



# HIDDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HAWKS



## HAWK NEWS ALERT February 18, 2022

### Important Dates

Feb 21	President's Day ( <b>No school</b> )
Feb 22	Staff Development Day ( <b>No School</b> )
Feb 25	Fitness Friday @ 7:15am on Blacktop
Feb 25	Spring Picture Day
Mar 1	Fun Run for 5th Grade
Mar 3	Fun Run for TK - 4th grade
Mar 16-18	Spring Conference Days ( <b>Minimum Days</b> ) Scholastic Book Fair
Mar 22	Staff Development Day ( <b>Minimum Day</b> )

### HIDDEN HILLS



Spring  
Picture  
Day

**FRIDAY,  
Feb 25th**

**More details in  
the flyer below!**

Pre-Order Link

<https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000909658>



## ELAC



### International Festival 2022

Make a Flipgrid video **TODAY** to share about your culture for our International Festival going on **NOW** until February 27!

See details below...

[ELAC International Festival](#)

(Join code: **070c2ee5**).

Share your culture with our Hidden Hills family by uploading a Flipgrid video (limit 3 minutes) in any of the following topics:

[Traditional Clothes/Costumes](#)

[Languages](#)

[Music: Songs, Instrumental Music & Dance](#)

[Famous People & Places \(Landmarks\)](#)

[Food & Recipes](#)

### Congratulations, Soaring Hawks!

TK - Ginger

Kinder - Romin, Austin, Peyton

First - Arnab, Luke, Hazen, Ellavva

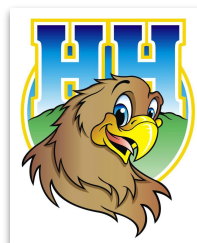
Second - Rishi, Sophia, Emme

Third - Caleb, Aarna, Aariz, Viraat

Fourth - Jordan, Ishaan, Nainika, Sanjana, Andrew

Fifth - Amritha, Surayah, Usman, Siya, Noah

Soaring Hawks are caught being good for:  
**Citizenship, Empathy, Fairness, Respect,  
Responsibility, Trustworthiness**



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## Spring Parent Teacher Conferences March 16th, 17th and 18th

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you feel the need to meet, otherwise the teachers will schedule the meetings for those who need it.

## CAASPP Testing

Assessment window -April 11th to May 6th

Please read the letter below to better prepare your child for testing.

**Children who are EL will taking the  
ELPAC Summative test.**

**Assessment window : March 7th to April 22nd  
More information to follow**

The PTA is still looking for parents to help! If you are interested in joining the PTA Board or would like to serve on the nomination committee (must be a PTA member), please contact Hillary Wong @ HHESPTA@gmail.com



Hidden Hills Elementary school has been selected as the **Winner of the 2022 Best of San Ramon Award** in the category of Elementary School!



The San Ramon Award Program provides public recognition of the contributions of businesses and organizations in and around San Ramon.



## **WANT YOUR PICTURE IN THE YEARBOOK?**

Pages are being completed as events happen so the sooner they get in, the better the chances of making them into the yearbook! Please put them in your child's class folder and tag them so we know who's in the picture.

*Please only share school related photos. All others will be removed.*

## **ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!!!**

Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)

School's passcode: 1016019833804511

A tree is planted on behalf of Hidden Hills for every yearbook purchased!

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Mar. 1st** - Words Matter Week pictures due

**Mar. 15th** - Last day to submit pictures

**Apr. 15th** - Personalized pages due



## Instrumental Music

Information for the DVHS band festival can be found [here](#). Information on the DVHS strings festival can be found [here](#). Only 5<sup>th</sup> grades students will participate in the festival.

Mr. Ehling. [aehling@srvusd.net](mailto:aehling@srvusd.net)

**COVID TESTING** is available at the SRVUSD Education Center **Monday to Friday 11:30am to 5:30pm** and **Saturday 8am to 12pm**.

➤ [SRVUSD Education Center, 699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville](#)

To sign up, please follow the instructions posted on the district [website](#). (Pre-registration is required)

Effective Monday, February 14: COVID-19 Testing Location Changes New COVID-19 testing appointment schedule: Monday - Friday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (all offer antigen only testing)

- Gale Ranch Middle School: 6400 Main Branch Rd, San Ramon
- Los Cerros Middle School: 968 Blemer Rd, Danville
- Pine Valley Middle School: 3000 Pine Valley Rd, San Ramon

**Please DO NOT send your child to school if they present the following symptoms**

*Fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue/weakness, headache, body/muscle aches, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, new loss of taste and smell, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.*  
**Symptom Infographic**

If your child is sick and stays home or is sent home due to illness from school, please do one of the following in order  
[to return back to school.](#)

**Parent Volunteers needed during lunch time to help supervise students and to distribute lunch.**  
(must be approved and registered with

[Be A Mentor](#)  
[Volunteer Management System](#))  
[Signup Genius Link](#)

**Vaccine Status is MANDATORY. Please upload a picture of your vaccine card to Be A Mentor.**

Please contact HH Office for more details.

## **FITNESS FRIDAY**

Join us for Fitness Friday! Start your day with exercises and fun!

**Feb 25th @ 7:15 AM-7:45 AM.**

We will meet on the blacktop every other Friday. Please Register and fill out the Student Waiver in the flyer below.



**Calling 2-5th graders!** Are you interested in some extra math? Hidden Hills is now registered as a school on Mathleague.org. Parents can look into elementary contests and choose one or a few that work best for your child on your own time. Check out the website-

<https://mathleague.org/es.php>

If you have any questions please feel free to email Rebecca Scherer, TSA [rscherer@srvusd.net](mailto:rscherer@srvusd.net) or Aman Kumar, a HH parent helping with our extra curricular math programs [ak85ka@gmail.com](mailto:ak85ka@gmail.com)

## **Independent Study Request for Pre-Determined Absences**

An Independent study request can be made for minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 14 days. Students requesting 5 to 10 days of planned absence shall give 3 to 5 days notice prior to absence. Students requesting more than 10 days of planned absence shall contact the principal 5 to 10 days before the leave request initiates.

Please contact your teacher or the school office to initiate a Independent Study Request.

**"No Student is entitled to a short-term independent study contract in excess of fourteen (14) instructional school days in a school year"**

## **The Crayon Initiative**

The Crayon Initiative is a 501(c)3 non-profit that brings the joy of bright new crayons to kids in children's hospitals across the US. We do this by recycling and remanufacturing old crayons that would otherwise go to landfills. Our hospital partners tell us kids often take our crayons home—as a happy memory of an otherwise uncertain time. There is a yellow bucket in the front office of Hidden Hills where you can donate your crayons.



## *Attendance News*

Please call the attendance line @  
925-479-3898



School success starts  
with attendance

SRVUSD Attendance Awareness

## Making an Amazon Purchase?

Log into [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and make your purchase. A small portion of purchase will be donated back to Hidden Hills Education Fund.

Every small amount counts.

Don't forget to choose Hidden Hills Hawks Education Fund at checkout.

Remember to always start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to support our school every time you shop!



## FORGOTTEN LUNCHES!

If you have a forgotten lunch, please drop it in the office **NO LATER than 10:45am**. Please clearly identify the lunch with **first & last name, grade, and teacher** before dropping it off.

Please remember this is only for the occasional emergency forgotten lunch and this courtesy is not meant for regular delivery. Students should bring their lunch with them each morning unless they plan to take the district lunch being offered in the MPR. Thank you.

**Please follow the Law and all posted signs when turning into our parking lot.**



**There is NO left turn into the Hidden Hills Loop from Harcourt Way between 7:30 and 3:00**

## School Parking Lot Reminder

Only Hidden Hills staff members and auction winners may park in the front parking lot at arrival and dismissal times. Please allow enough time to park on the street during pick up and drop off. There are only two areas for pick up/drop off for Grades 1 - 5: carpool and blacktop. Only Kinder and TK students are allowed to be dropped off and picked up in the back parking lot along the curb. **Back lot parking spaces are for parents heading to the Growing Room only.** Thank you in advance for complying with our school rules.

## **Vaccination Status Update**

**Upload your vaccination status to Be A Mentor in order to volunteer on campus.**

**If you haven't uploaded your proof of vaccination, you will not be able to volunteer at school.**

## *Important Information and Resources*

[SRVUSD Instructional Calendar 2021-2022](#)

[Lunch Menu February 2022](#)



## **Save the Date!**

Hidden Hills **SPAGHETTI FEED** and **AUCTION** will be held on April 22nd.





**SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville, California 94526

Educational Services

[www.srvusd.net](http://www.srvusd.net)

February 11, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver:

Each year at our school, students in grades three through five participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This assessment window is scheduled for April 11th through May 6th. Each student will take these assessments on their SRVUSD issued chromebook. These chromebooks have been updated with the latest web browser that supports the State of California tests. Students will take the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Fifth grade students will also take the California Science Test (CAST).

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAST are online tests that measure what your child has learned. The test results help our school understand what knowledge and skills students have mastered and which ones they may still need to learn. These scores allow parents and teachers to monitor student progress so we can help each student master the appropriate grade level academic standards. It's very important that each student takes the exam and tries their best. Overall, the CAASPP scores reflect on our students, schools and school district. Please click on this link for further information - [SRVUSD web site info click here](#).

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child prepare for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not scared or anxious.
- Tell your child that they have learned the material in their classroom.
- Take advantage of the online practice tests if you so choose.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding Web page at

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at

<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Individual class testing schedules will be provided by your child's teacher as we get closer to the testing window.

Sincerely,

Melodie Huynh, Hidden Hills Principal

# Counselor's CORNER

## FEBRUARY 2022

Ms. Hassay

### Counseling Monthly Focus:

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is Random Acts of Kindness Day! Everyone needs a little kindness sometimes.

The goal of Random Act of Kindness Week is to improve families, schools, and society through KINDNESS! This day is the perfect opportunity for children to try and find new ways of being kind.

### For Parents:

- ☐ Acts of kindness can include:
- ☐ • Helping parents with dinner
- ☐ • Helping your teacher
- ☐ • Smiling at someone.
- ☐ • Opening the door for someone

### Let's CONNECT!



khassay@srvusd.net



Next week is also Words Matter Week! This is a week of spreading awareness of how words can impact the way others feel. Join us as we celebrate the positivity we can bring with our words!





# **PICTURE DAY IS**

Friday, Feb 25th

## **Order now**

*by clicking or typing the link below*

<https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000909658>

*\*Easy online ordering*

*\*Best pricing with prepaid orders*

*\*Every child's portrait will be photographed  
so dress your best!*



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(925) 551 - 8037



**Information about the PTA Board and Committees:**

All PTA Board members and PTA Committee Chairs must be PTA members having paid the membership fees, \$20 for an individual membership or \$30 for a family membership for the school year in which they are volunteering.

PTA Board members are voted in by the membership. They are required to attend monthly meetings, every third Wednesday of the month. Each PTA Board member works under the PTA president and is to follow the set bylaws for Hidden Hills PTA as well as being held accountable to the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs.

PTA Committee Chairs are appointed by the PTA president. They may be asked to present updates at various PTA meetings. Each chairperson works under the PTA president and in agreement with the school administration.

All PTA Board members and Committee Chairs must ultimately act in accordance to the direction of the Hidden Hills principal.

**For the 2022-2023 school year, these are some of the openings:**

- 1) Box Tops Chairperson - Collects Box Tops from parents, inputs the info into the school's online account, redeems credit for the school and the PTA.
- 2) Red Ribbon Week Chairperson - Works with the principal to create a list of activities for the students to promote a drug-free environment and mind set. Ribbons are to be picked up from the San Ramon Council of PTAs (SRVCPTA) and an arrangement is to be made with the local boy scout troop to tie the ribbons around the school property.
- 3) Run for Education Chairperson - Works alongside the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation (SRVEF) to promote the district wide race in October. Attends the info meeting and picks up promotion supplies from the SRVEF. Promotes the event at school.
- 4) Recycling - Collects the recycling from campus and redeems what is collected for money to be given to the PTA

You are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings and provide input. Also, hopefully next year there will be less COVID restrictions and more volunteer opportunities will be available that involve minimal time commitment.

**Please reach out to Hillary at [hhesPTA@gmail.com](mailto:hhesPTA@gmail.com).**

# Deadline to Upload Videos on Flipgrid: February 27, 2022



## HIDDEN HILLS ONLINE ELAC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



## INTERNATIONAL CULTURE WEEK

Feb. 28–March 4, 2022

NOTE: All videos must be uploaded  
by Feb. 27 – NO Exceptions!!!



**Monday:** Clothing/costumes  
**Tuesday:** Languages  
**Wednesday:** Songs, Dance, &  
instrumental music  
**Thursday:** Famous people  
& places/landmarks  
**Friday:** Food



SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT  
SHARE YOUR VIDEOS ON  Flipgrid  
AND HAVE FUN!

# SO MANY PLACES TO GET COVID-19 VACCINES



COVID-19 vaccines are **free, safe, effective** and available throughout Contra Costa County

## HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Patients at these health systems can schedule vaccine appointments

- Contra Costa Regional Medical Center & Health Centers (<https://bit.ly/312dbcR>)
- John Muir Health (<https://bit.ly/2ZFo1VQ>)
- Kaiser Permanente (<https://k-p.li/3pKatTS>)
- Sutter Health (<https://bit.ly/3GsRDGv>)

## PHARMACIES

- Costco (<https://bit.ly/3Gws14U>)
- CVS (<https://bit.ly/3pYxUsP>)
- Rite Aid (<https://bit.ly/3Ekorij>)
- Sam's Club (<https://bit.ly/3GtZi7B>)
- Safeway (<https://bit.ly/3nCOv4g>)
- Walgreens (<https://bit.ly/3nzVBEN>)
- Walmart (<https://bit.ly/312drlR>)

## PUBLIC & COMMUNITY CLINICS

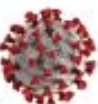
- Contra Costa Health Services (<https://bit.ly/3tx2vvG>)
- La Clínica (<https://bit.ly/3GueDF5>)
- LifeLong Medical (<https://bit.ly/2ZtINYN>)
- [MyTurn.Ca.Gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)

### *Don't see what you're looking for?*

Find more vaccination sites near you at [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)  
or call Contra Costa Health Services: 1-833-829-2626

### *Questions about the vaccines?*

Talk to your healthcare provider for more information



# The No Place For Hate® Promise

1

**I PROMISE** to do my best  
to treat everyone fairly.

2

**I PROMISE** to do my best to be kind  
to everyone — even if they are not like me.

3

**IF I SEE** someone being hurt or bullied,  
I will tell a teacher.

4

**EVERYONE** should be able to feel  
safe and happy in school.

5

**I WANT OUR SCHOOL** to be No Place For Hate®.

Have You Signed the No Place For Hate® Promise Yet?  
Find out how from your school's No Place For Hate® committee.

**ADL**  
Anti-Defamation League®





## ***FITNESS FRIDAY***

Join us for Fitness Friday! Start your day with exercises led by our PTA chairperson, Dinesh Kumar!

**Feb 25th @ 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM**

We will meet on the blacktop every other Friday.

In order to limit any possible COVID exposure and to assist with contact tracing, we must enforce the following guidelines this year:

- **All students who wish to participate MUST complete the registration form and waiver. Walk-ins will not be accepted.**
- **Parents and non-Hidden Hills siblings may not participate at this time. Please do not enter the blacktop with your student.**
- **Students may join this program at any time throughout the year as long as the registration form and waiver have been signed prior to the participation date (no later than the night before).**

\*All other students who will not be joining Fitness Friday must wait outside of the gate until the staff monitor arrives at 7:45.

Fitness Friday student registration and waiver:

<https://forms.gle/vftaMphe2nhCnqHr6>

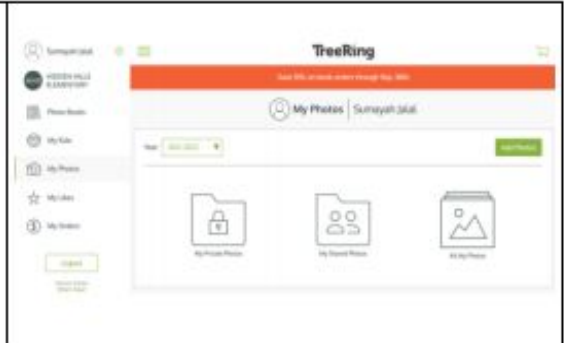
Thank you for your understanding. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
Hillary Wong  
Hidden Hills Elementary PTA President

# TREERING PICTURE UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

## STEP 1: Add Photo

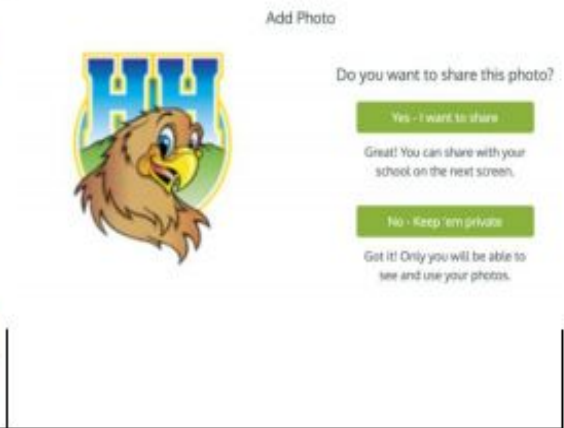
- Click on 'My Photos'
- Click on 'Add Photos'



## STEP 2: To Share or Not to Share

- Selecting 'Yes – I want to share' enables them to be considered for the main shared yearbook pages \*
- Select 'No – Keep 'em private' to use for your own personalized pages

*\*Only upload school related pictures for sharing. All non-school related pictures will be removed from the shared folder.*



## STEP 3: Add to Class Folder

- Select your class folder
- Select 'Add Photo'



## STEP 4: Add Child's Name & Tag Activity

- Add your child's name by clicking on the people icon
- Tag the activity. (standardized tags are: 1stday, classroom, siblings, halloween, boosterthon, funrun, blockparty, carnival, elac, wordsmatter, fieldtrip, music, pe, art, friends, project, crazyhair) **Click 'Done'**



## STEP 5: Save