

HAWKEYE



Hello Hacienda Hawk Families,

I can't believe that Thanksgiving is already behind us and we are almost to New Year Recess. I hope everyone had a wonderful Turkey Day with lots of quality family time and delicious food. This is the time of year that we pause to reflect on all of the wonderful things in our lives to be thankful for. I thought about how thankful I am for all of the children who attend Hacienda, our superb staff, and of course, all of the amazing families and friends who support our school. We are fortunate to be Hacienda Hawks.

The month of December is always a busy time, with music performances, celebrations, and at school, a range of academic challenges such as the winter writing performance assessment. We are excited with the progress we have seen in all of our classrooms. As you may be aware, we are focused on ensuring that all students are reading at grade level by the time they complete 2nd grade. This is part of our district wide initiative on K-2 Literacy. The Fall2 testing window for CPAA recently closed, and I am very pleased to report that there was significant growth in English Language Arts in grades K-2. Kudos to the students and the teachers for all of their effort!

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of you a warm and wonderful holiday season. Take the time to sip your favorite warm beverage, celebrate your own special traditions, and enjoy your family and friends. We all have to much to be thankful for and look forward to finishing 2018 strong!

Gooooooooooooo Hawks!

TODD WEBER

HACIENDA PRINCIPAL



Musical Notes

BY MONICA ULRICH, MUSIC TEACHER

First & Second Grade Winter/Holiday Choruses

First and second grade classes are working very hard preparing for their Holiday Chorus Performances on Friday, Dec. 14. First graders will perform for parents and families at 9:05 AM on Dec. 14, and second graders will perform for their parents and families at 2:00 PM on Dec. 14. Both shows will take place in the school cafeteria.

We hope that a recording of each performance will be available for \$5/DVD, provided we have a parent volunteer make a master disc. If you or someone you know can take the raw footage and create a master DVD for music teacher Mrs. Thompson, please reach out to her ASAP. She can be reached at school on Thursdays and Fridays or by email by writing to dthompson@sjusd.org at your earliest convenience. See more information on page two.

On the day of their performance, first and second grade students will not be required to wear school uniforms. They are encouraged to wear their best holiday clothing for the performance. Students should not wear hats, though, as they can obstruct the view of other students

Kindergarten Holiday Informance

Parents and families are invited to join Kindergarten students during music class on December 20. We will perform songs that are included in the school-wide sing along, as well as other music class activities. Students are looking forward

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Musical Notes

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to sharing music class with their families, and spreading the joy of music during the holiday season. Informances will be located in the Kindergarten classrooms during normal music class times.

Mr. Miramontes, Room 4 at 8:50 A.M.
Ms. Wickersham, Room 3 at 9:50 A.M.
Mrs. Lombardo, Room 2 at 12:00 Noon
Ms. Barnhart, Room 1 at 2:00 P.M.

Third Grade Hicklebee's Chorus

On December 12th, many third grade students will be performing holiday songs led by Ms. Ulrich at



Hicklebee's Bookstore in downtown Willow Glen. Participation is optional for all third grade students but many have signed up to perform that evening. Students will be divided into two performance times, one at 6:00 P.M.

and one at 7:00 P.M. Come to Hicklebee's, listen to some holiday singing, and support Hacienda by doing some holiday shopping that night!



Can you make a DVD of a musical performance?

As mentioned on page one, Mrs. Abouav, Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Ulrich are once again looking for parent volunteers to video tape and create a DVD of the grade level music performances. All we need is some simple editing (title, date, grade level at the beginning of the movie) and a final copy (ONE) DVD for us to use as a master. Most of the video will just be a continuous run with no cuts, no fade ins/outs, and no song titles needed, etc. The music teachers will make all the DVD copies. If we do not get volunteers to help with this task, then our grade level performances will not have a DVD. Each DVD is a special memento for you to look back on years later or share with out of town family members. Please send an email to the music teachers if you can help! Monica Ulrich can be reached at mulrich@sjusd.org, Daniele Thompson can be reached at dthompson@sjusd.org and Samantha Abouav can be reached at sabouav@sjusd.org. Each grade level has a performance that needs a parent volunteer to make a DVD, so please consider volunteering if you have this skill. Thank you!

December Music Events

- 3rd Grade Hicklebee's Chorus - Wednesday, December 12th between 6-7:30 PM at Hicklebee's Bookstore, Willow Glen
- 1st Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 14th at 9:05 A.M. in the cafeteria
- 2nd Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 14th at 2:00 P.M. in the cafeteria
- Kindergarten Informance - Thursday, December 20th (see times above)
- All-School Winter/Holiday Sing Alongs - Friday, December 21st (Check with your child's teacher for his/her assembly time. School is divided into two assembly groups. Seating is limited because students take up the majority of the cafeteria space.)

Mark Your Calendar

DECEMBER 12, WED

Dinner Night Out

11:30am – 8:00pm

- Willow Street Pizza in Willow Glen
- All-day lunch and dinner
- Bring flier and 20% of Take-out or Dine-in food and beverage purchases goes to HIPS



DEC 24 – JAN 4

NO SCHOOL – New Year Recess

JANUARY 11, 2019, FRI

Star Party – spend an evening stargazing with friends & San Jose Astronomical Society

6:30pm – 8:30pm

DECEMBER 19, WED

School Site Council Meeting

3:15pm – 4:15pm

School Library

Everyone is welcome to attend.

DECEMBER 20-21, TH-FR

Logowear Store Open

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Discounts and vouchers accepted

Just in time to spread the Hawk spirit to family and friends.



Art Vistas

BY KRISTA & JESSICA

During the month of December, Art Vistas is focusing on the third of six lessons of the school year. Kindergarteners are making connections between music and art, while first graders are learning more about the color wheel and how to use complementary and contrasting colors.

In second grade, students are continuing their study on the works of Renoir, with a liquid watercolor cityscape. Third grade is trying out one of our newest lessons, by building an action sculpture out of aluminum foil.

Fourth grade will be creating their own masterpieces in the fauvism style of Matisse, and fifth grade will study Colonial era art through Limner portraits. All of these wonderful art projects that your students are creating will be sent home in May, after the Art Vistas Exhibit during Open House.

Do you have a half hour or an hour of

time to help prep or clean up one of our art projects? Some prep work can even be done at home! If you are interested, please email artvistas@hips.rocks or contact Art Vistas on Konstella.



Composition of the Month

In December we are listening to “Waltz of the Flowers” by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

- “Waltz of the Flowers” is from a ballet Tchaikovsky composed called The Nutcracker.
- It is scored for a full orchestra including strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion.
- The Nutcracker is one of the most frequently performed ballets in the world, especially the United States. In many areas The Nutcracker is an annual tradition, and several ballet companies in the San Francisco Bay Area present it each December.

