

May 2015

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JOIN OUR NEW SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

HIPS has established a new Sponsorship Program for Hacienda. This program will encourage businesses to donate and support Hacienda and provide sponsor benefits to business partners throughout the year (such as banners, communications, event sponsorships and tables, flyers, etc.). We are expecting to raise significant donations for the school though this new program, and we would love your help.

If you have any ideas or you would like to help build up this new program, please attend our first sponsorship committee meeting on Tuesday May 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Hacienda staff room (1 hour before the HIPS Meeting) or contact the Sponsor Committee chair, Jeff Renda at jeff.renda@sitesystems.com.

SHARKIE VISITED MS. DOLAN'S AND MS. ROTH'S CLASSROOMS FOR BEING "S.J. SHARKIE'S TOP READING CLASSROOM" IN THE READING IS COOL PROGRAM



Each month S.J. Sharkie visits the "Top Classrooms of the Month" from each grade level that has read the most number

of pages per student. Over 1,000 classrooms participate on a monthly basis and for the month of February our kids won. We are very proud of our students for doing their personal best and reading so much.



Miss Roth's 1st Grade Class



Ms. Dolan's 2nd Grade Class



Mark Your Calendar

May 11	Dinner Night Out
	The Old Spaghetti Factory
	Downtown San Jose
May 12	Last HIPS Meeting of the year
	6:45pm Social
	7:00-8:30pm Meeting
	Childcare provided at YMCA by HIPS
May 19	Open House
	(Visit Classrooms in the evening)
May 22	Kids in Motion, 10:00am
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
May 29	Field Day, 1:00-3:00pm
May 30	Outdoor Workday, 9:30am-2:00pm
June 1	Neon Day
June 4	Thursday - Last Day of School 5th Grade Promotions, 9:15am
	Classes dismiss at 1:36pm
June 5	Friday - No School/No YMCA

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Dear Hacienda families.

All I can think of right now is wow, wow, wow! What a month April has been! We had beautiful weather for our amazing Going Native Garden Tours (which our students did a terrific job leading!), and our Spring Fling was a huge success. The few raindrops certainly did nothing to dampen the spirits of the students walking and running. Thank you to all of the many volunteers who make Spring Fling happen. It truly takes thousands of hours to coordinate the walkathon, booths, auction, and raffle. The funds raised from our Spring Fling will go a long way in supporting the programs here at Hacienda, so I am sending a huge thank you to all who participated!

We are in the midst of state testing this week, and will continue until the second week of May. This year's assessment will be the first scores from Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium that will be used to establish a baseline for our school. They will also be the first to assess the Common Core State Standards. Although I am sure the scores will not be off the charts, I know that our students are working hard to do their very best.

May marks the slide towards the end of the year. Yikes! Hard to believe the year is nearly over. Before that, though, there are tons of activities and events that are looming large. May 12th is our volunteer tea, where the staff is able to show appreciation to all of our volunteers. It's always fun to serenade volunteers with that special song. May 19th is Open House and Art Vista Gallery. Kids in Motion will be on May 22nd, and of course, there are many field trips taking place in May.

Enjoy these last few weeks of school before summer!

Warm regards, Carmen Loy



LETTER FROM HIPS PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda families.

Is it just me, or has this year gone by crazy-fast? Wasn't it only yesterday that we were at Back to School Night?

A giant "thank you" to our Hacienda community for making Spring Fling such a success this year. We are grateful for all our many volunteers, including our fabulous faculty and staff, who spent the day ensuring that the event ran smoothly. Kudos to the Spring Fling team for an amazing job!

From Kinder Kickoff in August to Spring Fling in April, with several fundraisers and community events in between, HIPS could not have had such a wonderful year without all of our dedicated and passionate faculty, staff and volunteers. Hacienda students thrive in part because of our shared commitment to Art Vistas, Sprouts, Project Cornerstone, the science lab and the outdoor classroom, the library, technology in the classrooms, field trips, and much, much more. Thank you all for your continued support of our school and our students!

In just a few short weeks, we will see our 5th graders graduate from Hacienda, ready to take on the brave new world of middle school. We will miss you, 5th graders! Best of luck in your new adventures. Please come back and visit us often — we know a great place for you to rack up those community service hours. :-)

May 12th (7:00 pm) will be our final HIPS meeting of the school year. We will be voting on three important items for the 2015-16 school year: the preliminary budget, the calendar of fundraisers and community events, and the slate of HIPS Executive Board members. Please join us in the Faculty Dining Room (FDR) as we prepare for another fantastic year at Hacienda.

Embrace the craziness of these last few weeks of the school year!

Melissa Belur HIPS President



Science Lab Notes

HACIENDA STUDENTS EXCEL WITH NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS



This has been an exciting, challenging, and transformative school year for science learning at Hacienda! Our fortunate students have enjoyed and benefited from enriched science learning through our transition to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): http://www.nextgenscience.org/california. We are the first elementary school in the district to teach these powerful science learning standards that better prepare students for the future.

During in-depth weeks of science labs, students enjoyed learning science and engineering skills and concepts at deeper levels than was possible with the old California Science Standards. The NGSS are performance-based learning standards and students have clearly enjoyed demonstrating what they have learned over time through respectful scientific argumentation, as well as engineering and testing their own devices. In grades 2-5, students learned how to use iPads to document experimental data through photos and videos for use when recording and presenting their learning using the app, Vittle. Thank you again, HIPS, for your support in funding the science lab iPads, as they have become incredibly powerful and motivating science equipment during labs. Ask any Hacienda student what they've done during recent science lab weeks, and be prepared to listen for a while and be amazed!

Because we have transitioned to the more in-depth NGSS, this year's 5th grade students at Hacienda did not cover as many science facts and mini-concepts at the shallow level required by the previous science standards (mile-wide, inch-deep analogy). The CA science CSTs (a.k.a.STAR) test that 5th graders took this April was unfortunately based on the old standards, due to a federal testing mandate that requires testing in order for the state to receive federal funding. The state and district have stated that we

need not be concerned about this year's CSTs science test scores, since they do not reflect the NGSS we have begun teaching our students. I have confidence that even without us teaching to the old science test, our students will still do remarkably well due to the strength of their scientific reasoning.

Thanks again for your positive support during this year of transition in science. I look forward to next year, with many more exciting learning adventures in science with our Hacienda students!

OUTDOOR WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

Join us for our last outdoor workday of the school year on Saturday, May 30th. We'll be preparing Hacienda's amazing outdoor classroom for the summer ahead with some weeding, clean up, new garden bed building, and more. And, it's a great way for kids to earn crayfishing time from 12:30-1:30. Here's the schedule:

Reminder: Students must have a supervising adult with them at workday.

- 9:30-12:00 = Work time! (Please arrive by 11:00)
- 12:00-12:30 = Lunchtime (Snacks provided or bring your own)
- 12:30-1:30 = Crayfishing (For kids who worked at least one hour)
- 1:30-2:00 = Clean up

Wear your work clothes, sunscreen and cap and bring your own gardening gloves if you have them. We recommend you bring your own water bottle to stay cool while we work. See you there!



300 VISIT OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AT GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR

Hacienda students enlightened 297 visitors by guiding them on tours of the outdoor classroom on Saturday, April 18th. As part of the bay area's Going Native Garden Tour, our students shared their impressive knowledge of native plants and animals that live in and visit Hacienda's "nature acre." Visitors commented what an amazing learning environment our students have, and how excited they are to share their knowledge. Mr. Keedy's utmost appreciation goes to Michelle Unger for all her time and work coordinating this year's Going Native Garden Tour. See below for the names of student tour leaders who dedicated so much time to learning and practicing their "Going Native" tours.

Addy K. Frida R. Marcello H. Alexa V Genesis O C Mia V Arianah E. Isabella W. Nathan P. Paige U. Ben B. Jared N. Pierce S. Bowden W. Jeremiah K. Jesse P. Sarah L. Carson Y. David J. Johnny B. Stephanie C. Stephanie W. Emily M. Kate S. Estefany B.S. Kavita C. Tvler L. Yatsia G. Esther K Kyle M. Faith H Liam P

Additional thanks go to all of the other adult volunteers who helped in various ways to make the tours a success...

Michelle Unger Caryl Westerberg
Lieke Vlasveld Carolyn Flanagan
Nancy Davenport Dan Flanagan
Peri Kraus Julie Passolt
Pam Crone Isabel Ramirez

STUDENTS PLANT BLUE OAK AT HACIENDA EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Thanks to all who helped make our Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration an entertaining and educational one-of-a-kind event. The whole-school assembly demonstrated just how fortunate we are to have the creative talents of Monica Ulrich and Andrea Fennern to teach and inspire our kids Thank you to Pat Pizzo and Our City Forest for coordinating the planting of the blue oak by students and visitors, near Rm. 31. Please let Mr. Keedy or Ms. Deckert know if you are willing to water the tree a couple times a month over the summer. Hope you saw or heard about some of the amazing student projects, displays, and presentations that students created to

celebrate the natural wonders of the earth. Make every day an Earth Day by making conscious choices.



Make every day Earth Day!



Students help Our City Forest plant a blue oak.

PICK UP SUMMER ANIMALS, MAY 26-JUNE 3

Is your family responsible and interested in taking care of one or two Hacienda animals at your home over the summer break, we still have just a few available, as of this newsletter deadline. If you fit the bill, please contact Ms. Deckert, science program assistant, at adeckert@ sjusd.org or come find her in science lab after school.

First come, first served for requests. Ms. Deckert can explain what is involved in the care for animals you are interested in. Please provide your name, phone number, email address, and which animal(s) you're potentially interested in.

Please schedule with Ms. Deckert to pick up your animal(s) May 28-June 3, between 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Ms. Deckert will explain how to properly care for your summer buddies. If you will be gone on vacation for part of the time, you can make your own arrangements to share your summer adoption with another Hacienda family while you're gone.

WONDER WEEDER ROMBERG "GRADUATES"

Mr. Keedy and Ms. Deckert cannot believe that parent volunteer, Joanne Romberg, is "graduating." We are so thankful for her weeding and work in the outdoor classroom EVERY WEEK, over so many years. You will be sorely missed, though you're always welcome back to get your outdoor fix, if you run out of weeds at home!

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM HOSPITALITY NEEDED NEXT YEAR

Thanks to Allison and Ryan Pruitt for coordinating all of this year's outdoor workday snacks and lunches. Everyone, especially Mr. Keedy, appreciates the tasty and healthy food you so generously provided for all of our volunteer workers. The Pruitt family

will be "graduating" this year, so please let Mr. Keedy know if you'd be willing to serve as outdoor workday

hospitality coordinator for all or some of next year's outdoor workdays: kkeedy@sjusd.org.



Joanne Romberg plants a new flannel bush.

PAINTING CREW NEEDED FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM STRUCTURE

The wood and metal outdoor classroom seating area and shade structure, enjoyed by hundreds of Hacienda students every year, is in need of some repairs and painting/sealing. If you know an outdoor painting crew who would be willing to donate their time and equipment, HIPS science funds can pay for the materials. It would be ideal to have the work done over the summer break. Please have them contact Ms. Deckert, science program assistant at adeckert@ sjusd.org.

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: ANNA GIVEN

This month's Volunteer Spotlight is about Anna Given. What a super star volunteer she is!

Let me tell you a little about her....

Anna and her husband, Curtis, have two boys, Brenden (6th grade) and Ryan (4th grade). They have been married for almost 13 years. She was born and raised in the Soviet Union (now Ukraine). Her family immigrated here in 1991.

In all her years at Hacienda, she has been quite involved. She has been the HIPS Treasurer for over 5 years and has an extensive knowledge of HIPS financial history. She's been room mom, helped in the classroom as much as possible, gone on field trips, volunteered at events, and on and on.

When Anna is not at school, she's at work or at home

tending to all the household, non-glamorous duties of being a mom. She enjoys reading, playing games, and cooking especially making desserts. Somehow amongst all of that she picked up crocheting too. What tops her list is hanging out with her boys watching movies.



Anna's advice for all Hacienda parents: "The biggest thing I will miss after Ryan graduates is hanging out and chatting with other moms after school. The best thing I did for myself was to get involved in this school. I met a lot of great people and made new friends. This is a unique community and I will truly miss being part of it. If anyone ever wonders if they should, they definitely should in any way they can. Kids really like their parents being part of their school. Being hugely obsessed with animals and

science, this school is a perfect fit."

Anna, THANK YOU for being a BIG part of Hacienda!

Musical Notes

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In May, Hacienda students will watch and listen to the "Washington Post" composed by John Philip Sousa as performed by "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in 2009.

- John Phillip Sousa became the United States Marine Band's 17th director in 1880.
- In 1889, Sousa wrote the "Washington Post" march for the award ceremony of a children's essay contest sponsored by the newspaper of the same name.
- The "Washington Post" quickly became one of the most popular tunes in America and across Europe.
- A British band journalist remarked that since Johann Strauss, Jr., was called the "Waltz King" that American bandmaster Sousa should be called the "March King." The nickname stuck.

KIDS IN MOTION

Don't miss our annual "Kids In Motion" event, which

is our all-school dance and movement performance! Kids In Motion is on Friday, May 22. The pre-show starts PROMPTLY at 10:00 A.M. Students bring their classroom chairs to the uppergrade black top area to watch each grade level



school uniform for their performance but will be wearing a fantastic insect t-shirt creation (made at school) over their clothes. Teachers will handle the t-shirts for their own students.

perform a dance. Students have been practicing their dance each week in music class. Each grade level wears a colored shirt for Kids In Motion. This is NOT a freedress day. Uniform skirts, shorts, or pants need to be worn for bottoms. Make sure your student brings a hat, sunglasses, and wears sunscreen, too!

Kinder & Special Day Classes = green shirt

1st = navy blue shirt

2nd = white fish print shirts (made for Earth Day)

3rd = purple shirt

4th = red shirt

5th = tie dye Science camp shirt

The 5th grade band will be performing in the pre-show. Our school-wide shared dance will be "Move, Move, Move," so feel free to practice at home. Even the teachers will be getting out there to dance to their own song! I wonder what it will be?

Many parents like to attend Kids In Motion. Similar to Earth Day, parents will be standing behind students to watch. A video recording will be taken, and DVD's will be sold for \$5/each. Order forms are in the front office and can be returned to Ms. Ulrich or Ms. Fennern. Stick around after the performance, because Spring Fling awards are given out by HIPS immediately after Kids In Motion has concluded.

METAMORPHOSIS CHORUS

As a culmination of their studies on insects, the 1st graders (Hacienda's Metamorphosis Chorus) will perform poems and songs about insects and their habits on Thursday, May 28 at 9:15 AM. Parents and families are welcome to attend the 9:15 AM show in the cafeteria.

This will NOT be a free-

1st graders should wear a

dress day for students.

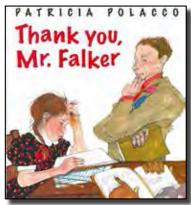
FIELD DAY

Field Day for Hacienda students is coming at the end of this month, and parent volunteers are needed! Field day is an opportunity for students to participate in fun stations with activities, such as water relays, limbo, parachute activities and more! Teachers and parents run the stations. It's a day students look forward to attending. Field Day will take place on Friday, May 29 from 1-3 PM. If you are available to assist the teachers with a station, please keep the date open! Please contact 2nd grade teachers, Ms. McClure at smcclure@sjusd. org or Mrs. Ravizza at hravizza@sjusd.org if you can help donate bubbles, sidewalk chalk, or your time (by volunteering to help for the event).

ABC PROJECT CORNERSTONE Champion Year, Lesson 8

Thank You Mr. Falker By Patricia Polacco

The author of this month's ABC book, Patricia Polacco, wrote: "THIS STORY IS TRULY AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL. IT IS ABOUT MY OWN STRUGGLE WITH NOT BEING ABLE TO READ. This story honors the teacher that



took time to see a child that was drowning and needed help. I am a dyslexic, disnumeric and disgraphic. Can you imagine what it was like to try and learn along with other students when I needed specialized help... help that wasn't available in those days? I remember feeling dumb, that terrible feeling about myself was compounded by being teased by a bully. That boy changed my life and made me feel so unsafe and so sad that I didn't want to go to school anymore. Mr. Falker, my hero, my teacher, not only stopped this boy from teasing me, but he also noticed that I wasn't reading well and got a reading specialist to help. So this book was written both to honor Mr. Falker, but also to warn young people that mean words have a terrible power... and that they should do all that they can to see that teasing stops at their school."

This book reminds us that caring adults can create webs of support to protect and guide our children. As the most influential and caring adult in your own child's life, look for opportunities to help guide and promote behaviors which support learning, acceptance, and achievement. Your actions will help your child learn asset building strategies to empower themselves to enjoy life-long learning. Your own patience, perseverance and resiliency in the face of difficulties, teaches your child all of these skills! They are watching us and learning from us every minute! When you are positive about learning something new, your child will be too.

When your child asks for help, reassure them that you are there for them. Listen with empathy. Sometimes, simply sharing the problem helps young people figure out what to do next. Your gentle hand on a shoulder, your moment to listen intently, your smile and understanding will show your child that they are not alone and that they can count on you to help them when they need it.

By modeling and showing your love and support, your child will continue to thrive and bloom!

New volunteers are always welcome to this join this powerful program. Please consider this opportunity for the 2015-2016 school year. Contact Catherine Lavin catlavin@sbcglobal.net

THE BURNETT ENROLLMENT CENTER IS MOVING

The school district's enrollment center, currently known as the Burnett Enrollment Center, will be welcoming families at its new temporary location, 4855 Pearl Ave. All new families



enrolling their children in SJUSD schools should take note that staff at the enrollment center will be helping them at this new location beginning May 18.

This move to the former Erikson Elementary site is a temporary one allowing the school district the necessary time to make the appropriate adjustments to the central office building where the enrollment center will be permanently housed. Moving the enrollment center to the central office on Lenzen Ave. is part of a larger school district plan as it works to better serve all SJUSD students and their families.

EL CENTRO DE INSCRIPCIÓN BURNETT SE TRASLADA

El Centro de Inscripción del Distrito, actualmente conocido como Centro de Inscripción Burnett dará la bienvenida a las familias en su ubicación temporal en el 4855 de la Avenida Pearl en San José. Todas las nuevas familias que deseen inscribir a sus hijos en las escuelas del Distrito Escolar Unificado de San José deben saber que al personal del Centro de Inscripción le complacerá atenderlos en su nueva ubicación, a partir del 18 de mayo de 2015.

Este traslado al plantel de la antigua Primaria Erikson es temporal y le permitirá al Distrito contar con el tiempo necesario para hacer los ajustes adecuados al edificio de sus oficinas centrales donde, más adelante, se ubicará el Centro de Inscripción permanentemente. El trasladar el Centro de Inscripción a las oficinas centrales en la Avenida Lenzen es parte de un plan a mayor escala del Distrito en su afán por brindar el mejor servicio posible a todos los estudiantes de SJUSD y a sus familias.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

Great job on Pennies for Patients! We collected \$3,809!! That's awesome!! So far we have had a local food drive, then we had a nationwide Pennies for Patients fundraiser, now we will have a school wide trash free lunch week. Look for more information to come later in the month. In March we had some fun Spirit Days- thanks for participating! Our last Spirit Day is neon day on Monday, June 1st.

-Conner Lavin, Student Council Secretary

LUCKY S.H.A.R.E.S.

Do you shop at Lucky Supermarkets? How about SaveMart, FoodMaxx or S-mart Foods? Do your friends or family members frequent these stores?

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Please email pcrone_sj@yahoo.com to request a Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S. card and start earning money for Hacienda!



ESCRIP

Shop at Lunardi's? Make sure that your debit/credit cards are registered on escrip.com and earn up to 4% for Hacienda!

SUMMER FUN

Help the little girl find her way through the sun shaped maze to find her brother building a sand castle.



Hacienda is Green

Trash Free Fridays: Aim for a trash-free lunch by using only reusable containers and drink bottlesevery Friday!

Go Paperless! Get your Thursday Family Folder electronically:

- 1. Send an email to thursdayfolders@yahoo.com and INCLUDE: child(ren)'s FULL name(s) AND Teacher(s) name (include all children).
- 2. To get the electronic version, subscribe to haciendainformation-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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