

# HAWKEYE



Dear Hacienda Hawk Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Fall Recess and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. It seems like only yesterday I was announced as the new

principal of Hacienda Environmental Science Magnet. It has been an amazing start to the school year and it only gets better.

We are looking forward to continuing the great times this Friday at our annual Fall Festival. It will be my first one and if events like our wonderful Movie Night are any sign, this will be another awesome opportunity to celebrate being a part of Hacienda's amazing community. Come join us for the fun!

Talk about fun, students and staff are all very excited about our new mantra, Hawk Spirit: Mind, Body, Heart. We have already earned our first school wide reward, a rockin' free dress dance party. Students are working hard to model positive behaviors and earn a lot of crayfish cash.

On another note, the wait is finally over. The much anticipated opening to our lower grade playground has finally come. Students were so eager to get on the play structure and feel that new turf under their feet. It was a long road but well worth it. Come by and check it out for yourself.

Coming up next week is our annual Book Fair. Students will have the opportunity to purchase new books and other goodies starting Monday, Oct. 22nd to Friday, 26th in the cafeteria. Doors open at 8:15am and will close 5 minutes before school starts. Student will be able to access the book fair during recess, but will be closed during lunch. It will reopen again afterschool and remain open until 4pm everyday. Come check it out!

On a final note, I want to send

a sincere thank you to everyone that organized, participated in, and donated to our Annual Giving drive. We had an unbelievable response earning over \$140,000 in pledges for our students and staff. With HIPS help, we continue to have the most quality programs available for our students: Music, Science, Art Vistas, Sprouts, and more. With all of your help we continue to make Hacienda the best school in San Jose Unified. At Hacienda, we truly prepare the thinkers, leaders, and creators of tomorrow.

As always...GOOOOOO HAWKS,

TODD WEBER  
HACIENDA PRINCIPAL



## Introducing Our Newest Music Teacher!

BY MONICA ULRICH

Mrs. Samantha Abouav is excited to join the Hacienda family. With an extensive background teaching general music education classes to students ranging from preschool to middle school, she has directed choirs, school-wide concerts, and musical theatre productions. As founder of the company Musical Minds, Mrs. Abouav taught private lessons, hosted recitals, and taught parent-child group music classes. Mrs. Abouav is happy to return to her true passion, teaching in the Elementary Music Classroom.

Mrs. Abouav's background

is in Opera and Operetta, and she holds a Bachelors in Vocal Performance from SJSU. She has performed throughout the Bay Area with companies such as Lyric Theatre of San Jose, Mission City Opera, and Livermore Valley Opera. In 2016 she performed at Carnegie Hall in NYC with the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale. Mrs. Abouav is also a songwriter, performing on her ukulele or piano as a featured artist at local coffee shops.

Mrs. Abouav is a mommy to three kiddos, ages 7, 4 and almost 2 years old, and is married to a fellow musician who plays trumpet with the Nova Vista Symphony.

## IN THIS ISSUE

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# Art Vistas

BY KRISTA TAORMINA & JESSICA OWEN

Thank you to all of the docents and helpers who are bringing art appreciation and hands on projects to Hacienda classrooms. The program is off to a great start this year with so many energetic volunteers.



For their first Art Vistas lesson of the year, kindergarten classes will create a picture using basic shapes such as squares, circles and rectangles. First graders will work with block printing

and rubbing to learn about the elements of line. During their year of study on the artist Renoir, second graders will begin with making landscapes through tissue paper and then seascapes with watercolors.

In third grade, students will start with a project that focuses on expressing emotions using oil pastels. Fourth graders will learn about primitive styles and pointillism. Fifth grade students will explore Native American art through weaving with yarn on a loom.

Any time is a good time to join in and help with the classroom projects or the many behind the scenes tasks that keep this program running! Email [artvistas@hips.rocks](mailto:artvistas@hips.rocks) or look us up on Konstella.

**THANK YOU...** to all the generous families who have donated books to the music room collection! These books are used to supplement topics the students are learning about in music, everything from the life of composers to sing-along rhymes and rhythms. Mrs. Abouav, Mrs. Thompson, and Ms. Ulrich greatly appreciate the donations and look forward to sharing the books during music classes!

- Krishnan family
- Mueller family
- Murphy/Wolverton family
- Oh family
- Quinn family
- Scripoch family
- Berhe (Lewam) family

Didn't get a chance to donate a book to the music room but still want to? Check out the Hacienda Music Wish List on Amazon: <http://a.co/9W6wfyI>

## Welcome HIPS Families

Greetings friends-

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year on behalf of Hacienda Involved Parents and Staff. It has been a tremendous few months already, and I wish nothing but the best for you and your family.

This is my seventh year as a Hacienda parent, with my older child having already left for middle school. Even after all that time, I never leave campus without a heart full of gratitude and smile on my face; gratitude for our teachers and staff who work tirelessly on behalf of our students, and smiles for our remarkable parent community who give so much time, treasure and talent to our school. From the parent volunteers who help our kids cross the street safely in the morning, to those who bring art, gardening and other activities into

our children's daily lives, I'm grateful to be at a school where so many give so much, including our recording breaking Annual Giving Drive - WOW!

That appreciation is not only because of the benefit to my own student and family, but also because of what Hacienda means to the broader community. Because the truth is, this planet needs more schools like Hacienda.

A public school that draws people from every background and walk of life into one community to work together for the common good.

A school that engages young people in the principles of environmental science at a time when it could not be more important to the future of our planet

And a school that proves once again that nothing is more powerful than people of good faith coming together to make a difference.

Of course, we can't take any of this for granted. This school was built by generations of committed parents and

staff working together, but it can all go away much faster than that. It's up to all of us to make sure that doesn't happen. That's what HIPS is for. But we can't do it alone.

Let's do our part together. Volunteer a little or a lot. Spend a bit of time in your child's classroom. Support school events and activities. Give generously when you can. The years will go by faster than we want, so join the party now.

Once again, thank you for all that you do for Hacienda.

In Service,

MICHAEL ELLIOTT  
HIPS PRESIDENT



# Mark Your Calendar

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

## FALL FESTIVAL 2018 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 5:30-9:00PM

### WELCOME ALL HACIENDA FAMILIES!

One of Hacienda's biggest community events is coming and we need your help to make it a success! This is a great opportunity for you and your family to mingle with other Hacienda families and staff in a fun setting. The best way to get to know people and to feel like you are part of your school is to get involved! Don't miss this night of fun!

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| *GAMES | *FACE PAINTING       | *PRIZES     |
| *FOOD  | *CAKE / PUMPKIN WALK | *GLOW BOOTH |

### VOLUNTEERS

We welcome and appreciate all volunteers. To make this event run smoothly, we ask that ALL Hacienda families volunteer for at least ONE shift. 5th grade students may volunteer for game shifts along with their parent or guardian. Alumni, friends and extended family are welcome to volunteer as well. High school and middle school students may volunteer and earn community service hours. The online volunteer sign up will be on KONSTELLA. Be sure to download the app.

This year the science department is offering a new attraction at Fall Festival: **The Night Forest!** Guided tours will be led by teachers and staff through the Outdoor Classroom to experience the forest at night. Inspired by the Louisville Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular, we want to fill the Outdoor Classroom with glowing Jack-O-Lanterns. In order to make this vision a reality, we need the help of the entire Hacienda Community. How can you help? Bring a carved Jack-O-Lantern to the Science Office on Thursday 10/18 or Friday 10/19. Your creation will be on display in the Night Forest for all to enjoy!

### Come have a GREAT time!

Many fun activities are planned for this year, including a giant inflatable slide, bounce houses, High Striker, face painting, haunted house, cake and pumpkin walk, the bake sale and the ever-popular glow booth and photo booth. Also, we are looking forward to having a delicious plate of homemade Hispanic food courtesy of our SELAC families! It's going to be awesome! Come early and stay for the whole event!

Michelle Scripoch, Melissa Belur & Garrett Brisbee  
Fall Festival Chairs, [HaciendaFallFestival@gmail.com](mailto:HaciendaFallFestival@gmail.com)

## OCTOBER 22 - 26

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

More details to come.

## OCT 29 - NOV 2

EARLY DISMISSAL - MINIMUM DAYS

Grades K-3 8:50am - 12:57pm

Grades 4-5 8:50am - 1:08pm

## NOV 5 - NOV 16

SCIENCE CAMP FUNDRAISER

More details to come.

## NOVEMBER 7

MONTHLY PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE WITH  
MR. WEBER

9:00am - 10:00am

## NOVEMBER 12

VETERANS DAY

No school

## COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

### "ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA" BY RICHARD STRAUSS

1. This piece was first performed November 27, 1896 in Frankfurt, Germany.
2. It is a tone poem, a free-form symphonic work intended to evoke a certain mood or tell a story.
3. The full performance lasts about

4. half an hour. In music class, students will listen to the initial fanfare, called "Sunrise". This is the most famous section of the work, and was featured most notably in the beginning of the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey.
- Richard Strauss is not related in any way to the famous waltz-composing Strauss family.



# Ask The Composer

**Q & A WITH MS. KATHY HAYDEL  
(BELOVED FORMER HACIENDA  
MUSIC TEACHER)**

**Have you ever looked up to a composer or had a role model?** -From Evan G. (5th grade)



“Because of my love for classical music, I would have to pick Ludwig van Beethoven as my favorite. Truly, he was a musical genius creating the most beautiful and moving music and for many years as he was losing his hearing. Remarkable! Because of my love for children’s music, I liked the songs of Charlotte Diamond, Lisa Atkins, and Greg and Steve. Fun and funny! But when I couldn’t find just the song I wanted, I heard something in my head that led me to just the right one and that’s how composing happens! My Mom and Dad were the perfect role models for me in my life. Kind and loving in so many ways. My Dad was very musical and my Mom loved to sit and listen. They encouraged me to keep up with my piano lessons and because of that I got to have the best job in the world, Hacienda’s music teacher.”

**What instruments do you own yourself?**

-From Riley G. (4th grade)

“I have three pianos: one baby grand, one old upright, and one digital piano. I also have three guitars, one ukulele, my Dad’s violin, harmonicas, small flutes, and even a kazoo.”



**Why do you like music?**

-From Tyler N. (3rd grade)

What I like about music is that it is the universal language. Everyone can understand it and can be moved by it. Also, once I sing a song or play the piano, I just plain feel happy. There is no better memory than the feeling of all the years I sang with the Hacienda kids every day. Now, that’s a lot of happiness!



**What was your favorite song that you composed?**

-From Miles P. (3rd grade)



“I love all the Halloween songs, especially The Butler, Mimi Mummy, Jackie Jack O’Lantern, Dr. Franklehammerstein, so many! What’s your favorite? A few others are Rosa Parks, Never Pass a Piece of Paper, and the Hacienda Song.”

**What inspired you to make the Halloween songs??**

-From Aaron G. (4th grade)



“My inspiration to make up the Halloween songs started with Esmeralda. I was teaching 4th grade at Los Alamitos in the 1970’s and I needed a decoration for my classroom for Halloween. I found this wonderful witch decoration with a cookbook in her hand. I used it for many years and then came to Hacienda in the early 1980’s. I pulled out Esmeralda when I began teaching music and thought she should have a song and a story. And the next year I found a skeleton and I named him Bones, and I thought he should have a song and a story. And then I found a really cute bat and I thought he needed a song and a story. Each year after that I added a new character with a song and story and thought this was a fun way to teach something about music to students.”