Thon & Silent Auction
Visit hips.rocks/spring-fling for info!

APRIL 27

YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE

APRIL 30

FUN BUCK STORE
9:15a - 1:05p Recess and Lunch

MAY 4

5th GRADE MUSICAL "DIG IT"
In the Cafeteria
• 9:00am: 1st Student Assembly
• 10:00am: 2nd Student Assembly
• 2:05pm: Parent Assembly

MAY 5

OUTDOOR WORK DAY

MAY 8

OPEN HOUSE

MAY 8-10

Scholastic Book Fair
It will open night of Open House on May 15th and will be open after school on Wednesday, May 16th, before school on Thursday, May 17th and after school May 17th.

ASK ONE, BE ONE!

Visit [Konstella "Sign Ups"](#) today to join as a volunteer at these upcoming events:

Spring Fling on April 28th
(setup on April 27th)

Traffic & Safety - just stop by and help 10-30 minutes every morning!

Sprouts Gardening after school or during 5th Grade Lunch.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Hacienda community is so lucky to have parents, teachers, and staff with such dedication...

Uniform Swap Volunteers
Box Tops Coordinator and Volunteers
Star Party Coordinators and Volunteers
See's Candy Fundraiser
Field Trip Volunteers
Traffic and Safety Volunteers
Fun Buck Store Coordinator and Volunteers

Outdoor Workday Volunteers
Art Vistas Coordinators and Volunteers
Project Cornerstone Coordinator and Volunteers
Sprouts Volunteers
Weeding & Gardening Volunteers
Student Council
And much much more.....

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